

July 23, 2015

2:30 - 4:00 p.m. CST

1. General Anchor Communication

- Thank you for all of your continued work!
- A draft Statewide Learning Collaborative agenda is attached. Please coordinate providers to register no later than July 31 (next Friday), if at all possible. While they have till August 5th, this will help greatly with event planning. We will then look to distribute any slots that have not been taken.

2. DSRIP Implementation

DY 4 April Reporting

- July 21, 2015 – April reporting DY4 DSRIP payments processed for transferring hospitals and top 14 IGT Entities. HHSC sent Anchors this list of providers on July 14, 2015.
- 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. Providers who previously received “Needs More Information” (NMI) requests will receive coversheets summarizing metric achievement determinations no later than August 7. Approved metrics will be included for payment in the next DSRIP payment period, estimated for January 2016.

Category 3

- HHSC Staff are still conducting Category 3 technical assistance for baselines that were reported in October DY3 and flagged as needing baseline clarification or assistance in determining DY4 and DY5 goals. HHSC is contacting providers via email with a description of any outstanding baseline clarification or technical assistance issues, and either setting up a call or proposing a resolution.
- Next week, HHSC will begin reviewing Category 3 baselines submitted during the April DY4 reporting period, and will notify providers of any needed baseline clarifications or technical assistance.
- We have received additional Category 3 guidance prepared by Myers and Stauffer (referenced in the Compliance Monitoring notes below) that we are attaching to today's anchor notes. Myers and Stauffer have prepared a summary of common baseline issues identified during their review for Category 3 Outcomes IT-1.10 Diabetes Poor Control, IT-1.11 Diabetes Care: BP Control, and IT-1.13 Diabetes Care: Foot Exam. Providers are encouraged to review their own baselines to identify any of these common mistakes and take the necessary actions to correct any identified errors that result in a change to reported baseline.
- As a reminder, to submit a correction to an already reported Category 3 baseline that has not been selected for compliance monitoring by Myers and Stauffer, please send an email to the waiver mailbox indicating the Category 3 project ID of any baselines that need correction, and a brief description of the baseline issue. HHSC will then send the provider a Category 3 Baseline Correction Form specific to their outcome that should be completed by the provider and returned to the waiver mailbox. Please submit baseline correction forms to HHSC by August 15th so that baselines can be reviewed and DY4 goals finalized before the October DY4 reporting period.

QPI

- HHSC staff is continuing to work with providers to resolve the remaining outstanding QPI issues.

Anchor Administrative Cost Claiming

The due date for IGT is July 24, 2015. The settlement date should be July 27, 2015. These funds will need to be placed in the DSRIP bucket. The estimated payment date is August 14, 2015.

3-Year Project Change Request Process (Plan Modification Requests and Technical Change Requests)

- Change Request Forms (CRFs) and any revised project narratives are due from the anchors to HHSC by Monday, July 27 at 5:00 pm.
- HHSC will send each anchor confirmation of the number of CRFs and revised narratives received for their RHP by Tuesday, July 28.

Compliance Monitoring

- Review of Category 3 measures by Myers and Stauffer LC (MSLC) is underway, and HHSC is appreciative of providers' efforts to submit required supporting documentation in a timely manner.
- HHSC is working with MSLC to expand the sample for the review of baselines to make sure that at least one Category 3 measure for each provider is reviewed during compliance monitoring. Most likely next week a second group of providers will be informed about Cat 3 review selection. Meanwhile, those providers whose outcome was not selected for the review by this time can still voluntarily request that their outcome is included in the review. Requesting review of a specific outcome will not preclude random selection of additional category 3 outcomes for a given provider. Please send an email to MSLC LAyala@mslc.com and copy the DSRIP compliance waiver mailbox TXHealthcareTransformationDSRIP_Compliance@hhsc.state.tx.us
- MSLC provided HHSC with the summary of common issues identified for three outcomes, IT-1.10, IT - 1.11 and IT-13. We are attaching a description of these summaries and ask you to share with all providers.
- **Category 1 and 2 metrics review.** MSLC started the first phase of the Category 1 and 2 reviews. Close to 100 projects are included in this phase. Providers were already notified and are in the process of submitting information for the FTP set up. MSLC will start with reviewing available reported information for the selected metrics. In case, additional information is required, MSLC will ask providers to submit it. Please note that MSLC may require additional support for the metrics that were approved by HHSC. It does not mean that Myers is disapproving metrics at this time; it means that additional information is needed for the review.
- Due to the expansion of the work on Category 3 baseline review, MSLC will delay majority of additional requests for Category 1 and 2 review until later time.
- HHSC will work with MSLC to provide anchors and providers with high-level timelines of work conducted by MSLC.
- As usual, please send your questions related to compliance monitoring to the designated mail box. TXHealthcareTransformationDSRIP_Compliance@hhsc.state.tx.us

3. Other Information for Anchors

Waiver Renewal Planning

- HHSC has posted the 1115 Waiver Extension draft on the HHSC website's [Waiver Renewal](#) page. The last public meeting is in Amarillo tomorrow and details are on waiver website. The survey link for stakeholders to give comments on the draft will remain open until August 5th, when the public comment period ends.
- Comments at the public meetings are recorded and HHSC will read and consider all of the submitted comments. It is not necessary for stakeholders to comment on the draft waiver extension using more than one feedback mechanism.
- HHSC will continue to work with stakeholders on detailed programmatic changes to the protocols not addressed in the waiver extension draft.
 - More information on protocol-level proposals will be provided at the Statewide Learning Collaborative Summit August 27 - 28.
 - We tentatively plan to hold a DSRIP protocol webinar in September (rather than August as previously indicated)
- HHSC will notify providers next week of projects that will be reviewed for possible changes for waiver renewal, including the reason for review.

