

Anchor Email Update
July 12, 2013

Good afternoon, Anchors,

It's been a busy couple of weeks and we wanted to take this opportunity to provide you with an update on several topics and issues:

Phase 1 Projects

- We are aware that everyone is eagerly anticipating news about project approvals. CMS requested that HHSC wait to send the first batch of formal submissions to CMS until this week. The good news is we successfully submitted the first batch on July 9th! CMS has 15 days to respond. You will receive additional communication from HHSC with results of the CMS review.
- HHSC is sending a notification email to each anchor informing them about the projects that were submitted to CMS for formal review. We ask that anchors communicate with providers on projects that have been submitted to CMS.
- We are doing everything we can to get all Phase 1 projects submitted to CMS by the end of July, and we really appreciate everyone's patience with this process.
- To achieve that goal we need your assistance in making sure that projects are submitted in a way that allows us to review the projects without sending them back to the providers. What you can do:
 1. Please fill out the top table in the coversheet reflecting areas of the project that were revised (e.g., project option, short description of DY2-3 valuation.) If none of these areas have been revised – please state Not Revised.

Example:

	Proposed	Revised
Project Option	1.1.4	1.1.1
Project description	Increase access to primary care by establishing 4 new clinics	Not revised
Proposed project value (DY 2-3)	\$1,000,000	\$800,000

2. Please mark appropriate box(es) reflecting provider action
 3. Please include a description of a provider actions in the **Provider Description/Justification area of the cover sheet**
 4. Please combine the cover sheet, the project and the corresponding Cat 3 (if you are submitting and project and/or cat 3) in one document.
 5. Please do not combine several projects in one file.
- These steps will help us to move your projects quickly without returning them back to you. If we do not understand how the project is revised or the responses in the cover sheet do not reflect all changes it can slow down the review of your projects.

Anchor Submissions

- When you are sending in your various deliverables to our Waiver mailbox, please, please send your submissions for different phases in separate emails. It is very hard to keep track of the information you send when documents for multiple phases are sent in one email. Keeping them separate helps ensure we won't miss anything and the right information will be forwarded to

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the appropriate Waiver staff person for more timely responses. It would also really help to have the Phase in the subject header, for example Phase 1 CS submission - new project, or Phase 1 - CS resubmissions, or Phase 2 - QPI, etc. Thanks for your help with this!

Webinars

- The audio of the two webinars held on Tuesday, July 9, will be posted on the HHSC website, hopefully by the end of next week.

Learning Collaboratives

- We received feedback on the CMS Learning Collaboratives webinar this week that the information was helpful. There have been some questions from anchors who are concerned about the applicability of the model that CMS discussed to the RHP structure. We want to emphasize, and CMS agrees, that the model CMS presented is just one of many, and regions have the flexibility to do what works for them.
 - HHSC will be working with RHPs to develop a template to submit for the Learning Collaboratives plan required for submission to HHSC by October 1, 2013 specified in the PFM. CMS requested that the template include a high level narrative description, key elements, structure of leadership roles, and how the RHP plans to share information. It will allow for regional flexibility. We will send a draft template in a separate e-mail and look forward to receiving your feedback.

Phase 2 - Quantifiable Patient Impact

- We appreciate the attendance and discussion for the webinar on the Quantifiable Patient Impact (QPI) spreadsheets; thank you! If you haven't received the spreadsheets for your region's providers yet, please let us know right away. The completed spreadsheets are due back to HHSC by **July 23rd**.
 - We are getting a lot of questions about QPI, which is understandable given the complexity of this issue. However, a lot of questions have been about operating within the spreadsheet and we've found that the spreadsheet instructions provide answers to these types of the questions. Please encourage providers to carefully review the instructions.
 - To address some common issues, I've attached a QPI FAQ that staff developed which I will also be sharing with providers today.

Phase 3 - DY2 Reporting

- A Draft DY2 Reporting Template has been posted on the [HHSC Transformation Waiver](#) website, along with the Draft DY2 Reporting Template Instructions and a DRAFT Category 4 Status of Capability to Report Template. We would greatly appreciate feedback on these documents. If you have any feedback on the Draft DY2 Reporting Template, Draft DY2 Reporting Template Instructions, or DRAFT Category 4 Status of Capability to Report Template, please submit a DY2 Reporting Template Feedback Form to the waiver mailbox at TXHealthcareTransformation@hhsc.state.tx.us by **Tuesday, July 16, 5:00pm**.

Thanks again for everyone's hard work; it is really appreciated. Have a great weekend.

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