

February 7, 2014
1:30 - 3:00 p.m. CST

Call-in: 877-226-9790
Access Code: 3702236

1. General Anchor Communication

Thank you for the work you continue to do for health care transformation in Texas.

Upcoming Cat 3 Technical Assistance Opportunities

- On February 24, 1:30 - 3:00 pm CST, HHSC will host a Category 3 webinar.
- Teaching Hospitals of Texas (THOT) is hosting a conference call for their members on Tuesday, February 11th.
- A training/webinar specific to Category 3 protocols for Community Mental Health Centers will be held on February 18th, 1:00 - 3:00 CST.
- A training/conference call for physician practices associated with Academic Health Science Centers is scheduled for Thursday, February 20, Noon to 4:00 pm (The Category 3 specific training is from 1-3pm).
- Texas Organization of Rural and Community Hospitals (TORCH) is also coordinating with HHSC for training for their members – planned for Friday, February 21st from 9:30-11:30 am.
- More details on accessing the trainings/webinars/TA are below under the Category 3 update.

2. RHP Plan Review

Replacement Projects

- CMS results expected in late February.
- The preliminary feedback is that the projects generally look good, but CMS still needs to run them through its valuation model.

DY2 October Reporting Review

- HHSC is reviewing responses to the metrics that were in need of more information (NMI) from the October DY2 reporting review.
- HHSC anticipates sending approval or denial of provider submissions to providers by February 14th (pushed back from the original goal of February 7).
- NMI metrics that are approved will be eligible for payment in July 2014.

Phase 4

- All RHPs should have received their Phase 4 feedback. Phase 4 workbooks are posted on the waiver website, while feedback on Plan Modification requests and Technical Corrections were emailed to anchors and providers. Due dates for responses to HHSC are dependent on the date feedback was received.
- HHSC approved many plan modification requests, but some that reduce the scope of activities or quantifiable patient impact will be flagged for midpoint assessment.
- CMS may review certain plan modification requests to decide whether they agree with HHSC's assessment.
- HHSC plans to provide results of Phase 4 NMIs in early/mid-March.

New 3-year projects

- HHSC is prioritizing review from the four RHPs not able to use much of their DSRIP allocation in the original plan submission (RHPs 5, 8, 17 and 20). HHSC feedback for these RHPs is planned for next week. The feedback will be provided to anchors to distribute to providers. Feedback will be at the provider level and project level.
- HHSC's goal is that many projects from these four RHPs will be able to report achievement in April 2014. Payment will be contingent on CMS approval of the project.
- For other RHPs and projects requiring more time prior to CMS submission, providers will report DSRIP achievement in the 2nd DY 3 reporting period (October 2014). We will provide updates on status of the other RHPs so that you can plan for receiving feedback.
- HHSC is conducting a detailed review of all 3-year projects so that there is not the need for additional follow up activities (the 4 phases we have needed to use for initial projects submitted).
- The waiver amendment to allow state retention of about \$345 million in unused DY 2 DSRIP funds associated with statewide priority initiatives is still under review by CMS.

DY 4/5 Valuation

- Projects that provided qualitative justification for original DY 4/5 valuation are still under review. A formal CMS decision on these 14 projects is expected by March.

Category 3

- The final Category 3 Framework has been approved and was sent to you earlier this week, and also posted on the waiver website. The updated Cat 3 Measures were also sent out and posted. The measures will continue to be updated as HHSC receives additional information in the following areas:
 - Specific benchmark levels will be updated as they are received.
 - Measures designated as P4P or P4P-IOS (Improvement Over Self) may shift between these two designations (P4P may shift to P4P-IOS and vice versa) based on benchmarks we continue to receive.
 - Measure frequencies will be updated as appropriate.
 - We have requested CMS consideration of a couple of measures to shift from P4R to P4P; these are designated with an asterisk in the measure type. We have also received requests for some additional measures/tools to be considered. They are not listed on this iteration of the measure list but are under consideration by CMS. If approved, these measures will be clarified in the next iteration of the menu that is sent to the field (anticipated date 2/17/14)
 - The date for providers to submit their selected Category 3 selections is now **March 7, 2014**. We have already received some requests to push back that date and will discuss internally. We are using this information to prepare for April reporting and the automated system under development. We will provide an update as soon as available.
 - The revised protocol, companion document and detailed description of measure specifications and benchmarks (we are calling the compendium) is planned to be available to providers in the second week of February as they prepare to make their Category 3 selections.
 - Providers will be receiving tools and opportunities for technical assistance in the coming weeks to assist with the selection of their measures.
 - Questions can be sent to the waiver mailbox. We are asking that Category 3 specific questions include additional detail in the subject line so we can triage as follows: Category 3-selecting measure(s) to fit Category 1 or 2 project; Category 3 – population-focused priority measures; Category 3-stretch activities; Category 3 – achievement methodology; Category 3 – data collection processes; Category 3 – tools; Category 3 – Other.
 - We are asking that questions related to measure specifications be held until we release the
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compendium. Helpful information can currently be found in the Category 3 spreadsheet that will assist providers until the companion and compendium are released. Specifically, where applicable, the Category 3 spreadsheet does reference an National Quality Forum (NQF) ID number and providers can visit the NQF website to get a better understanding of the measure specifications. The spreadsheet also contains details as to any modifications we are approved to make to these measures.

