

DRAFT DY2 Reporting – Companion Document

This document includes information on DY 2 reporting timelines, metrics reporting and guidance on supporting documentation. This guidance is for DY2 reporting only. Guidelines will be updated beginning in DY3 based on HHSC and CMS review of DY2 reporting and data documentation. For technical instructions on completing the DY 2 reporting template, please refer to the *DY2 Reporting Template Instructions*.

There are two opportunities to report progress on metrics in DY 2: August and October 2013. HHSC has indicated which projects are eligible for August reporting based on the *CMS Initial Review Findings* document and providers' responses during Phase 1.

DY2 reporting is a manual process using Excel templates. For DYs 3-5, HHSC is developing an automated web-based system for providers to enter information and upload documents. The automated system will be able to generate reports that provide reported data that can be imported into other systems.

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August Reporting Timeline

- July 31, 2013 – HHSC will post individual provider *DY 2 Reporting Templates* by RHP on the waiver website under [Tools and Guidelines for Regional Healthcare Partnership Participants](#).
- **August 31, 2013, 5:00pm** – Due date for providers' August DY 2 DSRIP reporting using the *DY 2 Reporting Templates*. Late submissions will not be accepted. Please submit the completed template and supporting documentation using one of the following:
 - Email the completed files to DY2DSRIP@deloitte.com (files may not exceed 5MB, please zip large files) with SUBJECT: RHP [XX], Provider [TPI: XXXXXXXXXX]; or
 - Email a link(s) to the files to DY2DSRIP@deloitte.com if you have access to an FTP site (e.g. SharePoint, Dropbox) with SUBJECT: RHP [XX], Provider [TPI: XXXXXXXXXX]; or
 - Mail a CD containing all files to:
Tim Egan
50 South 6th Street, Suite 2800
Minneapolis, MN 55402
- September 1, 2013 – HHSC will begin review of the DY 2 reports and supporting documentation.
- **September 10, 2013, 5:00pm** – Due date for IGT Entity to notify HHSC (TXHealthcareTransformation@hhsc.state.tx.us) of any issues with their affiliated providers' August DY 2 reported progress on metrics using the *IGT Entity Feedback* template. The template will be posted on the waiver website in late August 2013.
- October 1, 2013 – HHSC and CMS will complete their review and approval of August DY 2 reports or request additional information regarding the data reported. If additional information is requested, the DY 2 DSRIP payment related to the milestone/metric will be delayed until the next DSRIP payment period.
- Mid to late October – IGT due for August DY 2 DSRIP payments.
- Mid November – August DY 2 DSRIP payments processed.

Payment Calculations

(as stated in the Program Funding and Mechanics Protocol, paragraphs 29-30)

Categories 1 and 2

With respect to Categories 1-2, a milestone bundle is the compilation of milestones and related metrics associated with a project in a given year. The amount of the incentive funding paid to a Performing Provider will be based on the amount of progress made within each specific milestone bundle. A Performing Provider must fully achieve a Category 1 or 2 metric to include it in the incentive payment calculation.

Based on the progress reported, each milestone will be categorized as follows to determine the total achievement value for the milestone bundle:

- Full achievement (achievement value = 1)
- At least 75 percent achievement (achievement value = .75)
- At least 50 percent achievement (achievement value = .5)
- At least 25 percent achievement (achievement value = .25)
- Less than 25 percent achievement (achievement value = 0)

The achievement values for each milestone in the bundle will be summed together to determine the total achievement value for the milestone bundle. The Performing Provider is then eligible to receive an amount of incentive funding for that milestone bundle determined by multiplying the total amount of funding related to that bundle by the result of dividing the reported achievement value by the total possible achievement value. If a Performing Provider has previously reported progress in a bundle and received partial funding, only the additional amount it is eligible for will be disbursed.

Example of Category 1 or 2 disbursement calculation:

A Category 1 Project in DY 2 is valued at \$3 million and has 5 milestones, which make up the Milestone Bundle. Under the payment formula, the 5 milestones represent a maximum achievement value of 5.

