

Communication to DSRIP Providers about MSLC Contract

Status of DSRIP Compliance Monitoring Services

Effective September 1, 2018, Myers & Stauffer (MSLC) will no longer be providing compliance monitoring services for the DSRIP program. The termination of this contract is not related in any way to vendor performance. HHSC originally procured MSLC's compliance monitoring services through the Comptroller of Public Accounts' (CPA) Texas Multiple Award Schedule (TXMAS) program, in 2014. The Comptroller recently notified HHSC of a change to their interpretation of the TXMAS contract policies that impacts the HHSC and MSLC contract. HHSC will begin a procurement process for compliance monitoring services as soon as possible. Please read the information below to understand how this change will impact DSRIP providers.

Impact to DSRIP Providers

- **Gap in Compliance Monitoring Services**
 - There will be a gap in compliance monitoring services until the procurement process is complete and a vendor has been selected.
 - HHSC is currently exploring procurement strategies and will keep DSRIP providers apprised of estimated timeframes when they are known.
 - At a minimum, the gap is expected to last 4-6 months, but it could last 12 months or longer depending on the approved procurement method.
 - All provider reports and data related to DSRIP payments will remain auditable.
 - Supporting documentation retained by MSLC will be transitioned to HHSC.

- **Baseline Reporting and Payment**
 - Many DSRIP providers submitted baselines for demonstration years (DY) 7-8 during the Early Baseline Reporting Period in July-August 2018, and providers will report remaining baselines during the October 2018 and April 2019 reporting periods.
 - The reporting process for baselines will not change.
 - MSLC data support guidance documents will remain available on the DSRIP Online Reporting System Bulletin Board and can still be used to help providers plan for data retention and potential audits. The data support guidance and data support FAQ will not be updated further.

- The gap in compliance monitoring services will not affect HHSC's ability to approve DSRIP payments.
- **Compliance Monitoring of Baselines**
 - HHSC and DSRIP providers had anticipated that the compliance monitor would begin reviewing a sample of baselines as early as September 2018 and would continue reviewing the sample through early 2019.
 - Unfortunately, the timeline for baseline and other reviews by a compliance monitor will be delayed until the procurement process is complete.
- **Current Rounds of Category 1 and 2 Review and Category 3 Performance Review**
 - MSLC finalized many projects that are included in current rounds of Category 1 and 2 and Category 3 review. HHSC will confirm if all providers with completed reviews received notifications from MSLC.
 - Reviews that are in progress will not be completed at this time, but may be re-opened once a compliance monitor is selected. Providers should stop submitting documentation to MSLC for currently open reviews.
 - HHSC will provide anchors with the list of reviews that are not completed as of September 1.