

Anchor Email Update  
December 20, 2013

Anchors -

We want to touch base with you on a number of items before the holidays.

### **HHSC Holiday Office Closures**

First, HHSC offices will be closed from December 24 - December 27 this year. So, if you send questions to the email box or leave voicemails during that time, please know that we will work to respond as soon as we can the week of December 30<sup>th</sup>. HHSC offices also are closed on New Year's Day.

### **October Reporting Review - Metrics that Need More Information**

Next Monday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>, HHSC will be sending files out for October reporting metrics that need more information in order to be eligible for payment in July 2014. There will be detailed instructions with the information sent out Monday, and HHSC staff will be prepared to answer related questions beginning the week of December 30<sup>th</sup>. The responses to the metrics that need more information will be due to HHSC by January 17, 2014.

### **DY 4-5 Valuation Review Update and Next Steps**

HHSC provided you on December 6th the attached list of 124 projects still under DY4-5 valuation review (2 of these have been withdrawn by the provider, so the active # is 122). Today, HHSC will be sending each anchor and the relevant DSRIP providers valuation coversheets for 75 of these 122 projects. Depending on whether the project was flagged by HHSC based on Quantifiable Patient Impact or flagged by CMS as a valuation outlier in its model, the provider will have different options outlined in the coversheet.

As noted in the instructions on the coversheet, the provider's response to each coversheet is to be returned to HHSC by its anchor no later than Friday, January 10, 2014. HHSC will use this information both for April reporting and also to determine the amount of additional funds available to RHPs for the 3-year projects you submitted to HHSC that didn't have full funding.

Regarding the other 47 projects (of the 122), HHSC does not believe they will receive coversheets (i.e. there will not be a requested reduction in valuation for DY4-5), but is still awaiting written confirmation of that from CMS. We will let you know as soon as possible.

**IMPORTANT NOTE FOR ALL ANCHORS:** HHSC had indicated in the December 6<sup>th</sup> email that if a project wasn't among the 124, then its valuation likely would be approved for DY4-5. HHSC learned recently that CMS would like to work with HHSC on those projects that accepted a lower valuation for DY2-3, but weren't among the 122 in the attached list. For some of these, CMS will request that valuation be lowered for DY4-5 as well, such as if the provider accepted the lower alternate value in DY2-3 because its Category 3 outcome was patient satisfaction and the provider opts not to switch to a different Category 3 outcome when the revised Category 3 menu is available. There also may be other projects that accepted a lower DY2-3 valuation for which CMS requests a proportionally lower valuation for DY4-5. HHSC will work to get you information on these projects as soon as possible after the holiday.

Thanks for your continued work. We wish you happy holidays!

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