

Anchor Conference Call

AGENDA

July 24, 2020

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

1. General Anchor Communication

- Thanks for your continued work!

2. DSRIP Implementation

COVID-19 Updates: Thank you for the feedback on the PFM changes due to COVID-19. HHSC has been in discussions with CMS on the proposed changes. CMS does not agree with the use of measure class averages for determining achievement values for all measures and prefers using measure averages for most measures. Although most measures will use DY8 (PY2 – CY2019) achievement values or DY9 (PY3 – CY2020) achievement values under either scenario, HHSC continues to negotiate with CMS on the use of averages.

HHSC received several stakeholder comments about knowing the updated DY9 allowable variation for Category B MLIU PPP prior to August 2020. Although the DY9 allowable variation has not been determined yet, HHSC did want to communicate that we are considering updating it within the 30-50% range based on preliminary data and the duration of COVID-19 during DY9. The final number will likely require CMS agreement.

DY9 Round 1 (April) Reporting

- Reporting Timeline:
 - **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. Note that there are separate transactions for each DY.
 - **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.
- DY9 Round 1 payment summaries are posted by Category and Measure and Category C Milestone on the waiver website. Total payments to date have also been updated to include DY9 Round 1 payments.
 - [Category and Measure Payment Summary](#)
 - [Category C Milestone Summary](#)
 - [DY1-10 Total Payments to Date](#)

DSRIP DY9-10 Rule Amendment:

- Overview:
 - Texas DSRIP for DYs 7-10 is governed by the Program Funding and Mechanics (PFM) Protocol, the Measure Bundle Protocol (MBP), and associated rules. HHSC negotiates the protocols with CMS and adopts rules reflecting the CMS-approved protocols.
 - HHSC posted the PFM Protocol proposal for DYs 9-10, along with a survey to solicit feedback on the proposal, to the Transformation Waiver website on January 3, 2019. HHSC considered the survey responses in finalizing the proposal that HHSC submitted to CMS on March 29, 2019. HHSC adopted rules, November 12, 2019, for DYs 9-10 that reflect this PFM Protocol proposal.
 - HHSC posted the MBP proposal for DYs 9-10, along with a survey to solicit feedback on the proposal, to the Transformation Waiver website on June 6, 2019. HHSC considered the survey responses in finalizing the proposal that HHSC submitted to CMS on July 31, 2019.

- During the approval process, CMS required certain changes to the state’s PFM protocol proposal and the MBP proposal. Once these changes were made, CMS approved both protocols on September 17, 2019. This amendment reflects the final versions of the PFM protocol and MBP approved by CMS.
- Stakeholder Input Process:
 - The rule amendment was published as proposed in the July 17, 2020 issue of the [Texas Register](#) for public comment. The public comment period will end August 17, 2020.

Compliance Monitoring Update: HHSC has received the results of round 1a review from MSLC and is reviewing them. Providers should review their MSLC results and determine whether revisions to PY2 data and other measures will be required in October. All providers that had revised baseline and PY1 data as part of their monitoring review will need to resubmit their PY2 data in October to ensure consistent reporting methodology across baseline and performance years.

MSLC continues to work through round 1b reviews and HHSC expects to have results in September.

3. DSRIP Transition

Best Practices Workgroup: HHSC's next meeting with Workgroup members is on Wednesday, August 5, 2020 to review *Survey 2: Prioritizing Key Practices* final results and discuss next steps.

Partner Engagement: HHSC will be holding its next quarterly DSRIP Partner Engagement meeting via webinar on Wednesday, August 26, 2020 at 2:00 PM. HHSC will provide updates on the DSRIP Transition progress, additional upcoming opportunities for partner engagement, and will give partners the opportunity to ask questions. Please register for the webinar using this link: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/3382285091964590604>.

4. Other Information for Anchors

DSRIP Statewide Events Calendar

August 2020

RHP	Date	Topic	Contact
07	8/6/2020	Virtual RHP 7 Stakeholder Update Register here	Katie Coburn

September 2020

RHP	Date	Topic	Contact
06	9/2/2020 9/9/2020 9/16/2020 9/23/2020	RHP 6 Learning Collaborative & Stakeholder Forum (virtual webinar series) Register here	Carol Huber