The hospital Performing Provider reports the following progress at 6 months:

Milestone 1: 100 percent achievement (Achievement value = 1)

- Metric 1: Fully achieved
- Metric 2: Fully achieved

Milestone 2: 66.7% percent achievement (Achievement value = .5)

- Metric 1: Fully achieved
- Metric 2: Fully achieved
- Metric 3: Not Achieved

Milestone 3: 0 percent achievement (Achievement value = 0)

- Metric 1: Not Achieved

Milestone 4: 50 percent achievement (Achievement value = .5)

- Metric 1: Fully Achieved
- Metric 2: Not Achieved

Milestone 5: 40 percent achievement (Achievement value = .25)

- Metric 1: Fully achieved
- Metric 2: Fully Achieved
- Metric 3: Not Achieved
- Metric 4: Not Achieved
- Metric 5: Not Achieved

Total achievement value at 6 months = 2.25

Disbursement at 6 months = $\$3M \times (2.25/5) = \1.35 million

By the end of the Demonstration Year, the hospital Performing Provider successfully completes all of the remaining metrics for the project. The hospital is eligible to receive the balance of incentive payments related to the project:

Disbursement at 12 months is $\$3$ million - $\$1.35$ million = $\$1.65$ million.

Category 3

A Performing Provider must fully achieve metrics associated with the process milestones to qualify for a DSRIP payment related to these milestones.

Performing Providers may receive partial payment for making progress towards, but not fully achieving, an outcome improvement target. The partial payment would equal 25 percent, 50 percent, or 75 percent of the achievement value of that outcome improvement target. Based on the progress reported, each outcome improvement target will be categorized as follows to determine the total achievement value percentage:

- Full achievement (achievement value = 1)
- At least 75 percent achievement (achievement value = .75)
- At least 50 percent achievement (achievement value = .5)
- At least 25 percent achievement (achievement value = .25)
- Less than 25 percent achievement (achievement value = 0)

Example of Category 3 disbursement calculation:

A hospital Performing Provider has set outcome improvement targets that would decrease potentially preventable readmissions for a target population with a chronic condition by 2 percent in DY 4 and by 5 percent in DY 5.

In DY 4, the Performing Provider achieved a 1 percent reduction in PPR, short of its goal. Under the partial payment policy, the provider would be reimbursed 50 percent of the incentive payment associated with this outcome improvement target because it achieved 50 percent of the target. The Performing provider may earn the remaining DY 4 incentive payment for the outcome improvement target in the following year (DY 5) under the carry-forward policy.

Category 4

In DY 2, a hospital Performing Provider participating in Category 4 reporting shall be eligible to receive an incentive payment equal to 5 percent of its total allocation amount in DY 2 upon submission to HHSC of a status report that describes the system changes the hospital is putting in place to prepare to successfully report Category 4 measures in DYs 3-5.

Other DY 2 Updates

Contact changes: The representative(s) for each organization listed in Section I. of the RHP Plan is the person who is contacted regarding RHP issues including IGT requests and notification of payments. If you have changes to the contacts listed in Section I. of the RHP Plan, please complete the *RHP Contact Change Form* available at <http://www.hhsc.state.tx.us/1115-docs/RHP/Plans/Contact-Change.pdf>.

IGT Entity changes: The IGT Entity(ies) for each project/improvement target is listed in the Workbook Data under the “IGT” tabs. To see what information HHSC currently has for each project, please check the posted Plan Data for your RHP at <http://www.hhsc.state.tx.us/1115-RHP-Plans.shtml>. If you have changes to the IGT Entity listed in the Plan Data, please complete the *IGT Entity Change Form* available at <http://www.hhsc.state.tx.us/1115-docs/RHP/Plans/IGT-Change.xlsx>. Complete one form for each IGT Entity. IGT Entity changes must be received no later than **August 31, 2013**, for August DY 2 DSRIP payment processing. Any changes received after August 31, 2013, will go into effect for the October DY 2 DSRIP reporting and payments will be delayed until that time.

Additional Guidance for DY2 Metrics Reporting

Providers Performing Projects in Multiple Regions: For Categories 1, 2, and 3, reporting of number served and other applicable data should be specific to each region.

Providers Hiring Staff for Multiple Projects: For Categories 1 and 2, providers should not report the same achievement for multiple projects. For example, if a provider reports under two different projects that the provider is hiring one physician and one office manager, the provider should clearly explain if the physician and office manager are the same for both projects or if there are two of each. Overlap between projects will be closely reviewed and may not be approved.

