

Category 3

Alternate Achievement Requests for DY6

- The Alternate Achievement Request Form (attached) for DY6 has been posted to the waiver website (<http://www.hhsc.state.tx.us/1115-Waiver-Guideline.shtml>, under the Category 3 section halfway down the page) . Providers with a currently approved alternate achievement request must submit an updated request for DY6 goals. Providers with a P4P QISMC outcome with a baseline below the MPL may also submit an alternate achievement request to change DY6 goals to a 12.5% gap closure towards perfect, similar to a P4P IOS outcome. HHSC will take into account achievement reported as of April DY5 when reviewing these request.
- The form will indicate eligibility to submit an alternate achievement request based on the above criteria. If a provider believes an outcome should be eligible, but is not showing as eligible in the form, please contact HHSC. One form should be completed for each alternate achievement request.
- Alternate Achievement Requests should be submitted to the RHP 10 Mailbox (RHP_Region_10@jpshealth.org) by **COB, Tuesday, September 6th**, along with responses to HHSC comments regarding the DY6 Participation Form.

Stretch Activity Selections for DY6

- The Stretch Activity DY6 Selection template is attached. This template should be completed by Anchors as it is organized at an RHP level. HHSC is extending the submission deadline for the Stretch Activity Selection Template to September 30th, pending submission of the RHP Planning Protocol updates for DY6. The deadline is being extended so that providers will have a chance to review the PFPM and Stretch Activity menu in the RHP Planning Protocol as submitted to CMS prior to making final selections. Prior to submission to CMS, HHSC has updated the Draft Category 3 operational details document with the detailed PFPM and Stretch Activity menus. **This document must be return to the RHP 10 mailbox (RHP_Region_10@jpshealth.org) by 12(noon) September, 27th.**

Category 3 Interim Corrections and PFPM Baselines

- HHSC has completed reviews of Category 3 Interim corrections that were submitted to HHSC by August 11th . HHSC will be notifying providers of approval or any needed follow up the week of the 22nd.
- HHSC has also completed reviews of PFPM Baseline templates hat were submitted August 15th. HHSC will be notifying providers of approval or any needed follow-up the week of the 22nd.

DY6 DSRIP Rule Set #2

- Just a reminder that the public comment period for the second set of DY6 DSRIP rules, which closely mirror the DY6 Program Funding and Mechanics (PFM) protocol language, ends August 29, 2016. These rules were published as proposed in the July 29, 2016, issue of the *Texas Register*, and are available here - <http://www.sos.state.tx.us/texreg/pdf/backview/0729/0729prop.pdf>.
- Please note that the public hearing date listed in the initial *Texas Register* posting is inaccurate. The public hearing on these rules will be held on **August 26, 2016**, at 9:00 AM at HHSC, Brown Heatly Building, Public Hearing Room, 4900 N. Lamar Blvd., Austin, TX. The public hearing will be webcast.

2016 Statewide Learning Collaborative

- The Statewide Learning Collaborative is right around the corner! Thank you to all of the anchors for facilitating reservations for all of your providers. Attached is the final agenda!
- HHSC has arranged for the Statewide Learning Collaborative Summit to be available for viewing on-line, in real time, in order to allow all interested individuals to watch the proceedings. **To access the Summit via webcast on August 30th and/or 31st, please click on the Summit Webcast link: <https://player2.streamspot.com/?playerId=92a4a38d>.** The webcast will only stream the sessions that are occurring in the Grand Ballroom. **A test stream will be available on August 22 - 24** each day between the hours of 8:00AM and 10:00PM at the same link (<https://player2.streamspot.com/?playerId=92a4a38d>) in order for viewers to troubleshoot any firewall issues prior to the Summit. If issues are encountered during the test stream, we recommend facilities wanting to watch the Summit open up the ability to offer streaming through their firewall and test again to make sure it is working. When you access this site during the test period or the Summit hours, please press play to begin watching on-going sessions. If at any time a participant leaves the webcast and returns later, you will need to click on the same link and press play to re-join. During the webcast, participants may submit questions through an online chat function. Questions will be answered after the Summit concludes.
- HHSC will send the SLC agenda and livestream link to their provider distribution list and post on the website.

Waiver Extension

- Friday, the Health and Human Services Commission sent a letter (attached) to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to facilitate discussions on the longer term extension of the Medicaid 1115 Demonstration Waiver, the Texas Healthcare Transformation and Quality Improvement Program. The current 5-year period ends September 30, 2016. CMS granted an initial temporary 15-month extension requested by HHSC on May 1, 2016. The initial extension period continues the existing program at current funding levels through December 31, 2017.
- The letter specifies that HHSC is on track to submit the required independent report analyzing the Uncompensated Care pool and Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment (DSRIP) program on August 31, 2016. The letter also states that HHSC seeks a clear understanding of CMS' vision for DSRIP integration into Medicaid managed care and HHSC's vision for the longer term extension. The HHSC proposal that is in development includes both a glide path for the integration of DSRIP into managed care for Medicaid beneficiaries and the continued support of locally directed interventions for the continued transformation of the health care system for all Texans. HHSC is looking forward to engaging with CMS for the longer term extension.