Update on Private Hospital Deferral Financing Issue

- HHSC doesn't have additional updates at this time, but will keep you apprised when more info is available.

Clinical Champions

- The Clinical Champions workgroup continues to review those projects that submitted a Transformational Impact Summary, with many promising practices emerging from this process.
- HHSC staff is working with members of the Clinical Champions group, based on members' area of expertise, to inform the preliminary development of the RHP Planning Protocol which will be used for replacement projects in the Renewal period. This work is just starting and will continue over the coming months and opportunities for feedback will be provided.
- Preliminary information from this process will be shared with providers at the Statewide Learning Collaborative Summit and will be used to inform and support the peer to peer learning sessions

Medicaid Benefits Coordination

- The HHSC Office of Policy has instituted a new benefits review process. The Transformation Waiver team is in coordination with the Office of Policy to use lessons learned and data from DSRIP to inform benefits that are reviewed.
- 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>

Statewide Learning Collaborative Summit

- HHSC has sent out the invitation/registration information for the August 27-28, 2015 statewide summit. Anchors were asked to help coordinate registration for their regional providers. As a reminder, the deadline to register is Wednesday, August 5th. Since the demand for summit seats is greater than the supply, please ask your providers to register as soon as possible so that "leftover" slots may be reallocated to those providers who have requested to send additional participants. HHSC will coordinate with anchors on the reallocation of extra slots.
- We are very close to finalizing panelists and breakout mentors for the Summit. Both panelists and mentors will receive a registration slot for their participation.
- Please see the attached draft agenda that should assist with registration. Please coordinate providers to register no later than July 31 (next Friday) if at all possible, to inform planning. We will then look to distribute any slots that have not been taken.
- A more detailed agenda will be sent once panelists and other details are finalized. We are striving to balance the areas of the state and provider types across the agenda as a whole.
- Staff used the Clinical Champions Impact Summary Submission for identifying poster session invitations and these selections were communicated last week..
- THA will be helping HHSC to put together a multimedia sampling of 6-12 projects for the first morning. This is not intended to be as comprehensive as the RHP snapshot we did for the last summit, but will provide a more in-depth look at a few of the projects around the state from a variety of providers. Just FYI in case THA reaches out to you or one of your providers. If you have videos that you have developed that are new since the last Summit, please send to Stephanie Limb at THA (slimb@tha.org) and cc the waiver mailbox. If you have previously sent to HHSC, please resend.

DSRIP Statewide Events Calendar

August 2015			
RHP	Date	Topic	Contact
8	8/5	RHP 8 Learning Collaborative Event	Jennifer LoGalbo logalbo@tamhsc.edu
9	8/5	PDSA Raise the Floor Webinar #3 Register Here	Margie Roche Margaret.roche@phhs.org
1	8/11	Chronic Disease Learning Collaborative	Brittney Nichols Brittney.nichols@uthct.edu
2	08/11	UTMB Health Policy Dialogue: 1115 Waiver & Telepsychiatry	Becky Trout rtrout@utmb.edu
10	8/13	Webinar - Care Transitions: Overuse of ED	Meredith Oney RHP_Region_10@jpshealth.org
10	8/20	Webinar - Behavioral Health: Integrative Medicine	
HHSC	8/27-28	Statewide Learning Collaborative	txhealthcaretransformation@hsc.state.tx.us

September 2015			
RHP	Date	Topic	Contact
7	9/3	RHP 7 Stakeholder Forum and Learning Collaborative	Katie Coburn katie.coburn@centralhealth.net
1	9/15	RHP 1 Learning Collaborative	Stephanie Fenter Stephanie.fenter@uthct.edu
17	09/16	RHP 17 Learning Collaborative (Population Health and Outcomes/Category 3) Register by August 31st	Shayna Spurlin Spurlin@sph.tamhsc.edu
12	9/23	RHP 12 Regional Learning Collaborative	Bobbie Hrncirik Bobbie.hrncirik@umchealthsystem.com
9	9/24	RHP 9 Biannual Learning Collaborative Event	Margie Roche Margaret.roche@phhs.org
2	9/25	RHP 2 Learning Collaborative	Susan Seidensticker smseiden@utmb.edu
10	9/29	RHP 10 Learning Collaborative Event	Meredith Oney RHP_Region_10@jpshealth.org

For waiver questions, email waiver staff: TXHealthcareTransformation@hhsc.state.tx.us.
 Include "Anchor (RHP#):" followed by the subject in the subject line of your email so staff can identify your request.