Providers Using Same Needs Assessment for Multiple Projects: Providers may submit the same community needs assessment as applicable for multiple projects. However, providers will be expected to clearly highlight and distinguish how the needs assessment addresses each specific project being discussed.

Providers Establishing Additional Clinics Providing Multiple Types of Services: For providers establishing additional clinics, expanding existing clinics, or relocating clinics (Project Option 1.1, Milestone P-1), if the clinic will be used for multiple types of services (e.g., OB/GYN and primary care), the provider should clearly explain how the clinic is utilized for the different services.

Providers Establishing a Care Transitions Protocol for Multiple Projects: For providers developing a care transitions protocol (Project Option 2.12) for multiple projects, the provider should clearly explain how the protocols are different for each project based on the population served, setting, etc.

Supporting Documentation

Please refer to the RHP Planning Protocols for Categories 1, 2, and 3 for guidance regarding types of supporting documentation and data sources for each metric. The planning protocols are available at the following link: <http://www.hhsc.state.tx.us/1115-Waiver-Guideline.shtml>.

Additional guidance is provided below for many of the most commonly selected milestones and metrics. Note: this guidance is regarding information that should be included in supporting documentation. HHSC is not prescribing the format of documentation for DY2 (e.g. outline of gap assessments, format of meeting agendas/sign-ins).

CATEGORY 1

For any metrics requiring completion of a gap assessment, please include additional information to address the following questions:

- Is the selected project in an area of high need for the Medicaid/uninsured population?
- How would the selected project impact/benefit the Medicaid/uninsured population?
- Does the gap assessment include a clear description of what the initiative is going to focus on to address gaps?

Project Option: 1.1

Milestone: P-1 Establish additional/expand existing/relocate primary care clinics

Supporting Documentation Guidance:

- Planning Protocol:
 - Metric P-1.1: Number of additional clinics or expanded hours or space.
 - Provide documentation of detailed expansion plans.
 - Data source: New primary care schedule or other Performing Provider document or other plans as designated by Performing Provider.
- Additional Guidance:
 - For additional, expanded, or relocated primary care clinics, provide documentation such as blueprints or design plans, lease/contract, picture of facility with address, new primary care schedule, etc., as applicable. Also include narrative description in metric reporting or attach separately.
 - For new primary care providers and staff (if applicable), provide signed contract(s) or other documentation for new providers and staff with starting dates, new primary care schedule, etc. Sensitive information such as salaries may

be redacted.

Project Option: 1.1

Milestone: P-5 Train/hire additional primary care providers and staff and/or increase the number of primary care clinics for existing providers

Supporting Documentation Guidance:

- Planning Protocol:
 - Metric P-5.1.: Documentation of increased number of providers and staff and/or clinic sites.
 - Data Source: Provide documentation of completion of all items described by the RHP plan for this measure. Hospital or other Performing Provider report, policy, contract or other documentation.
- Additional Guidance:
 - For new primary care providers and staff (if applicable), provide signed contract(s) or other documentation for new providers and staff with starting dates, new primary care schedule, etc. Sensitive information such as salaries may be redacted.
 - For training, provide documentation of who attended training and when.
 - For increased number of primary care clinics, provide documentation such as blueprints or design plans, lease/contract, picture of facility with address, new primary care schedule, etc., as applicable. Also include narrative description in metric reporting or attach separately.

Project Option: 1.1

Milestone: P-4 Expand the hours of a primary care clinic, including evening and/or weekend hours

Supporting Documentation Guidance:

- Planning Protocol:
 - Metric P-4.1: Increased number of hours at primary care clinic over baseline.
 - Data source: Clinic documentation.
- Additional Guidance:
 - For expanded hours at existing clinics, provide documentation of previous schedule and new schedule.
 - For new primary care providers and staff (if applicable), provide signed contract(s) or other documentation for new providers and staff with starting

dates, new primary care schedule, etc. Sensitive information such as salaries may be redacted.

Project Option: 1.2

Milestone: P-2 Expand primary care training for primary care providers, including physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, registered nurses, certified midwives, case managers, pharmacists, dentists

Supporting Documentation Guidance:

- Planning Protocol:
 - Metric P-2.2: Hire additional precepting primary care faculty members. Demonstrate improvement over prior reporting period (baseline for DY2).
 - Provide documentation of applications and agreements to expand training programs.
 - Data source: Training program documentation.
- Additional Guidance:
 - For new primary care faculty members, provide signed contract(s) or other documentation with starting dates.

