

August 24, 2018

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

1. General Anchor Communication

- Thanks for your continued work!

2. DSRIP Implementation

Category A

- The Costs and Savings guidance document has been added to the DSRIP Online Reporting System.
- HHSC will post separately Attachments A and B that are included in the guidance document. Providers requesting the use of Alternative Tools will need to fill out and submit Attachment B by December 3, 2018.

Category C

- HHSC is reviewing reported early baselines and plans to send notification of baseline acceptance or additional information/TA needed the first week of September.
- Baselines that were submitted during the early baseline reporting period will be marked as either "Accepted," "Flagged for TA," or "Not Accepted."
 - Measures that are marked as "Accepted" will be approved for payment for the baseline reporting milestone in October DY7 and are approved to report performance year 1 (PY1 /CY2018) in April DY8.
 - Measures that are marked as "Flagged for TA" will be approved for payment for the baseline reporting milestone in October DY7 but require additional communication between the provider and HHSC to resolve the baseline TA flag before PY1 can be reported. Common causes of "Flagged for TA" include insignificant denominator volume for the currently approved achievement payer type, unreasonably low baseline rate (typically for process measures with a positive directionality), and adherence to measure specifications.
 - Measures flagged for Technical Assistance will receive a written summary of identified issues in the baseline review results. HHSC is not asking for an immediate response to the technical assistance flags.
 - HHSC will begin working with providers with one or more TA flags to resolve the flags during the month of September. HHSC will contact providers via email to initiate the technical assistance process, and will CC anchors with the TA initiation email. Depending on the identified issues, HHCS may request a response in writing or request a conference call.
 - Some of the changes that could result from TA include:
 - Changes to the milestone structure, baseline measurement period, approved approximate baseline, or baseline numerator of zero;
 - Requiring that a correction be submitted in October DY7 or prior to PY1 reporting.
 - The baseline review results will include a general summary of common TA flags, possible resolutions, and the TA process.
 - Measures that are marked as "Not Accepted" do not meet the minimum baseline reporting requirements (for example, not reporting the all-payer rate when required and there is clearly an all-payer volume), or the provider indicated that significant modification requests were

pending. Measures that are marked as "Not Accepted" will not be approved for payment for baseline reporting in October DY7 based on the early baseline reporting submission. Measures marked as "Not Accepted" will be eligible to submit a baseline that meets the minimum reporting requirements in October DY7, and will be reviewed by HHSC and possibly approved for payment when they are resubmitted.

Category D

- HHSC will send PPE reports to providers during first two weeks of September. Regional summaries should be posted on HHSC website around that time as well.
- Data Category D reporting for Physician Practices, Community Mental Health Centers and Local Health Departments will be posted during first two weeks of September as well. HHSC may post some data earlier than other as soon as it becomes available.
- **Request for Feedback:**
 - HHSC is requesting feedback from anchors on potential changes to the measurement period for hospital reporting on Patient Satisfaction. HHSC received many questions on the measurement period that will be used by providers for Patient Satisfaction reporting. Based on previous reporting, providers utilized several measurement periods: calendar year, periods from 9/1-8/31, 10/1-9/30, 7/1-6/30, and 4/1-3/31.
 - HHSC is considering standardizing measurement periods of calendar year 2017 (1/1/2017-12/31/2017) for DY7 and calendar year 2018 (1/1/2018 - 12/31/2018) for DY8.
 - Please let us know if this simplification will have a significant impact on providers. If HHSC is not informed about any negative impact on providers with having only one option for the measurement period, these periods (stated above) will be used in DY7 and 8. Please provide your feedback by **COB on Monday, 8/27** since it impacts the development of the Category D reporting template. Please send an email to the mailbox with **Category D Patient Satisfaction** in the subject line.

Compliance Monitoring

- HHSC is reviewing possible recoupments due to decreased achievements or unverifiable results from MSLC's Cat 3 Round 3 reviews. HHSC will be contacting providers in the coming weeks regarding these reviews.
- MSLC Category 1 and 2 and Category 3 current reviews are in process. Providers are encouraged to comply with requests in a timely manner to avoid delays to reporting eligibility in Category 3.
- HHSC is still in the process of contacting providers about the results of Round 4 Category 1 and 2 reviews in cases where MSLC determined that the goals were not achieved or validated. Communication to providers should be expected during next two weeks as well.

3. Other Information for Anchors

DSRIP Online Reporting System Bulletin Board

- HHSC has reorganized the DSRIP Online Reporting System Bulletin Board. In order to regroup the sections, previous posts had to be removed and reposted with a date of 8/21/18. These files were not revised. As part of this process, documents that were outdated or posted on the 1115 Waiver website were removed from the Bulletin Board. Planning and reference documents, such as the approved DSRIP protocols and payment summaries, will continue to be available on the website. Documents that may need to be accessed for reporting and monitoring purposes will be posted to the Bulletin Board.

DSRIP Statewide Events Calendar

September 2018			
RHP	Date	Topic	Contact
6	9/7/18	RHP 6 Learning Collaborative & Stakeholder Forum www.texasrhp6.com	Carol Huber
2	9/7/18	RHP 2 Chronic Disease Learning Collaborative Register Here	Susan Seidensticker

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