

November 12, 2021

1:30 - 3:00 PM CST

### 1. General Anchor Communication

- Thanks for your continued work!
- There will not be an anchor call on November 26, 2021. HHSC will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 25-26, for the Thanksgiving holiday. Happy Thanksgiving!

### 2. DSRIP Implementation

#### DSRIP One-year Extension

- In a letter on September 7, 2021, HHSC accepted CMS's offer to extend DSRIP for one year. The DSRIP team drafted the waiver amendment and PFM and MBP changes required to implement the extension.
  - Materials are posted on the HHSC website, [Waiver Overview](#) page, under "November 1, 2021, Proposed Amendment for One-Year DSRIP Extension (DY11)."
  - On November 3, the DSRIP team hosted a webinar on proposed changes to the PFM and MBP. The webinar recording is available [here](#).
  - Stakeholder feedback on the DY11 changes to the PFM and MBP may be submitted through the [Microsoft Form](#) by Monday, November 15, 2021, 5:00 pm CST.
  - HHSC plans to submit the amendment package to CMS the week of November 22.

#### October DY10 Reporting

- **Timeline**
  - **November 16, 2021** – HHSC will post the estimated IGT due for October reporting based on milestones and metrics reported as achieved. Final IGT due will be based on HHSC review and approval.
  - **November 19, 2021, 5:00 pm** – Due date for IGT Entities to approve and comment on their affiliated providers' October reported progress on metrics using the IGT tab for DY7-10 projects.
  - **December 1, 2021**– Due date for submitting any IGT changes in entities or proportion of IGT among entities to HHSC.
  - **December 10, 2021** - HHSC and CMS will complete their review and approval of October DY10 reports or request additional information (referred to as NMI) regarding the data reported.
  - **December 14, 2021** - Estimated date for Provider Finance to send IGT notification.
  - **January 5, 2022** – IGT settlement date for October reporting.
  - **January 14, 2022, 11:59pm** - Due date for providers to submit responses to HHSC requests for additional information (NMI requests).
  - **January 19, 2022** – October reporting DY10 DSRIP payments processed for transferring hospitals.

- **January 28, 2022** – October reporting DY9 DSRIP payments for all providers and DY10 DSRIP payments processed for providers that were not paid on January 19, 2022.
- **February 25, 2022** - HHSC and CMS will approve or deny the additional information submitted in response to HHSC comments on October reported milestone/metric achievement.

### **Anchor Admin Cost Claiming**

- Anchors should submit the cost claiming template, the percent-of-effort template, and the cost report certification to the program inbox ([TXHealthcareTransformation@hhsc.state.tx.us](mailto:TXHealthcareTransformation@hhsc.state.tx.us)) by Monday, 11/15/21. Please send any questions regarding anchor admin cost claiming or template issues to the program inbox by 5 p.m. on Friday, 11/12/21.
- Please note that HHSC does send confirmation emails when cost claiming submissions are received. If anchors do not receive a confirmation email within two business days of submitting cost claiming, please contact the program inbox again.

### **Compliance Monitoring**

- MSLC has started Category C round 4 reviews. The review round is scheduled for September 2021 through February 2022. Providers should direct any audit-specific questions to [MSLC](#) and copy the [HHSC Compliance Mailbox](#).

## **3. DSRIP Transition**

### **DY11 Proposed Directed Payment Programs (DPPs)**

- HHSC sent a letter to CMS accepting the offer made by CMS to extend the DSRIP program, the Uniform Hospital Rate Increase Program (UHRIP), and the Quality Incentive Payment Program (QIPP) for Fiscal Year 2022. HHSC also committed in the letter to continued collaboration on state-directed payments (SDPs) with CMS as required by the 1115 Texas Healthcare Transformation and Quality Improvement Program Waiver (Waiver).
- We do not have any final or formal decisions on the DPPs. However, in the most recent round of questions received from CMS (on Wednesday, Nov 10), there were no questions related to the quality aspects of the programs.
- Based on ongoing discussions with CMS, provider reporting originally scheduled for October was delayed. We will be communicating the reporting timeline via a Gov Delivery notification that should be posted next week. Providers should still expect to report twice per program year on the DPPs.
- Reminder: sign up/update Gov Delivery Notices for the applicable DPP here: <https://service.govdelivery.com/accounts/TXHHSC/subscriber/new>.
- Continue sending questions related to DPP measures, performance requirements, specifications, and reporting: [DPPQuality@hhs.texas.gov](mailto:DPPQuality@hhs.texas.gov).
- If you have financial questions, including eligibility and estimated IGT, you can email the Provider Finance Department (PFD) at the following e-mail addresses:

<b>CHIRP</b>	<a href="mailto:PFD_Hospitals@hhsc.state.tx.us">PFD_Hospitals@hhsc.state.tx.us</a>
<b>TIPPS</b>	<a href="mailto:PFDAcuteCare@hhs.texas.gov">PFDAcuteCare@hhs.texas.gov</a>
<b>RAPPS</b>	<a href="mailto:PFD_Hospitals@hhsc.state.tx.us">PFD_Hospitals@hhsc.state.tx.us</a>
<b>DPP BHS</b>	<a href="mailto:PFDAcuteCare@hhs.texas.gov">PFDAcuteCare@hhs.texas.gov</a>

**Reminder: DPP Webpages**

HHSC has created a webpage for [Medicaid & CHIP Directed Payment Programs](#). Documents related to the proposed DY11 DPPs can be found on each program-specific site:

- [CHIRP](#)
- [DPP BHS](#)
- [RAPPS](#)
- [TIPPS](#)

HHSC has also created a general webpage for the [Directed Payment Programs](#). This webpage includes operational information for each DPP as well as CMS and HHSC correspondence related to the DPPs in 2021.