

Anchor Call Email 2/20/15

Good Afternoon Region 10 Providers,

I hope that everyone is staying warm this afternoon! I have a few updates for you from HHSC and a few reminders.

Important Due Dates for Category 3

- Approved Baselines/Goal Corrections: to the waiver mailbox *no later than* **Wednesday, February 25th**
- Technical Assistance/Baseline Clarification Flags: HHSC will contact providers
- Missing Survey Administration Forms: to the waiver mailbox *no later than* **Friday, February 27th**
- Carryforward Status/DY4 Carryforward Approval: to the waiver mailbox *no later than* **Wednesday, February 25th**

Mid-point Assessment

- Myers and Stauffer continues with the review of projects and sending questions to providers in cases when additional information is needed. If a provider does not receive a document with follow up questions from MSLC, the provider should not be concerned about this. It means that MSLC staff did not have additional questions for these projects.
- In addition, MSLC started to review information reported for 3 year projects that did not have any information reported in April of 2014. MSLC may contact providers with additional questions regarding **any** of the 3-year project that reported in October, including projects in addition to those providers were notified had been selected by MSLC for review in September 2014
- Please share with your providers that additional questions for 3 year projects will be coming in the near future.

Waiver Renewal

- HHSC is working on the final draft of the Transition Plan for Funding Pools required by STC 48 of the waiver and due to CMS by March 31, 2015. Thank you all for your comments and feedback on the last draft. They will share the next draft with you as soon as it is available.

October DY3 Reporting

- HHSC has completed review of additional information submitted by providers for metrics fully reviewed during the October DY3 reporting period and initial review of metrics that were provisionally approved during the October DY3 reporting and review period.

- This week, HHSC sent providers (copying Anchors) files summarizing review results, and, when needed, requesting additional information for DY3 reporting.
- Providers with provisionally approved metrics marked “Need More Info” will need to submit additional supporting documentation to demonstrate achievement. **These NMI submissions should be emailed to DSRIP@deloitte.com by 11:59 pm on March 6, 2015.**
- Some providers still show Incomplete for their Progress Update Signoff and must complete Semi-Annual Reporting (SAR) requirements per the HHSC Comments to be eligible for future payments. **Missing QPI Reporting Templates, required as part of SAR for all DY3 designated QPI metrics, should be sent to the Waiver mailbox ASAP.** (If the zipped template is too large to send to the waiver mailbox, please send a request for assistance to the mailbox.) HHSC needs this information immediately, as we are working to prepare QPI Templates for April DY4 reporting. Providers who do not address Incomplete Progress Update Signoffs will forfeit all monies for that metric.
- In order to avoid impacting payment to providers, HHSC did attempt to mark Progress Update Signoffs as Complete if a QPI template was submitted, but there were template issues. HHSC will, however, be contacting these providers in the coming weeks to correct outstanding QPI Templates, so that QPI Templates are correct for April DY4 reporting.

Category 3

- Along with the October DY3 reporting review results, HHSC sent providers a summary of their Cat 3 baseline review and their TA status. In the next couple of weeks HHSC will be contacting providers for Cat 3 TA, with the goal to resolve baseline issues first for those providers who are eligible to report Cat 3 in April for DY4 reporting. After TA is provided, HHSC will copy Anchors on emails to providers describing any resolutions of Cat 3 baseline issues.
- Anchors should work with providers to ensure prompt response where requested by HHSC for urgent baseline/goal corrections, survey administration form submission, and Carryforward status. Expectations for response and response deadlines were been outlined in the Cat 3 baseline summary email sent to Anchors this week.

QPI Questions

- HHSC is aware that there are questions related to DY4 QPI reporting that have come into the waiver mailbox and have not yet been answered. They have been focused on getting DY3 reporting completed, finishing up change request reviews, and working with providers to clean up DY3 QPI templates to get them ready for DY4 reporting before we answer these questions, but please know that they haven't forgotten them and will get to them as soon as possible. Thank you for your and your providers' patience!

Change Requests

- HHSC is reviewing the Round 2 change request submissions and Myers & Stauffer is reviewing the Round 1 submissions that required their review. HHSC plans to send HHSC's Round 2 preliminary determinations and Myers & Stauffer's Round 1 determinations to anchors/providers by the week of March 2nd.

Webinar on Adult Potentially Preventable Hospitalizations in Texas

Mar 04, 2015 at 10:00 AM CST.

Register: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3130475994798807810>

Content: Participants will learn how Texans are impacted by the following potentially preventable hospitalizations: Bacterial Pneumonia; Dehydration; Urinary Tract Infection; Angina (without procedures); Congestive Heart Failure; Hypertension; Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease and Older Adult Asthma; and Diabetes Complications. Adult hospitalizations for these conditions are called “potentially preventable” because if the individual had access to and cooperated with appropriate outpatient healthcare, the hospitalization would likely not have occurred. From 2008 to 2013 adult Texans received approximately \$49 Billion in hospital charges for these conditions.

Various communities in Texas are working successfully with the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) to prevent these hospitalizations. The lessons learned on how to help keep Texans out of the hospital are applicable to health care payers, providers, state & local government, and patients.

The event is sponsored by the Health Policy & Clinical Services division of Texas HHSC and the Texas Institute of Health Care Quality and Efficiency. Information on the Adult PPH program is here: <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/ph/>

The webinar will be broadcast from the K-100 Lecture Hall at DSHS, located at 1100 W. 49th Street, Austin, 78756.

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

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