

October 2, 2015

1:30 - 3:00 p.m. CST

1. General Anchor Communication

- Thank you for all of your continued work!
- Texas submitted the waiver extension application to CMS September 30, 2015 and CMS has confirmed receiving the document. The application is now posted to the HHSC website on the Waiver Renewal page at <http://www.hhsc.state.tx.us/waiver-renewal.shtml>.
- As a reminder, we have requested feedback from participants of the 2015 Statewide Learning Collaborative (SLC) Summit. We have extended the response deadline from today, October 2nd, until Monday, October 4th at 5pm CST. Please encourage your providers to respond, this feedback is instrumental as we plan for future collaborative events. The survey can be accessed at the following link and should take only a few minutes to complete: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Z6S2C65>.
- Also regarding the SLC, we are uploading the SLC recordings to a YouTube channel: [SLC 2015](#). All 10 of the videos should be uploaded by Monday. RHP 10 is also working on making the videos available on their server. We will post these links to the waiver website when all of the videos have uploaded.
- We wanted to post a reminder that all DSRIP related correspondence should be directed to the waiver mailbox. Sending emails to individual staff members can result in the email being overlooked or delays in getting a response. Waiver staff forwards these emails to the waiver mailbox for them to be assigned to the appropriate responder, which may not be the person the email was originally sent to. [This is mainly regarding initial email requests/questions. If you are communicating about an ongoing issue with a staff member it makes sense to email them directly with a copy to the box.]

2. DSRIP Implementation

October DY4 Reporting

- The DSRIP Online Reporting System is now open for the October DY4 reporting period. All providers should complete their Semi-Annual Reporting (SAR) requirements and submit documentation for metrics they have been achieved by **September 30, 2015**. The deadline for October DY4 reporting submissions is **11:59pm on Saturday, October 31, 2015**.
- Reporting materials, including instructions, guidance, and templates, can be found on the [Tools and Guidelines for Regional Healthcare Partnership Participants](#) page on the waiver website under **October DY4 Reporting**. Items noted as "Pending" should be posted early next week.
- HHSC will be holding an October DY4 Reporting Webinar on **Thursday, October 8, 2015** from **10:00–11:30am** which will cover General Reporting, Quantifiable Patient Impact (QPI), and Category 3 guidance. The webinar log-in information can be found on the waiver website's [Dates and Deadlines](#) page. The webinar will be recorded and it will be posted on the waiver website about a week or so afterwards.
- Reporting questions or issues with the reporting system should be sent to the waiver mailbox at TXHealthcareTransformation@hhsc.state.tx.us. Please include the RHP number, Project ID, and metric ID when submitting questions. If a provider is submitting an error with the reporting system, please mention the page the provider was on and identify the button they may have clicked when the error occurred. Please note the final date to submit questions regarding October

reporting and inform HHSC of any issues with DY4 data in the reporting system is **Friday, October 23, 2015**.

- For October DY4 reporting IGT changes, HHSC plans to post the estimated IGT due based on reported achievement by November 6, 2015. Providers may submit IGT changes (i.e., changes in IGT Entity or proportion of IGT funding) by November 20, 2015, instead of by the end of the reporting period on October 31, 2015.

Category 3

- HHSC has reviewed all changes sent by providers in response to Category 3 summaries sent out last week. We will be sending anchors an updated regional file reflecting these changes, as well as individual zip files for distribution to providers if needed. As we prepare for seeding the October DY4 reporting template, please only contact us if the revised summary files identify a critical error (either incorrect IT selection or milestone structure).
- HHSC has completed updating Category 3 milestones in the online reporting system, and the milestone structure reflected in the Category 3 summary should match the final milestone structure in the online reporting system.
- The Category 3 October DY4 reporting template and Category 3 Reporting FAQ are currently scheduled for release to providers on Tuesday, October 6th.