Category 3 Technical Assistance Webinars

- HHSC has scheduled a webinar for **Monday, February 24, 2014, 1:30pm – 3:00pm CST**

- 1) Go to www.webex.com
- 2) Click on Attend Meeting
- 3) Enter Meeting Number: **805 120 934** (no password necessary)
- 4) Call 800-396-3172

To join the audio conference: All participants should dial **800-396-3172** (no password necessary). You will be placed directly into the audio conference.

Participants can choose to log in online to view the slides and listen to the audio conference OR to call in only for the audio portion. Participants should dial in to the audio portion of the meeting 15 minutes prior to the start of the Webinar. They automatically will be connected to the meeting room and will hear music until the start of the webinar.

This webinar will be recorded and posted on the waiver website.

Additional TA – anchors are encouraged to participate in the following sessions. However, it is requested that the main participants are the specific provider group audience. Please send questions from these sessions you have regarding anchor role and Category 3 to waiver mailbox.

- HHSC in coordination with the Texas Council will host a technical assistance workshop on Category 3 changes specific to Community Mental Health Centers on **Tuesday, February 18, 2014 from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. CST**

The meeting will be held **via webinar** and at **Austin Travis County Integral Care:**
Large Training Room
ATCIC Annex
1700 S. Lamar
Austin, TX 78704

IMPORTANT

Due to limited seating capacity, there is a two-person limit per Center for the onsite training. However, the webinar is available to all interested in attending.

REGISTRATION – ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST REGISTER

- To register for webinar, [click here](#).
- To register for onsite training, [click here](#).

If you have questions about the training for community centers, contact Melissa Rowan at mrowan@txcouncil.com.

- UT System has invited UT System Texas Academic Medicine providers for a TA session coordinated with HHSC on **Thursday, February 20, 1:00 - 3:00 pm** – conference line info 877-215-3767 with guest code 794222; UT is also setting up a webinar and we will follow up with information when available.
- TORCH – TA specific to small/rural/critical access hospitals – tentatively scheduled for **Friday February 21st from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.** Additional details will be provided when available.

Category 4

- HHSC is working on templates for Category 4 reporting for April 2014.
- For Domains 1 & 2 (PPAs and PPRs), HHSC will receive the reports from Texas EQRO (IHP) by March 15 and we will send to providers. The data will include all Medicaid (FFS and managed care) and CHIP.
- HHSC is working on the process to send to providers.
- Providers will then use these same reports to upload for Category 4 payment for these 2 domains. HHSC is checking with legal to determine if this information will become public information once reported by providers.
- UC hospitals are also required to send these domains to be eligible for DY 3 UC payments. We will advise the date for the reports to be provided to HHSC.
- HHSC is developing a template for the other 3 Category 4 domains to use for April reporting.

3. Other Information for Anchors

- CMS is actively reviewing Anchor Administrative Match Protocol and discussion is planned for next week. The target for CMS approval in March 2014 so anchors can report DY 2 and first half of DY 3 in April 2014.
- For the request for projects that HHSC can provide for media or HHSC communications purposes, please let providers know that we do not have a specific plan on how that information will be used. If we get media inquiries, we will share contact information and let the anchor know that the information has been shared. From time to time, HHSC leadership staff is traveling and may want to include a visit to a project(s). We will also let you know if that is the case. Sunset Commission staff is in Dallas next week, and we have heard they may travel to the valley area in the next couple of months. We want to highlight the good work that is being done through DSRIP.
- The following information about UC was shared at the 2/6 Executive Waiver Committee meeting:
 - 2013 UC applications were distributed to providers in late January and are due back to HHSC by late February with payments currently scheduled for June 2014 (contingent on providers working with HHSC to clean up any data issues quickly - HHSC will request 3-day turnarounds on data questions).
 - HHSC is aware that there are some issues with the prepopulated data on the UC applications and will work to provide more info on that soon.
 - DY3 UC data collection to begin in the next few months. The DY3 UC application will be combined with the DSH tool.

For waiver questions, email waiver staff: TXHealthcareTransformation@hhsc.state.tx.us.

Include "Anchor:" followed by the subject in the subject line of your email so staff can identify your request.