

February 21, 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.

## 2. RHP Plan Review

### Replacement Projects

- CMS results are expected in the next two weeks.
- 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

- October DY2 reporting review of responses to the metrics that were in need of more information (NMI) has been completed.
- HHSC is working on creating cover sheets for the reporting review feedback. HHSC anticipates sending approval or denial of provider submissions to providers by February 28 (pushed back from the original target date).

### Phase 4

- HHSC is currently reviewing the final Phase 4 workbooks for provider responses to Phase 4 NMIs and any additional Plan Modification requests.
- HHSC is contacting providers, with a cc to Anchors, who did not address HHSC comments and allowing two days to provide a response. All HHSC comments must be addressed for a project to be eligible for April reporting.
- HHSC plans to provide results of Phase 4 NMIs in early/mid-March.
- Although HHSC approved most plan modification requests, CMS may still review certain plan modification requests to decide whether they agree with HHSC's assessment.
- Additional plan modifications for DY4-5 will be accepted in June/July 2014.

### New 3-year projects

- HHSC feedback on 3-year projects has been sent to RHPs 8 and 17 (the workbooks are posted on the HHSC website on the [Tools and Guidelines for Regional Healthcare Partnership Participants](#) page under **New 3-Year DSRIP Projects**).
  - HHSC feedback for RHPs 5 and 20 is planned for early next week.
  - 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.
  - We will provide updates on status of the other RHPs so that you can plan for receiving feedback. We have gotten some questions from providers regarding when CMS will approve 3-year projects. While we don't have firm dates yet, we believe that June is a good estimate.
  - 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).
  - Category 3 outcome measures and funding included for new 3-year projects will be replaced by the information submitted in March in the Category 3 selection tool.
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- 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.

### Funds available for 3-year projects

- On the last anchor call, you requested an update on additional funds that may be available for 3-year projects.
- HHSC will send you updated information next week by RHP that reflects additional withdrawn projects for your RHP and also any DY4-5 valuation reductions that your providers accepted in the DY4-5 valuation review.
- The #s we send next week will not include:
  - Additional funds that may be redistributed from other RHPs that did not use as many funds for 3-year projects as they indicated on their prioritized lists (at this stage, there is about \$23 million to redistribute; there may be more).
  - Additional funds that may become available to your RHP once HHSC/CMS decide on the 14 projects under DY4-5 valuation review that sought to justify their original valuation.

### 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, and HHSC has sent those CMS outlier projects that sought to justify their original valuation to CMS for review.

### Category 3

- HHSC has shared with anchors and providers the final Category 3 Framework, the approved Cat 3 Measures, updated Stretch Activities and Population-Focused Priority Measures for hospitals, CMHCs and physician practices. These documents have also been posted on the waiver website.
  - HHSC has conducted webinars in partnership with the TX Council, THOT, UT System, and TORCH. Thank you to these organizations and providers that participated.
  - HHSC plans to send out and post the selection tool and initial guidance today. Compendium information on the measures will be provided in batches next week.
  - HHSC is conducting the main Category 3 webinar on Monday, Feb. 24 from 1:30 – 3:00 pm (likely will go longer).
  - The Companion document will be provided early next week as we make updates based on information gained from the webinars this week. We want to make the selection process as clear as possible.
  - The date for providers to submit their selected Category 3 selections has changed to **March 10, 2014**. We are using this information to prepare for April reporting and the automated system under development.
  - 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 – selection tool; Category 3 – population-focused priority measures; Category 3-stretch activities; Category 3 – achievement methodology; Category 3 – data collection processes; Category 3 – tools/surveys; Category 3 – Other.
    - We are asking that questions related to measure specifications be held until we release the 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 references a 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.
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### ***Category 3 Technical Assistance Webinar***

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

- 1) Go to [www.webex.com](http://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.

### ***Category 4 (Same information as from previous Anchor call)***

- 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 (week of Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>). The target for CMS approval in March 2014 so anchors can report DY 2 and first half of DY 3 in April 2014.
- Thank you for sending in your lists of DSRIP projects in your region that HHSC can provide for media or HHSC communications purposes. If we do get media inquiries, we will share contact information and let the anchor know that the information has been shared.
- Thank you to those of you that provided input regarding the draft descriptive analysis of DSRIP BH projects done by the Meadows Foundation/UT School of Social Work. Feedback was received for about 43% of projects and updates will be made based on the feedback. Work is underway to add information to that descriptive analysis for 190 Phase 1 projects that did not get included in the initial analysis. We will seek your feedback again once those projects are added.
- Thanks to those of you who have taken the time to participate in the formal waiver evaluation. For

## Anchor Conference Call

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those of you who have not yet had a chance to complete the network analysis survey, we request that you do so at your earliest convenience. The evaluation of the Waiver is required by CMS and will provide important information for waiver renewal.

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*For waiver questions, email waiver staff: [TXHealthcareTransformation@hhsc.state.tx.us](mailto:TXHealthcareTransformation@hhsc.state.tx.us).*

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