Project Option: 1.9

Milestone: P-1 Conduct specialty care gap assessment based on community need

Supporting Documentation Guidance:

- Planning Protocol:
 - Metric P-1.1: Documentation of gap assessment. Demonstrate improvement over prior reporting period (baseline for DY2).
 - Document gap assessment.
 - Data source: Needs Assessment.
- Additional Guidance:
 - In the gap assessment, the questions outlined in Appendix C of the *CMS Initial Review Findings: Companion Instructions for Resubmission to CMS* should also be addressed: <http://www.hpsc.state.tx.us/1115-docs/RHP/Plans/companion.pdf>

Project Option: 1.9

Milestone: P-11 Launch/expand a specialty care clinic (e.g., pain management clinic)

Supporting Documentation Guidance:

- Planning Protocol:
 - Metric P-11.1: Establish/expand specialty care clinics.
 - Document number of patients served by specialty care clinics.
 - Data source: documentation of new/expanded specialty care clinic.
- Additional Guidance:
 - For additional or expanded specialty care clinics, provide documentation such as blueprints or design plans, lease/contract, picture of facility with address, new specialty care schedule, etc. Also include narrative description in metric reporting or attach separately.
 - For new specialty care providers and staff (if applicable), provide signed contract(s) or other documentation for new providers and staff with starting dates, new primary care schedule, etc. Sensitive information such as salaries may be redacted.
 - For number of patients served, provide narrative description with data reports to show previous number of patients and expanded number of patients.

Project Option: 1.12

Milestone: P-3 Develop administrative protocols and clinical guidelines for projects selected (i.e., protocols for a mobile clinic or guidelines for a transportation program).

Supporting Documentation Guidance:

- Planning Protocol:
 - Metric: Manual of operations for the project detailing administrative protocols and clinical guidelines
 - Data source: Administrative protocols; clinical guidelines
- Additional Guidance:
 - Provide administrative protocols and clinical guidelines for individual projects based on protocols and guidelines offered by professional associations relevant to the project option domain or based on protocols or guidelines adapted from other states, etc. As applicable, Manual of operations should clearly outline the process related to the services provided, including:
 - who is eligible for services
 - when, how and by whom services will be provided
 - processes around project documentation
 - procedures related to patient follow-up

CATEGORY 2

Project Option: 2.2

Milestone: P-3 Develop a comprehensive care management program

Supporting Documentation Guidance:

- Planning Protocol:
 - Metric P-3.2: Increase the number of patients enrolled in a care management program over baseline.
 - Provide number of patients enrolled in a care management program.
 - Data source: Program enrollment records.
- Additional Guidance:
 - Describe what services are provided in the comprehensive care management program, which patients are eligible, how patients are identified and processes around patient enrollment in the care management program.
 - For number of patients enrolled, provide narrative description with data reports to show baseline number of patients receiving care management services and expanded number of patients receiving care management services. When possible, provide detail around frequency of services used and other relevant trends in utilization.

Project Option: 2.6

Milestone: P-2 Development of evidence-based projects for targeted population based on distilling the needs assessment and determining priority of interventions for the community.

Supporting Documentation Guidance:

- Planning Protocol:
 - Metric P-2.1: Document innovational strategy and plan.
 - Data source: Performing Provider evidence of innovational plan.
- Additional Guidance:

Also provide narrative description of how priority interventions were identified, including how the selected priority intervention(s) address the needs assessment and the anticipated impact of the interventions on the target population.

Project Option: 2.7

Milestone: P-1 Development of innovative evidence-based project for targeted population

Supporting Documentation Guidance:

- Planning Protocol:
 - Metric P-1.1: Document innovational strategy and plan.
 - Provide documentation of innovational strategy and plan.
 - Data source: Performing Provider evidence of innovational plan.
- Additional Guidance:
 - Also provide narrative description of how target population was identified, including a description of how evidence based guidelines or interventions have been adapted to fit the target population.

