## April 17, 2015

## 1:30 - 3:00 p.m. CST

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| **1.** | **General Anchor Communication** |
|  | * Thank you for all of your continued work! * Please note that the dates for the Statewide Learning Collaborative have changed to August 27 & 28, 2015. * HHSC will attach an updated draft DSRIP Payment Schedule for DY4-DY5 to today's Anchor Notes. |
| **2.** | **DSRIP Implementation** |
|  | **DY 4 April Reporting**   * The recordings of the DSRIP April DY4 reporting webinars held on April 7th will be posted soon on the HHSC website. * HHSC posted a current list of projects with QPI issues that affect April DY4 reporting (similar to what was previously shared via email) on the Tools and Guidelines for Regional Healthcare Partnership Participants page of the Waiver website. Providers reporting QPI metrics for achievement during April DY4 should check this list prior to doing so. * HHSC posted a revised DY4 QPI Reporting Template on the Tools and Guidelines for Regional Healthcare Partnership Participants page of the Waiver website. Projects with a template delay (listed in the list of projects with QPI issues document) may report using this version of the template. Providers with projects that did not have a template delay may continue to use the DY4 QPI Template posted prior to the update, if they already began using it. * We are prioritizing Waiver mailbox questions to first address issues that impact the ability to report during April DY4 reporting. HHSC will continue to respond to questions regarding QPI metrics that will be reported in October DY4 or later and to provide technical assistance to providers with outstanding QPI issues, but guidance on these may be delayed. When submitting a QPI question to the mailbox, please let us know if you intend to report the metric for achievement during April DY4 reporting. Also, please remember to include both your RHP and project ID numbers with your question.   **Category 3**   * HHSC has received a small volume of technical assistance requests specific to reporting Category 3 outcomes in April DY4 and is addressing these questions as they are received. * Please encourage your providers to use available resources posted to the Waiver website (i.e., template instructions, companion documents, webinars / slide decks) and to continue to work directly with Anchors to resolve concerns when possible. As needed, please continue to send issues that require HHSC action to resolve to the Waiver mailbox. * As always, we are prioritizing TA requests to quickly address questions and concerns related to April reporting first. * After the April reporting period closes to providers, HHSC staff will continue to work with providers to resolve outstanding baseline TA flags.   **Category 4**   * Last Friday, HHSC updated the Category 4 April DY4 reporting template posted on the waiver website. The new template makes minor updates in the language for the qualitative questions for RDs 3 & 5. Anchors have already received a detailed explanation of these changes. Providers may submit the original version of the Cat 4 DY4 template if needed, while responding to the revised qualitative questions. * On April 3rd, HHSC sent PPE reports for CY2013 to UC and DSRIP Category 4 participants for DY 4 reporting. Technical notes for CY2013 PPA, PPR, and PPC reports have been posted to the waiver website under resources for DY4 reporting. We understand updates made to the 2013 PPA and PPR reports make direct comparisons between the two reporting periods challenging, and are currently preparing additional guidance on qualitative responses for the Category 4 DY4 Reporting Template.   **Change Request Process (Plan Modification Requests and Technical Change Requests)**   * In June, HHSC will provide an opportunity for 3-year projects to submit change requests for DY5 only. Additional information will be forthcoming.   **Anchor Administrative Costs**   * Anchors will have the opportunity to report costs and receive payment for administrative costs two times a year. The next submission date is May 15, 2015. * The last opportunity to submit costs for DY2 will be the May 15, 2015 submission. * HHSC will be emailing a revised Cost Template spreadsheet to Anchors next week and posting it on the waiver website. There are no major changes to the template used during the last reporting period, but the changes will assist in HHSC's review of the Cost Template and the Percent-of-Effort spreadsheet. * The tentative admin payment calendar for DYs 4 and 5 has been updated below (changes highlighted):  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | TENTATIVE DSRIP ADMIN PAYMENT CALENDAR | | |  | EVENT | DATE | | **DY4** | Submissions Due | May 15, 2015 | | Admin IGT Due | July 24, 2015 | | Admin Payment | August 14, 2015 | | **DY4** | Submissions Due | November 16, 2015 | | Admin IGT Due | January 28, 2016 | | Admin Payment | February 12, 2016 | | **DY5** | Submissions Due | May 16, 2016 | | Admin IGT Due | July 28, 2016 | | Admin Payment | August 12, 2016 | | **DY5** | Submissions Due | TBD | | Admin IGT Due | TBD | | Admin Payment | TBD |   **CMS DY2 DSRIP Financial Management Review**   * HHSC has not received an update from CMS as to when we should anticipate receiving the draft report for comment (November was the original target). It is possible CMS may not issue a report.   **DSRIP Mid-Point Assessment**   * Myers and Stauffer (MSLC) continues the work for the mid-point assessment by reviewing 3-year projects. Many providers received questions from Myers and Stauffer, which unfortunately overlapped with the reporting period. If providers need some additional time in responding to questions, please work with MSLC staff to get the extension needed. In general, providers are responding on time and HHSC appreciates providers' willingness to respond to questions during the reporting period. * HHSC is still working on changes to the metrics impacting DY5 and/or narratives, and may be still contacting providers about these changes. HHSC plans to complete this work by the beginning of May. * As part of the mid-point assessment, HHSC will be requesting that projects that met or exceeded their DY5 QPI goal with DY3 QPI achievement increase their DY5 QPI goals. HHSC will contact impacted providers in May and cc Anchors with the proposed updated DY5 QPI goals. A response will be requested within two weeks or providers may request an extension as needed. These projects will not be allowed to maintain their current DY5 QPI goals but may propose an alternate QPI goal that is higher than their DY3 QPI achievement with explanation. If requesting a lower DY5 goal that what HHSC proposes, the provider will need to include with its explanation information on how much QPI has been achieved midway through DY4. * HHSC received results of the mid-point assessment review from MSLC and we are in the process of finalizing our feedback. HHSC will share additional information regarding results of the review and next steps in the very near future. * Once 3 year projects' review is completed, results of the review will be attached to the overall report as an appendix. |
| **3.** | **Other Information for Anchors** |
|  | **Waiver Renewal Planning**   * At the Executive Waiver Committee (EWC) on May 7th, HHSC will provide information on waiver renewal key DSRIP issues for discussion. The information will build on the Transition Plan submitted to CMS in March to include the following key areas:   + The majority of current active projects will be eligible to continue in the extension period for more time to demonstrate outcomes.   + Project requirements for extension period   + What to do with funds from the DSRIP pool not allocated to continuing projects   + Work to streamline the DSRIP program to lessen the administrative burden on providers while focusing on collecting the most important types of information.   + Further integrate efforts with Texas Medicaid managed care quality strategy and other value-based payment efforts. * HHSC plans to have a draft of the Waiver Extension/Renewal for public review in June 2015 and plans for public meetings in July 2015. We will communicate dates and locations as soon as available.   **Value Based Payments Structure**   * HHSC is reaching out to DSRIP projects and MCOs for examples and/or input in order to develop a model for implementing Value-Based Payments in Medicaid managed care. We are looking for good data and concrete steps that projects have used/are using for VBP arrangements with MCOs. * HHSC sent out an email on April 10 with contact information for sharing ideas: HPCS\_Quality@hhsc.state.tx.us.   **Clinical Champions**   * This group will have their 3rd meeting next week (April 23rd) and will focus on a process to assess the transformational potential of DSRIP projects from a clinical and quality perspective. The work of this group is key for demonstrating to CMS the benefit of the investment these projects have for patient care. * The work of the Clinical Champions will continue through the summer and fall to continue to assist with the evolution of DSRIP for both the Medicaid and Low Income Uninsured populations.   **Submission of updated RHP Plans**   * HHSC sent out a final process for submission of updated RHP Plans on April 9th, along with the matrix for categorizing RHP projects by project types and the RHP certification forms. The deadline for submission of these completed forms to HHSC is May 15th. Please let us know if you have any questions or need an extension.   **DSRIP Statewide Events Calendar**   * HHSC would like to start using the Anchor notes to send frequent updates on upcoming regional and subject specific learning collaboratives. If you have a subject specific learning collaborative (a behavioral health or readmissions learning collaborative, for example) that has a call or meeting scheduled in the next several months, and you would like to make that call or meeting available to interested DSRIP providers statewide, please send an email to [TXHealthcareTransformation@hhsc.state.tx.us](mailto:TXHealthcareTransformation@hhsc.state.tx.us) and include the date, description, and contact information for your event. * In the future, HHSC will be sending a monthly statewide DSRIP events calendar along with the Anchor notes. We will also post the calendar on the waiver website.   **Changes to Texas Medical Board Telemedicine Rules**   * HHSC has received inquiries about how the recently approved TMB telemedicine changes might impact DSRIP projects. HHSC does not believe that the new TMB rules should limit the types of telemedicine being done through DSRIP. While HHSC Medicaid's telemedicine rules continue to apply, please see <http://www.tmb.state.tx.us/dl/DAD89645-F81F-CF51-6FF8-D0E20891625A> for a description in the changes to the TMB rules. |
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*For waiver questions, email waiver staff:* [*TXHealthcareTransformation@hhsc.state.tx.us*](mailto:TXHealthcareTransformation@hhsc.state.tx.us)*.*

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