Texas Automated Nutrition System

TANS Talk – External Users

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Primary considerations:

- System quality
- Training availability

TANS Feedback Log

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General

Currently, in order to submit documents to TDA using TX-UNPS, we must upload PDFs. When submitting documentation in TANS, what type of file will we need to upload?

TANS will accept PDF, Microsoft Excel, and Microsoft Word formatted documents.

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General

Is TANS already available for current TX-UNPS users?

No, TANS is not available to most TX-UNPS users at this time. Limited access has been provided to some internal users to assist with system development and testing.

General

Will the term Contracting Entity (CE) be changed to Organization?

Yes, TANS uses the term “organization” where you may be used to hearing “contracting entity” or CE. These and other terms are being adopted to support better alignment with USDA regulation and make use of the existing system development.

General

Will any rules differ for CAFCP programs and providers on a military installation?

TANS is the collaborative tool we will all use to participate and administer federal nutrition programs as regulated by USDA and the Texas Legislature.

While some processes for how regulations or requirements are reported, reviewed, or approved may look a little different in TANS, the transition to TANS does not change the federal and state regulations and requirements for program eligibility or operations.

Data Migration

How much data from previous years will be migrated over?

TDA plans to migrate a very limited amount of data to TANS.

TDA only plans to migrate key foundational data including:

- user credentials & security roles
- organization profile data – organization name, id, region(s)
- site management data
- data needed to complete calculations or track compliance
    - Severe Need Breakfast & Two-Cent Differential Lunch
    - CEP and Provision 2 eligibility and claiming rates
    - Area eligibility & CACFP Day Care Homes Tier 1 eligibility
    - Serious deficiency tracking
    - Pre-approval site visit dates

What won't be transferred?

- TDA does not plan to migrate any other applications, claims, compliance, and other data to TANS.
- Sponsors will need to populate data in their first program application.
- Most data will rollover on future renewals.

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Data Migration

Will user accounts and security permissions, including User Access Manager rights, be migrated to TANS?

Yes, TDA plans to migrate all active user accounts to TANS. Passwords will not be migrated.

Accounts will be established in TANS with security roles equivalent to the user's TX-UNPS security roles, including UAM rights. UAMs will be limited to two per organization, which is consistent with current security access limits in TX-UNPS.

Organization Security Roles in TANS

View Only	Application	Claims	Compliance	ELMS	User Access Manager

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Data Migration

Will organizations be assigned new identification numbers?

Any active organization using TX-UNPS at the time of the transition will have the legacy ID migrated over. These are 5-digit IDs beginning with a 0. For example, Org ID 00001.

New organization with no active profile in TX-UNPS at the time of the transition will receive a new TANS ID. These are 5-digit IDs beginning with a 1. For example, Org ID 10001.

Data Migration

Will sites be assigned new identification numbers?

Yes, TANS automatically assigns unique identification numbers to sites, so it is very unlikely your sites will have the same site IDs in TX-UNPS and TANS.

However, TDA will be migrating the TX-UNPS site ID for reporting purposes only. You will not see or use this legacy site ID in TANS.

A TEA School ID field will be available to users to help with site management.

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Training

Where will trainings be posted?

When TANS training materials are available, they will be posted in the “Resources & Training” section of the TANS SquareMeals page.

Training

When will trainings start?
Will we be able to practice in TANS before it goes online?

Training materials will be made available prior to system use. As we assess the timelines, we are aiming to include more opportunities to see and engage with TANS before using it.

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Open Q&A

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Resources

Open Data Portal

Free online access to F&N data 24/7

http://data.texas.gov/

TANS on SquareMeals

Timelines, updates, and more

Training resources will be housed here as they become available.

Get Started

Previous Presentations

Resources & Training

Timelines

Feedback Form

Accessible under “Contact Us”

Submit your questions, concerns, and other feedback to help us improve our communication and resources supporting the TANS transition

Frequently Asked Questions

Covers questions on the timeline, training, data and reporting, and more.

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