Project Option: 2.8

Milestone: P-1 Target specific workflows, processes and/or clinical areas to improve

Supporting Documentation Guidance:

- Planning Protocol:
 - Metric P-1.1: Performing Provider review and prioritization of areas or processes to improve upon.
 - Submit Performing Provider report of review and prioritization of areas or processes to improve upon.
 - Data source: TBD by Performing Provider.
- Additional Guidance:
 - Provide narrative description of methods used to identify specific workflows, processes, and/or clinical areas were selected for improvement, e.g., Process mapping, root cause analysis, fishbone diagrams, Pareto Analysis, Force field analysis, etc.
 - Provide narrative description of activities and what will be achieved.

Project Option: 2.13

Milestone: P-2 Design community-based specialized interventions for target populations.

Supporting Documentation Guidance:

- Planning Protocol:
 - Metric P-2.1: Project plans which are based on evidence / experience and which address the project goals.
 - Document project plans based on evidence/experience and which address the project goals.

- Data source: Project Documentation.
- Additional Guidance:
 - In project documentation, provide narrative description of how target population was identified, including a description of how evidence based guidelines or interventions have been adapted to fit the target population.

Project Option: 2.15

Milestone: P-2 Identify existing clinics or other community-based settings where integration could be supported. It is expected that physical health practitioners will share space in existing behavioral health settings, but it may also be possible to include both in new settings or for physicians to share their office space with behavioral health practitioners.

Supporting Documentation Guidance:

- Planning Protocol:
 - Metric P-2.1: Discussions/Interviews with community healthcare providers (physical and behavioral), city and county governments, charities, faith-based organizations and other community based helping organizations.
 - Document discussions/interviews with community healthcare providers (physical and behavioral), city and county governments, charities, faith-based organizations and other community based helping organizations.
 - Data source: Information from persons interviewed.
- Additional Guidance:
 - Provide list of interviews and analysis of interview results.

Project Option: 2.15

Milestone: P-3 Develop and implement a set of standards to be used for integrated services to ensure effective information sharing, proper handling of referrals of behavioral health clients to physical health providers and vice versa

Supporting Documentation Guidance:

- Planning Protocol:
 - Metric P-3.1: Provide documentation of number and types of referrals that are made between providers at the location.
 - Metric P-3.2: Provide documentation of number of referrals that are made outside of the location.
 - Metric P-3.3: Provide documentation of number of referrals which follow the established standards.

- Data source for all metrics: Surveys of providers to determine the degree and quality of information sharing; review of referral data and survey results.
- Additional Guidance:
 - Also submit standards that were developed and implemented.

CATEGORY 3

NOTE: HHSC will only accept reporting of Category 3 Process Milestones for August DY2 reporting. Performing Providers that included Improvement Targets in DY2 may only report on these for October DY2 reporting.

Process Milestone P-1: Project planning - engage stakeholders, identify current capacity and needed resources, determine timelines and document implementation plans

Supporting Documentation Guidance:

- Provide project planning documents such as timelines, implementation plans, and other planning documents as applicable, including a description of how plans were developed with stakeholder engagement; how priority issues/opportunities were identified; who (individuals or organizations/institutions) will have a role to play in the project outcomes; etc.

Process Milestone P-2: Establish baseline rates

Supporting Documentation Guidance:

- Identify one or more target populations for which the outcome will be measured.
- Provide baseline rates with narrative description of how baseline rates were established.

Process Milestone P-3: Develop and test data systems

Supporting Documentation Guidance:

- Provide data system documentation as applicable.
- Provide narrative to describe process for identifying gaps in available data, preparing data system, and evaluating data system.

- Describe what types of data will be input into the system, who and how the data points are collected from clinical records and how data will be used to measure results in the improvement target,
- Provider may also include other outcomes of interest that relate to the project.

Process Milestone P-4: Conduct Plan Do Study Act (PDSA) cycles to improve data collection and intervention activities

Supporting Documentation Guidance:

- Provide summary documentation of PDSA cycles, including key outputs from each stage of the cycle.
- Include narrative description of what was tested and why; what the intervention was trying to accomplish; how results were measured; etc.

