

June 26, 2020

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

1. General Anchor Communication

- Thanks for your continued work!
- HHSC offices are scheduled for a skeleton crew day on Friday, July 3rd. A limited number of staff will be working that day, but providers can e-mail the HHSC mailbox for any issues needing immediate attention.

2. DSRIP Implementation

COVID-19 Updates

- Feedback on the proposed changes is due **today (Friday, June 26)** – email the waiver mailbox at TXHealthcareTransformation@hpsc.state.tx.us.
 - HHSC will review feedback and consider any changes before submitting to CMS in mid-July.
- Based on initial questions received, HHSC has the following clarifications:
 - The broadened definition of an encounter to include patient telephone call visits applies to DY9-10 Category B PPP. Category B baselines and previously reported DY7-8 information does not need to be updated to include telephone call visits. This change is specific to Category B and does not change Category C specifications.
 - HHSC sent an example of the impact of proposed COVID-19 changes on Category C AM-8 milestones that carryforward achievement on Tuesday, June 23rd.
 - The options for DY8 AM-8 milestones that carryforward achievement also apply to measures that were discontinued for DY9-10.
 - The options for DY9 AM-9 achievement milestones apply to all measures regardless of baseline (e.g., 100% baseline).
 - As a reminder, HHSC is not proposing to change specifications for Category C measures. The broadened definition of an encounter for Category B does not result in a change to the Category C eligible denominator population or specifications. Providers should review the specifications for each measure to determine the inclusion requirements for telemedicine. The Category C FAQ also has some previously shared clarifications on telemedicine encounters for CMHCs.

DY9 Round 1 (April) Reporting

- Provisionally approved measures:
 - Category C: Providers that received provisional approval in DY9R1 will be eligible to report those measures during the NMI period, or during October DY9 reporting.
 - Category D: Providers that received provisional approval in DY9R1 will not be eligible to report during the NMI period and will report the qualitative information in October DY9.
- The Category C DY9R1 NMI reporting template is currently posted to the Online Reporting System Bulletin Board and allows reporting only for measures that received an NMI determination or requested provisional approval.

- Reporting Timeline
 - **July 1, 2020** – Final date to enter IGT in TexNet
 - **July 2, 2020** – IGT settlement date for April reporting
 - **July 17, 2020, 11:59 pm** – Due date for providers to submit responses to HHSC requests for additional information (NMI requests) on April reported SAR requirements and reported Category B-D milestones/metrics achievement
 - **July 17, 2020** – April reporting *DY9 DSRIP payments* processed for transferring hospitals
 - **July 31, 2020** – April reporting *DY7 and DY8 DSRIP payments* for all providers and *DY9 DSRIP payments* processed for providers that were not paid on July 17, 2020
 - **August 21, 2020** – HHSC and CMS will approve or deny the additional information submitted in response to HHSC comments on April reported milestone/metric achievement.

Costs & Savings: HHSC plans to provide information regarding DY9-10 Category A Costs and Savings requirements via an anchor update next week, including additional information regarding requirements for October DY9 reporting (status update regarding progress is due), October DY10 reporting (final report of Costs and Savings due), and when to tentatively expect guidance on tools.

Compliance Monitoring Update: MSLC is continuing to review measures selected for rounds 1a and 1b. Providers that were a part of review round 1a are starting to receive results for completed audits. Providers should review results closely and work directly with MSLC if there are questions or concerns.

DSRIP Transition

- HHSC continues to make progress on milestone work, analysis, and new program proposals. There are no updates at this time on any changes to Transition Plan deliverable due dates.
- Best Practices Workgroup: HHSC shared the final results of *Survey 2: Prioritizing Key Practices* with Workgroup members on June 16, 2020. HHSC is discussing next steps for the Workgroup, including a tentative webinar and a subsequent survey topic, and will provide an update as soon as possible.

Survey of DSRIP Providers from Texas A&M: Thanks to all the providers that have already completed the survey from the Texas A&M School of Public Health! They’ve received 90 completed surveys to date and expect to receive many more next week. TAMU asks that all surveys be completed by July 3rd.

- As a reminder, the survey is part of the [1115 waiver evaluation](#) that is required by the 1115 Waiver's Special Terms and Conditions and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and builds on the [network analysis](#) completed as part of the first 1115 Waiver Evaluation published in 2017.
- Any questions about the survey should be directed to the evaluators.

3. Other Information for Anchors

DSRIP Statewide Events Calendar

June 2020			
RHP	Date	Topic	Contacts
9, 10 & 18	PENDING	RHP 9, 10 & 18 Collaborative Connections—Impacting Care: A Learning Collaborative Summit Register here	RHP 9: Margie Roche RHP 10: Nisha Patel RHP 18: des Anges Crusier

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RHP	Date	Topic	Contact
06	PENDING	RHP 6 Learning Collaborative & Stakeholder Forum (virtual event)	Carol Huber