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Monthly Region 3 Status Update NOTES

Date: July 15, 2015

Update Items:

- **Region 3 General Update** *Nicole Lievsay*

Anchor Staff Addition – *Michelle Eunice, Regional Operations Liaison*

IMPORTANT DATES

- **July 17, 2015** – Final date to submit questions regarding change requests to HHSC at TXHealthcareTransformation@hhsc.state.tx.us with SUBJECT: CHANGE REQUEST QUESTION – RHP# – PROJECT ID#.
- **July 20, 2015** – 3-year project change request are due to the Anchor to allow time for compilation and submission to HHSC by the deadline
- **July 21, 2015** – April reporting DY4 DSRIP payments processed for transferring hospitals and top 14 IGT Entities (*List Attached*)
- **July 27, 2015, 5:00 pm** – Anchors submit the completed Change Request Forms (CRFs) and revised project narratives, as appropriate, to HHSC. Performing providers must submit their completed CRFs and revised project narratives, as appropriate, to the anchor prior to July 27 (by the date specified by the anchor) to compile and send in one submission packet to HHSC by the due date. Anchors should email the files, or one or more links to the files, to: TXHealthcareTransformation@hhsc.state.tx.us. Anchors should use the following subject line: SUBJECT: RHP[#] - 3-YEAR PROJECT CHANGE REQUESTS – ROUND 1 ANCHOR SUBMISSION.
- **July 31, 2015** - April reporting DY2 and DY3 DSRIP payments processed for all providers and DY4 DSRIP payments processed for remaining providers that were not paid on July 21, 2015. Note that there are separate transactions for each payment for each DY.
- **August 7 2015** – HHSC and CMS will approve or deny the additional information submitted in response to HHSC comments on April reported milestone/metric achievement. Approved reports will be included for payment in the next DSRIP payment period, estimated for January 2016.
- **August 27 – 28** – Statewide Learning Collaborative in Austin, Texas
- o 3-year Projects Change Request
 - Reminder that submissions to the Anchor are due by July 20th and that Anchor Team staff are available for your questions. Also, change requests are for DY5 only.
- o Compliance Monitoring – Please see the attached Anchor notes for more detailed information. Please also remember that any and all reported achievement is subject to compliance monitoring from this point forward. Due to challenges in the validation of Category 3 baselines, Myers & Stauffer have expanded the validation sample such that every provider will have at least one measure reviewed.
- o Waiver Renewal
 - The Houston-based public hearing went well. Thank you to all that attended and participated. A recording will be available soon. Other public hearings may not be posted. However, there is a webcast public hearing on July 23rd and the Austin based public hearing on July 16 will be streamed as well.
 - HHSC Website - <http://www.hhsc.state.tx.us/waiver-renewal.shtml>
 - HHSC Public Hearing in Houston – July 13, 2015.



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- Other locations – <http://www.hhsc.state.tx.us/waiver-renewal.shtml>
- Planning for Waiver 2.0 – Though this is not a call for projects or any other Waiver 2.0 submissions, providers are encouraged to begin considering how they may participate in Waiver 2.0. Things to consider include:
 - Projects to withdraw or ineligible.
 - Projects' next natural level of transformation.
 - New projects that would align with a smaller menu. Use the 3-year project menu as a guide.
- Learning Collaborative Debrief – Thank you to all that participated. Please tentatively hold December 9th and 10th for the first DY5 Learning Collaborative event. Also, supporting documentation for the June 17th event is available on the Region's website at <https://www.piersystem.com/go/doctype/6182/267930/June-17-2015-Second-DY4-Event>
- Anchor Notes (Attachment) – Several topics are covered. Please review thoroughly.
 - Medicaid Benefits Coordination
 - Please see the link below. At the bottom you will see a section called "Submitting Medicaid Medical or Dental Benefit Requests" If DSRIP providers and other stakeholders have specific requests for a new Medicaid medical or dental benefit or a change to an existing benefit, please refer them to this web page and direct them to that last section. They will complete the form and mail it along with supporting documentation to the Medicaid Benefit Request mailbox (per the instructions).
 - <http://www.hhsc.state.tx.us/medicaid/MPR/index.shtml>
- Distribution Lists and Anchor Communications – To date, we have been managing communications through a manual distribution list process. This does not allow us to keep it cleaned up when folks leave and others may get more information than they would like to from our team. In the near future, we will be transitioning to a "subscription" service like many other newsletters and so forth in which you can enroll to receive only certain kinds of information. These distribution lists will also be used to share supporting documentation that may be needed for reporting. Please keep your eyes open for the emails and make sure that all relevant team members subscribe appropriately, including organizational leadership.
- **Learning Collaborative –**
 - *Learning Moment – Contracting for Medical Services in the Community, Diane Benson & Elisa Furlan, MD Anderson, Office of Health Policy (Attachment)*
 - Next Month – New York Perspective – Margarita Gardea and Swathi Gurjala
 - Learning Collaborative Updates
 - Cohort Updates
 - DSRIP Statewide Events Calendar – <http://www.hhsc.state.tx.us/1115-Waiver-Deadlines.shtml>
 - ICD-10 Call Reminder – July 16th @ 9am
 - **Join by Phone**
 - +1-855-756-4720
 - Conference ID: 5191011
 - Readmissions Group – This agenda item is misnamed. This is a group working together on Category 3 measure IT-9.4.e: Reduce Emergency Department visits for Behavioral Health/Substance Abuse. Please contact Jessica Hall if you are interested in participating.



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- Navigation Station Data – Please remember we are encouraging all providers to provide data for the Navigation Station. Please contact Nini Lawani if you are interested in participating.
- **Project Management Practices – Karle Scroggins**
 - Celebration of Success Reminder
 - October DY4 Reporting Preparation – Just some helpful hints in preparing for October Reporting. Yes, starting now is a good idea.
 - o Read the Category 3 Compendium
 - o Review the Category 3 Reporting template to understand the level of effort needed to report.
 - o October is a required reporting period. Though you may carryforward or report partial achievement (Category 3 only) for some measures or metrics, all projects, measures and metrics will require attention.
- **Meeting Schedule**
 - Next Call is August 19th @ 9am