## **Anchor Conference Call**



September 4, 2020 1:30-3:00 p.m. CST

#### 1. General Anchor Communication

- Thanks for your continued work!
- As the October DY9 reporting period approaches, we want to make sure that everyone that needs access to the reporting system has access to the reporting system. Next week, the DSRIP Team will be sending an Excel file to anchors with our current provider contacts for your region. In order to capture various changes to provider contact information, this list combines who we have as Section I Lead Contacts, who we have on the provider distribution list, and active users in the reporting system. Anchors will be asked to update the current provider contacts for their respective regions and submit the updated Excel file to the Waiver team by 9/25. Further instructions will be included within the emails sent to anchors next week.

## 2. DSRIP Implementation

Category A Core Activities: HHSC posted on the bulletin board a file with Core Activities that reflects changes approved during the RHP plan update (tab 1) and the DY9-10 Core Activities menu (tab2). Please note that the file includes Core Activities that were deleted and they can be identified by looking at indicator DY7-8. Active Core Activities can be identified by selecting DY7-10 or DY9-10 in the column titled DYs (Column A) on the Core Activities tab.

**Compliance Monitoring Update:** On 8/26/20, HHSC sent out notifications to 44 providers regarding PY2 reporting for 62 measures that were part of MSLC round 1a (anchors were copied). Fifty-nine of the measures did not have any changes to PY1 achievement and three had a decrease in PY1 achievement. All providers are being asked to review their previously reported PY2 data and resubmit the data in October to ensure consistent reporting methodology across baseline and performance years.

MSLC continues to work through round 1b reviews and HHSC expects to have results in September.

#### 3. DSRIP Transition

The DSRIP Transition Plan was formally approved by CMS on September 2! The final Plan is posted on the <u>DSRIP Transition website</u>. The Transition Plan also includes updated due dates for milestone deliverables that were delayed due to prioritizing the state's COVID-19 response. The approved changes are listed below:

Transition Plan Goal and Milestones		Original	Revised
		Deadline	Deadline
Advance APMs to Promote Healthcare Quality		12/31/20	3/31/21
•	Milestone: HHSC advances Alternative Payment Models (APMs) in the		
	Medicaid program and delivery system by updating the Texas Medicaid Quality		
	Strategy and Texas Value-Based Payment (VBP) Roadmap to address program		
	and stakeholder goals.		
Support Further Delivery System Reform		9/30/20	12/31/20
•	Milestone: HHSC identifies and submits to CMS any proposals for new		
	programs, including state-directed payment programs, to sustain key DSRIP		
	initiative areas. This would include programs that require an amendment to		
	the Waiver to begin in DY 11.		
Explore Innovative Financing Models		3/31/21	6/30/21
•	Milestone: HHSC assesses Texas' current financial incentives for Medicaid		
	MCOs and providers to enter into meaningful quality-based alternative		
	payment models and identifies potential opportunities to strengthen or align		
	incentives. This work includes providing additional guidance to Medicaid MCOs		
	and providers for allowable Quality Improvement costs to help sustain certain		
	successful DSRIP strategies.		
Strengthen Supporting Infrastructure to Improve Health		12/31/20	6/30/21
•	Milestone: HHSC assesses the current capacity and use of telemedicine and		
	telehealth, particularly in rural areas of Texas, to inform next steps to address		
	access gaps.		
•	Milestone: HHSC identifies options for the Regional Healthcare Partnership	3/31/21	6/30/21
	structure post-DSRIP.		

**Best Practices Workgroup:** Survey 3: Stratifying MLIU Population Data and Exploring Organizational Factors has been extended by an additional week, closing on September 9, 2020. Survey 3 will help HHSC understand whether DSRIP-reported MLIU data may be stratified by population-based characteristics beyond payer type. Additionally, Survey 3 will help HHSC think about the various factors that influence organizational decisions to adopt the key measures and key practices identified in Surveys 1-2.

**Partner Engagement:** The quarterly DSRIP Transition Partner Engagement meeting was held on 8/26/20. The webinar was recorded and is available for viewing <a href="here">here</a>.

**Provider Survey:** HHSC M-7 Survey of DSRIP Providers on Alternative Payment Models has been extended by two weeks, closing on September 28, 2020. This survey will collect provider feedback on the opportunities and challenges regarding contracting with Medicaid MCOs using alternative payment models.

# 4. Other Information for Anchors

## **DSRIP Statewide Events Calendar**

September 20	September 2020					
RHP	Date	Topic	Contact			
06	9/9/2020 9/16/2020 9/23/2020	RHP 6 Learning Collaborative & Stakeholder Forum (virtual webinar series) Register <a href="here">here</a>	<u>Carol Huber</u>			
09, 10, & 18	9/15/20	RHPs 9, 10, & 18 Virtual Learning Collaborative: Management of Psychological Impact: An Evidence-Based Response to Stress Register here	Margaret Roche			
12	9/15/2020 9/17/2020 9/22/2020 9/24/2020	RHP 12 Virtual Learning Collaborative and Stakeholder Forum Series Register <u>here</u>	Bobbye Hrncirik Jacquee Brown			