# **Anchor Conference Call**



July 10, 2020 1:30-3:00 p.m. CST

## 1. General Anchor Communication

Thanks for your continued work!

## 2. DSRIP Implementation

**COVID-19 Updates:** Thank you for the feedback on the PFM changes due to COVID-19. HHSC is reviewing feedback received and preparing responses. HHSC is targeting formal submission of the PFM to CMS within the next two weeks.

## DY9 Round 1 (April) Reporting

- HHSC will post an updated Category C Summary Workbook to the online reporting system bulletin board by COB today. This update will include Category C reporting submitted during the DY9R1 reporting period.
- Provisionally approved measures:
  - Category C: Providers that received provisional approval in DY9R1 will be eligible to report those measures during the NMI period, or during October DY9 reporting.
  - Category D: Providers that received provisional approval in DY9R1 will not be eligible to report during the NMI period and will report the qualitative information in October DY9.
- The Category C DY9R1 NMI reporting template is currently posted to the Online Reporting System Bulletin Board and allows reporting only for measures that received an NMI determination or requested provisional approval.
- Reporting Timeline:
  - July 17, 2020, 11:59 pm Due date for providers to submit responses to HHSC requests for additional information (NMI requests) on April reported SAR requirements and reported Category B-D milestones/metrics achievement
  - July 17, 2020 April reporting DY9 DSRIP payments processed for transferring hospitals
  - July 31, 2020 April reporting DY7 and DY8 DSRIP payments for <u>all</u> providers and DY9 DSRIP payments processed for providers that were not paid on July 17, 2020. Note that there are separate transactions for each DY.
  - August 21, 2020 HHSC and CMS will approve or deny the additional information submitted in response to HHSC comments on April reported milestone/metric achievement.

Costs & Savings: In October DY9 (2020), providers who have a total valuation of \$1 million or more per DY are required to submit an update on progress made towards the final report of costs and savings that is due in October DY10 (2021) by responding to questions in the DSRIP Online Reporting System. HHSC plans to share the October DY9 questions from the DSRIP Online Reporting System within the next month along with the type of information that will be included in the October DY9 reporting companion document.

**Anchor Admin Cost Claiming:** Anchors that submitted costs claiming in DY9 R1 will receive an email from HHSC Rate Analysis Division next week confirming payment amounts and IGT amounts and due dates.

#### **DSRIP DY9-10 Rule Amendment:**

#### Overview:

- Texas DSRIP for DYs 7-10 is governed by the Program Funding and Mechanics (PFM) Protocol, the Measure Bundle Protocol (MBP), and associated rules. HHSC negotiates the protocols with CMS and adopts rules reflecting the CMS-approved protocols.
- HHSC posted the PFM Protocol proposal for DYs 9-10, along with a survey to solicit feedback on the proposal, to the Transformation Waiver website on January 3, 2019. HHSC considered the survey responses in finalizing the proposal that HHSC submitted to CMS on March 29, 2019. HHSC adopted rules, November 12, 2019, for DYs 9-10 that reflect this PFM Protocol proposal.
- HHSC posted the MBP proposal for DYs 9-10, along with a survey to solicit feedback on the proposal, to the Transformation Waiver website on June 6, 2019. HHSC considered the survey responses in finalizing the proposal that HHSC submitted to CMS on July 31, 2019.
- During the approval process, CMS required certain changes to the state's PFM protocol proposal and the MBP proposal. Once these changes were made, CMS approved both protocols on September 17, 2019. This amendment reflects the final versions of the PFM protocol and MBP approved by CMS.

### Stakeholder Input Process:

- The rule amendment was presented at the June 25 HHSC Executive Council meeting no public comments on the amendment were received.
- The rule amendment will be published as proposed in the July 17, 2020 issue of the *Texas Register* for public comment. The public comment period will end August 17, 2020.

**Compliance Monitoring Update:** MSLC is continuing to review measures selected for rounds 1a and 1b. Providers that were a part of review round 1a should have received results for completed audits. Providers should review results closely and work directly with MSLC if there are questions or concerns. HHSC will receive the results of round 1a review from MSLC next week and will be reviewing them.

HHSC and MSLC appreciate providers' efforts in responding to MSLC questions and data request in a timely manner.

**DSRIP Online Reporting System:** The DSRIP online reporting system will be unavailable on Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 - 6:00 PM due to scheduled maintenance.

#### 3. DSRIP Transition

**Milestone Updates:** In February 2020, DSRIP Anchors and providers submitted feedback on the existing Regional Healthcare Partnership (RHP) structure as part of the transition to post-DSRIP programs. The summaries of responses to the two surveys are posted to the <a href="HHSC Waiver Renewal website">HHSC will consider all responses as the agency develops post-DSRIP programs and operations framework.</a>

**Partner Engagement:** HHSC will be holding its next quarterly DSRIP Partner Engagement meeting via webinar on Wednesday, August 26, 2020 at 2:00 PM. HHSC will provide updates on the DSRIP Transition progress, additional upcoming opportunities for partner engagement, and will give partners the opportunity to ask questions. Please register for the webinar using this link: <a href="https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/3382285091964590604">https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/3382285091964590604</a>.

# 4. Other Information for Anchors

## **DSRIP Statewide Events Calendar**

August 2020				
RHP	Date	Topic	Contact	
07	8/6/2020	Virtual RHP 7 Stakeholder Update Register <u>here</u>	<u>Katie Coburn</u>	

September 2020				
RHP	Date	Topic	Contact	
06	9/2/2020 9/9/2020 9/16/2020 9/23/2020	RHP 6 Learning Collaborative & Stakeholder Forum (virtual webinar series) Register <u>here</u>	<u>Carol Huber</u>	