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All information submitted for DY 2 DSRIP reporting by Texas Healthcare Transformation and Quality Improvement Program §1115 Waiver participants is subject to the Public Information Act ("Act"), Chapter 552 of the Government Code. Certain information, such as commercial or financial information the disclosure of which would cause significant competitive harm, is excepted from public disclosure according to the Act. If you believe that the documentation submitted through this system is excepted from the Act, please note that belief at the beginning of your submission, including the particular exception you would claim.

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Definitions

"Breach" means any unauthorized acquisition, access, use, or disclosure of confidential Client Information in a manner not permitted by [this incentive program] or applicable law. Additionally:

(1) HIPAA Breach of PHI. With respect to Protected Health Information ("PHI") pursuant to HIPAA regulations and guidance, any unauthorized acquisition, access, use, or disclosure of PHI in a manner not permitted by the HIPAA Privacy Regulations is presumed to be a Breach unless Provider, as applicable, demonstrates that there is a low probability that the PHI has been compromised. Compromise will be determined by a documented Risk Assessment including at least the following factors:

- i. The nature and extent of the Confidential Information involved, including the types of identifiers and the likelihood of re-identification of PHI;

- ii. The unauthorized person who used or to whom PHI was disclosed;
- iii. Whether the Confidential Information was actually acquired or viewed; and
- iv. The extent to which the risk to PHI has been mitigated.

With respect to PHI, a “breach,” pursuant to HIPAA Breach Regulations and regulatory guidance excludes:

(A) Any unintentional acquisition, access or use of PHI by a workforce member or person acting under the authority of HHSC or Provider if such acquisition, access, or use was made in good faith and within the scope of authority and does not result in further use or disclosure in a manner not permitted under the HIPAA Privacy Regulations.

(B) Any inadvertent disclosure by a person who is authorized to access PHI at HHSC or Provider to another person authorized to access PHI at the same HHSC or Provider location, or organized health care arrangement as defined by HIPAA in which HHSC participates, and the information received as a result of such disclosure is not further used or disclosed in a manner not permitted under the HIPAA Privacy Regulations.

(C) A disclosure of PHI where Provider demonstrates a good faith belief that an unauthorized person to whom the disclosure was made would not reasonably have been able to retain such information, pursuant to HIPAA Breach Regulations and regulatory guidance.

(2) Texas Breach of SPI. Breach means “Breach of System Security,” applicable to electronic Sensitive Personal Information (SPI) as defined by the Texas Breach Law. The currently undefined phrase in the Texas Breach Law, “compromises the security, confidentiality, or integrity of sensitive personal information,” will be interpreted in HHSC’s sole discretion, including without limitation, directing Provider to document a Risk Assessment of any reasonable likelihood of harm or loss to an individual, taking into consideration relevant fact-specific information about the breach, including without limitation, any legal requirements the unauthorized person is subject to regarding confidential Client Information to protect and further safeguard the data from unauthorized use or disclosure, or the receipt of satisfactory assurance from the person that the person agrees to further protect and safeguard, return and/or destroy the data to the satisfaction of HHSC. Breached SPI that is also PHI will be considered a HIPAA breach, to the extent applicable.

(3) Any unauthorized use or disclosure as defined by any other law and any regulations adopted there under regarding Confidential Information.

“Client Information” means Personally Identifiable Information about or concerning recipients of benefits under one or more public assistance programs administered by HHSC.

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(1) The following identifiers of the Individual or of relatives, employers, or household members of the individual, are removed from the information:

(A) Names;

(B) All geographic subdivisions smaller than a State, including street address, city, county, precinct, zip code, and their equivalent geocodes, except for the initial three digits of a zip code if, according to the current publicly available data from the Bureau of the Census:

(i) The geographic unit formed by combining all zip codes with the same three initial digits contains more than 20,000 people; and

(ii) The initial three digits of a zip code for all such geographic units containing 20,000 or fewer people is changed to 000.

(C) All elements of dates (except year) for dates directly related to an Individual, including birth date, admission date, discharge date, date of death; and all ages over 89 and all elements of dates (including year) indicative of such age, except that such ages and elements may be aggregated into a single category of age 90 or older;

(D) Telephone numbers;

(E) Fax numbers;

(F) Electronic mail addresses;

(G) Social security numbers;

(H) Medical record numbers (including without limitation, Medicaid Identification Number);

(I) Health plan beneficiary numbers;

(J) Account numbers;

(K) Certificate/license numbers;

(L) Vehicle identifiers and serial numbers, including license plate numbers;

(M) Device identifiers and serial numbers;

(N) Web Universal Resource Locators (URLs);

(O) Internet Protocol (IP) address numbers;

(P) Biometric identifiers, including finger and voice prints;

(Q) Full face photographic images and any comparable images; and

(R) Any other unique identifying number, characteristic, or code, except as permitted by paragraph (C) of this section; and

(2) Neither HHSC nor Provider has actual knowledge that the information could be used alone or in combination with other information to identify an Individual who is a subject of the information."

