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ANCHOR WELCOME

Daylight savings time, the first day of Spring and April Reporting preparation make for a busy but hopeful March! Thank you to Memorial Medical Center for the important DSRIP emergency department project and for being such an active and valuable provider in Region 3. Is April reporting on your mind yet? Hopefully so! This month's edition includes stress reducing organizational tips. The Region to Region spotlight continues this month with Region 8 and Llano County. As a final update, Region 3's Mid-Point Assessment is progressing along well with site visits this month with Harris Health System, UT Health Science Center and MHMRA of Harris County. Any outcomes that impact the whole Region will be shared as soon as possible. Enjoy the first signs of Spring, prepare well for April and don't forget to mark June 17th for the next Learning Collaborative Conference Event.

PROJECT SPOTLIGHT

Memorial Medical Center

The purpose of the Emergency Room Medical Screening is to provide an appropriate medical screening examination in a non-discriminating manner that can reasonably determine whether an emergent medical condition exists for person coming to the Emergency Department seeking treatment. This screening practice was implemented on September 4, 2014.

Every patient, regardless of ability to pay, arriving in the Emergency Department seeking treatment will initially undergo an examination based on the presenting signs and symptoms to determine whether or not an emergency medical condition exists. This screening may range from a simple process involving a brief history and assessment to a complex evaluation including ancillary services (i.e. clinical lab tests, radiological imaging, scans, lumbar puncture, etc) routinely available to the Emergency Department.

To learn more about the Emergency Room Medical Screening project, CLICK HERE

LEARNING MOMENT

April Reporting Tips

Reporting is around the corner!

April DY4 reporting is around the corner so it is important to start planning now to ensure a smooth reporting experience. Usually most providers wait until April to collect the required deliverables. This creates several potential problems. First, reports might not be available on time. Second, if there are several documents to submit, the naming convention process can be time consuming. Last, there is less time to review, revise and review before uploading into the Online Reporting Tool. Reviewing multiple times before uploading is essential as the Online Reporting Tool does not allow for easy corrections. Early planning is truly the best approach and any steps that can be taken to lessen the stress are well worth the investment. By organizing the documents early (correct formatting, saving with appropriate naming convention and pulling reports in advance) there is a better chance of not making mistakes when uploading documents into the tool.
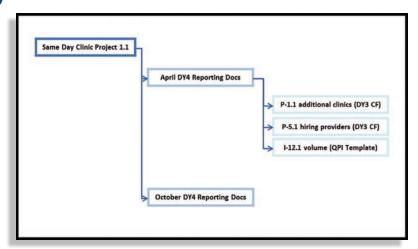
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April Reporting Tips

Example: Create folders and organize them by metric so that when metric P-5.1 is uploaded, all documents are there for P-5.1. Please see to the right on how to consider setting up folders.

This set up can be done in Performance Logic as well. By placing reporting documents in Performance Logic, the Anchor Project Manager is able to review before you upload just as a second set of fresh eyes. Please contact your Anchor PMO for questions or assistance on how to set this up. ◄

Region to Region: Featuring Region 8

Check out RHP 8's Project Spotlight on Llano County.

Llano County Springs into Action!

Baylor Scott and White Llano's Community Collaboration and Focus on Behavioral Health Patients

As a continuation of RHP 8's February learning collaborative event, Baylor Scott and White Llano (BSWL) shares their best practices on their DSRIP project that is a collaboration of the local emergency medical services (EMS) and the Llano

Llano County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Team

County Sheriff's Office. This project helps to connect patients with behavioral health (BH) resources in order to reduce costly sheriff office transports to the emergency department (ED) due to BH crisis. In Llano County, the sheriff's office was conducting multiple transfers each month to an out-of-county facility for persons who were a danger to themselves or others due to a BH crisis. These trips to the ED to determine appropriate care and safe transport were costly to the county and were potentially avoidable had proactive BH services had been available and implemented. ◄

To view the entire article, CLICK HERE
Source: RHP8 Learning Collaborative Update Article, Accessed March 3, 2015.

REGION 3 DSRIP TIMELINE

January – March 2015 – Provisionally Approved Metrics to be reviewed by HHSC.

February 2015 – March 2015 – Category 3 goals to be confirmed by HHSC.

March 2015 – Mid-Point Assessment Site Visits.

February 1 – May 1, 2015 – Project Withdrawal Period.

April 7, 2015 – April Reporting Webinars:
  • General Reporting and QPI, 10:00 am - 11:30 am
  • Category 3 & 4 Reporting, 2:00 pm- 4:00 pm

June 12, 2015 – Regional Performance Logic Training; 8:00 am - 11:00 am and 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm.

June 17, 2015 – Second DY4 Learning Collaborative Conference (SAVE THE DATE!).

*All dates are subject to change. Please refer to HHSC for the most recent updates: http://www.hhsc.state.tx.us/1115-Waiver-Deadlines.shtml.