QPI

- The QPI Template and QPI Reporting Companion will be available on the website on Monday for October reporting. Please be sure to thoroughly read the Companion before filling out the template.
- As a reminder, all providers with a DY4 QPI metric are required to fill out a DY4 QPI template for SAR purposes - this is required for all providers - even those who have already reported DY4 QPI metrics for completion and those who are not ready to report yet for DY4. Providers should update data to demonstrate encounters provided/individuals served through September 30, 2015.
- Just as a heads up, there is a slight formatting change to data entry cells in Step 6 (noted in the Companion and on the instructions tab). The functionality remains the same, but the formatting change saved a lot of room in the file size.
- October DY4 is the last occasion to report a DY3 Carryforward. If a provider is unable to achieve the DY3 Carryforward, they may forfeit their DY3 QPI payment and achievement and be able to start counting DY4 QPI from the beginning of DY4. Instructions for doing this will be in the QPI Companion and covered during the Reporting Webinar on October 8th.

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

- HHSC and MSLC are reviewing the Round 2 3-year project change request submissions (comments submitted by providers on change requests not finalized during Round 1, such as those marked NMI in Round 1). HHSC plans to provide feedback/ final dispositions on change requests in early November.

Compliance Monitoring/Mid-Point Assessment

- **Category 1 and 2 metrics review.** MSLC is restarting its review of Category 1 and 2 reported information for DY2 and DY3. To minimize impact on the providers, during October MSLC will be reviewing available information for the selected metrics, which includes reported information submitted by the providers and QPI templates.
- In November, MSLC will start sending out communication to the providers whose metrics are

selected for the review. MSLC will provide instructions to providers on what information to submit and how to submit it.

- As previously communicated, DY 2-3 metrics included for the review are selected process milestones and QPI metrics.
- Estimated completion date of the review is April of 2016.
- Please continue sending all questions related to compliance monitoring to the designated mail box: TXHealthcareTransformationDSRIP_Compliance@hhsc.state.tx.us.

3. Other Information for Anchors

Waiver Renewal Planning

- The slides for the DSRIP Extension Planning and Protocols webinar are posted on the [Waiver Renewal](#) page, and the recording should be posted in about a week or so.
- As stated in the webinar, CMS has given HHSC the go-ahead to push back the formal submission date for the DSRIP protocols until late spring/early summer 2016, so we'll have more time to work with stakeholders to flesh out what will be submitted. Since the time pressure has lessened a bit regarding the extension protocols we will be able to focus efforts on what the transition year will look like.
- As a reminder, the waiver extension and protocols are all subject to CMS approval.
- HHSC is working on a communications process for feedback from stakeholders from the initial proposals in the webinar, and information we receive from CMS. This will include feedback already received (such as through the public meetings), so stakeholders do not need to duplicate input. We will notify you once the process is posted on the waiver website.

Clinical Champions

- The Clinical Champions workgroup continues to review those projects that submitted a Transformational Impact Summary (TIS), with many promising practices emerging from this process.
- Over the next several months, HHSC and the Clinical Champions will work together to describe effective models for care delivery, those that are showing the greatest promise of reaching DSRIP target populations as well as improving clinical, cost and population health outcomes, based largely on your TIS submissions.
- HHSC will use this information around best and promising practices to support protocol development in the renewal period as well as offering guidance to providers on opportunities to make improvements in continuing DSRIP projects.

Alignment with Managed Care

- The Texas External Quality Review Organization and HHSC Managed Care Operations Quality team are hosting a 2015 Fall Texas Medicaid/CHIP Managed Care Quality Forum & Collaborative PIP Workshop on November 5 and 6. The PIP Collaborative Workshop will be November 6. HHSC plans to invite providers who will be partnering with MCOs on their 2016 required PIPs to the workshop. We will also send registration information to anchors; **unfortunately, space is limited to one anchor representative for each RHP**. Please be on the lookout for the email with registration information. It should be sent out after October 9.
- We are still gathering information from MCOs for the best contacts for DSRIP collaborators. We will send updates as we receive them. Some MCOs are conducting more outreach as a result of the

PIP requirements.

DSRIP Statewide Events Calendar

November 2015			
RHP	Date	Topic	Contact
4	11/19	RHP 4 Semi-Annual Learning Collaborative	Jonny Hipp

December 2015			
RHP	Date	Topic	Contact
3	12/9	RHP 3 First DY5 Learning Collaborative	Nicole Lievsay

February 2016			
RHP	Date	Topic	Contact
9 & 10	2/9-10	2 nd Annual RHP 9 & RHP 10 Collaborative Connections - Impacting Care	RHP 9: Margie Roche RHP 10: Meredith Oney

*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.*