"Discovery" means the first day on which an Event or Breach becomes known to Provider, or, by exercising reasonable diligence would have been known to Provider and includes Events or Breaches discovered by or reported to Provider, its officers, directors, partners, employees, agents, work force members, subcontractors or third-parties (such as legal authorities and/or Individuals).

"Encryption" of confidential information means, as described in 45 C.F.R. §164.304, the HIPAA Security Regulations, the use of an algorithmic process to transform data into a form in which there is a low probability of assigning meaning without the use of a confidential process or key and such confidential process or key that might enable decryption has not been breached. To avoid a breach of the confidential process or key, these decryption tools will be stored on a device or at a location separate from the data they are used to encrypt or decrypt.

“HIPAA” means the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, as amended by the HITECH ACT and regulations thereunder including without limitation HIPAA Omnibus Rules, in 45 CFR Parts 160 and 164. Public Law 104-191 (42 U.S.C. §1320d, *et seq.*); Public Law 111-5 (42 U.S.C. §13001 *et. seq.*).

“HIPAA Privacy Regulations” means the HIPAA Privacy Regulations codified at 45 C.F.R. Part 160 and 45 C.F.R. Part 164, Subpart A, Subpart D and Subpart E.

“HIPAA Security Regulations” means the HIPAA Security Regulations codified at 45 C.F.R. Part 160 and 45 C.F.R. Part 164 Subpart A and Subpart C, and Subpart D.

“HITECH Act” means the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act (P.L. 111-5), and regulations adopted under that act.

“Individual” means the subject of confidential information, including without limitation Protected Health Information, and who will include the subject's Legally authorized representative who qualifies under the HIPAA privacy regulation as a Legally authorized representative of the Individual wherein HIPAA defers to Texas law for determination, for example, without limitation as provided in Tex. Occ. Code § 151.002(6); Tex. H. & S. Code §166.164; and Texas Prob. Code § 3. “Legally authorized representative” of the Individual, as defined by Texas law, for example, without limitation as provided in Tex. Occ. Code § 151.002(6); Tex. H. & S. Code §166.164; and Texas Prob. Code § 3, includes:

- (1) a parent or legal guardian if the Individual is a minor;
- (2) a legal guardian if the Individual has been adjudicated incompetent to manage the Individual's personal affairs;
- (3) an agent of the Individual authorized under a durable power of attorney for health care;
- (4) an attorney ad litem appointed for the Individual;
- (5) a guardian ad litem appointed for the Individual;
- (6) a personal representative or statutory beneficiary if the Individual is deceased;
- (7) an attorney retained by the Individual or by another person listed herein; or
- (8) If an individual is deceased, their personal representative must be the executor, independent executor, administrator, independent administrator, or temporary administrator of the estate.

“Personally Identifiable Information” or “PII” means information that can be used to uniquely identify, contact, or locate a single Individual or can be used with other sources to uniquely identify a single Individual.

“Protected Health Information” or “PHI” means individually identifiable health information in any form that is created or received by a HIPAA covered entity, and relates to the Individual's healthcare condition, provision of healthcare, or payment for the provision of healthcare, as further described and defined in the HIPAA. PHI includes demographic information unless such information is De-identified, as defined above. PHI includes without limitation, electronic PHI, and unsecure PHI. PHI includes PHI of a deceased individual within 50 years of the date of death.

“Unsecured Protected Health Information” means PHI that is not rendered unusable, unreadable, or indecipherable to unauthorized Persons through the use of a technology or methodology specified by the HITECH Act regulations and HIPAA Security Regulations. Unsecured PHI does not include secure PHI, which is:

- (1) Encrypted electronic Protected Health Information; or
- (2) Destruction of the media on which the Protected Health Information is stored.