

December 15, 2017

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

1. General Anchor Communication

- As always, thank you for all of your continued work!
- A reminder that the RHP DY6 Annual Report is due to HHSC today, December 15, 2017.

2. DSRIP Implementation

October DY6 Reporting

- **Review and Payment Timeline**
 - **December 15, 2017** - Rate Analysis sent out the IGT notice. HHSC will attached the estimated Project Payment Summary with today's Anchor notes.
 - **January 4, 2018** – IGT settlement date for October reporting DSRIP payments.
 - **January 16, 2018, 11:59pm** – Due date for providers to submit responses to HHSC requests for additional information (NMI requests) on October reported Category 1-4 milestone/metric achievement and Semi-Annual Reporting requirements.
 - **January 18, 2018** – October reporting DY6 DSRIP payments processed for transferring hospitals and top 14 IGT Entities.
 - **January 31, 2018** – October reporting DY5 DSRIP payments processed for all providers and DY6 DSRIP payments processed for remaining providers that were not paid on January 17, 2018. Note that there are separate transactions for each payment for each DY.
 - **February 23, 2018** - HHSC and CMS will approve or deny the additional information submitted in response to HHSC comments on October reported milestone/metric achievement.
- **Additional Deadlines for Providers Impacted by Hurricane Harvey**
 - **January 16, 2018, 11:59pm** – (If Applicable) NMI due date for hurricane-impacted providers with metrics eligible for March 2018 payment.
 - **February 28, 2018, 11:59pm** – (If Applicable) Final deadline for hurricane-impacted providers to submit responses to HHSC requests for additional information (NMI requests) on October reported Category 1-4 milestone/metric achievement and Semi-Annual Reporting requirements for July 2018 payment.
 - **March 7, 2018** - IGT settlement date for March off-cycle reporting DSRIP payments.
 - **March 23, 2018** – (If Applicable) HHSC and CMS will approve or deny the additional information submitted during the extended additional reporting period in response to HHSC comments on October reported milestone/metric achievement for July 2018 payment.
 - **March 30, 2018** - March off-cycle reporting DSRIP payments processed.

QPI

- For QPI NMIs, please utilize the October DY6 QPI Reporting Template to address NMI questions.
- Providers eligible for Hurricane Harvey accommodations who requested and were approved to carryforward DY6 metrics may report early for DY6 carryforward achievement by January 16, 2018. If you can demonstrate achievement of the DY6 carryforward metric by January 16, 2018, you may be eligible for an early payment in March 2018. If applicable, providers must utilize the Hurricane Harvey DY6 CF QPI Template to demonstrate this early achievement. The Hurricane Harvey DY6 CF QPI Template is posted on the Bulletin Board in the DSRIP Online Reporting System under October DY6 Reporting.

Category 3

- The Cat 3 Template for the Need More Information (NMI) response period has been posted on the DSRIP online reporting system's Bulletin Board. The NMI template differs from the Cat 3 Template used for the primary reporting period. Providers must submit the NMI Template during the NMI period. They should not submit the primary reporting period template.
- The NMI Reporting Template originally posted on the online reporting system's bulletin board was updated on 12/14/17 to unlock some milestones for NMI reporting that were inadvertently locked. The update affects DY5 milestones that had not been fully achieved and had not yet reported PY3A that were marked Partially Approved. Since DY6 R2 is the last opportunity to earn funds associated with DY5 milestones, the signoff has been changed to Need More Information to allow providers to report for achievement. HHSC has updated the online reporting system to reflect these changes and is contacting affected providers to make them aware of the NMIs. If you are not contacted about a change and are using the originally posted version of the NMI template, there is no reason to submit the revised template. If you are contacted about changes, please be sure to submit the revised (version 2) NMI template.
- If you didn't receive an NMI, please do not rely on the NMI reporting template to confirm DY6 R2 reporting. HHSC is still making updates to the Category 3 database. We will post an updated Summary Workbook to the online reporting system as soon as this process is complete.

Compliance Monitoring

- HHSC continues sending out notifications for Round 3, and the process will continue for several weeks, depending on the resolution or need for clarification for some projects.
- MSLC sent out notifications for Category 1 and 2 Round 4 review. Providers are doing a good job responding to the requests. The Anchors' update will be sent at the beginning of January. The reviews should be completed by May 2018. One project's review is already completed! Thank you for continuous work in this area.
- MSLC has started sending out notifications for Category 3 Round 3 Performance Reviews and will have all notifications out by the end of next week (12/22/17). We anticipate that this round of reviews will be completed by May 2018 for most projects.

3. Waiver Renewal

Waiver Negotiations Update

- Communications are still ongoing with CMS and updates will be provided as they are available, including timelines.
- CMS is currently reviewing the proposed Program Funding and Mechanics Protocol (PFM), the Measure Bundle Protocol (MBP), and the draft Measure Specifications.

Category C

- The first installment of an FAQ based on the questions and feedback submitted on the draft Measure Specifications document will be posted early next week on the online reporting system bulletin board.
- We have received over 1,000 individual questions, which we are working on sorting and answering, but many cannot be answered without program approval by CMS. You can continue to submit

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questions to the waiver mailbox, but please do not resubmit questions that have already been sent in.

- HHSC has received a number of comments regarding the administrative complexity of the measure specifications source for measure J1-222 Severe Sepsis and Septic Shock Management Bundle (NQF 0500) and will be evaluating alternative specifications sources.

Rules

- The DSRIP DY7-8 rules were published as adopted in the November 24, 2017, issue of the *Texas Register* with an effective date of December 1, 2017. HHSC is currently working to amend these rules to reflect the most recent versions of the DSRIP protocols as of December 22, 2017. HHSC anticipates that the amendments will be published as proposed in the *Texas Register* in January 2018, for an anticipated effective date of April 2018. HHSC also anticipates that the rules may need to be further amended once HHSC and CMS have finished negotiating the DSRIP protocols.

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

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