

January 7, 2022

1:30 - 3:00 PM CST

1. General Anchor Communication

- Happy New Year! We hope you had a wonderful holiday break!
- HHSC offices will be closed January 17th for MLK Day.

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](#).
 - The DSRIP extension amendment request for demonstration year (DY) 11 is on hold. HHSC is reviewing the impact of the November 15 letter from CMS on the DSRIP extension amendment. HHSC is still moving forward with rule development for the program extension.

DSRIP October DY10 Reporting

- **Timeline**
 - **January 14, 2022, 11:59 p.m.** - 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. There are separate transactions for each DY.
 - **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.

Compliance Monitoring

- MSLC is continuing work on 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

Public Hearings for DPP Year Quality Measures and Requirements

- HHSC will conduct public hearings next week to receive public comment on proposed quality measures and reporting requirements for year 2 of the directed payment programs (DPPs).
- Quality measures and Requirements will be posted to each of the DPP web pages by Monday, 1/10/22. Additional information is available on the HHS Events pages linked below. The hearings schedule is as follows:
 - [Directed Payment Program for Behavioral Health Services \(DPP BHS\)](#): 1/11/22 at 9:30 AM
 - [Rural Access to Primary and Preventive Services \(RAPPS\)](#): 1/11/22 at 2:00 PM
 - [Comprehensive Hospital Increased Reimbursement Program \(CHIRP\)](#): 1/13/22 at 9:30 AM
 - [Texas Incentives for Physicians and Professional Services \(TIPPS\)](#): 1/13/22 at 2:00 PM
- Written comments regarding the proposed measures and reporting requirements may be submitted electronically beginning 1/10/22 using each of the links on the HHS Events pages until 11:59 p.m. on January 31, 2022.

Proposed Directed Payment Programs (DPPs)

- We do not have any final or formal decisions on Comprehensive Hospital Increased Reimbursement Program (CHIRP), Rural Access to Primary and Preventive Services (RAPPS) or Texas Incentives for Physicians and Professional Services (TIPPS).
- CMS has indicated the primary concern is regarding financing of the non-federal share – specifically regarding LPPFs. All communication between HHSC and CMS is posted at <https://www.hhs.texas.gov/providers/medicaid-supplemental-payment-directed-payment-programs/directed-payment-programs> (scroll to the bottom of the page).
- Based on ongoing discussions with CMS, provider reporting originally scheduled for October was delayed. In a GovDelivery notification posted on 11/19/21, HHSC communicated that DPP reporting would commence 35 calendar days after a CMS approval of the program.
- Reminder: sign up/update GovDelivery Notices for the applicable DPP here: <https://service.govdelivery.com/accounts/TXHHSC/subscriber/new>.

HHSC Contacts

- Continue sending questions related to DPP measures, performance requirements, specifications, and reporting: 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:

CHIRP	PFD_Hospitals@hhsc.state.tx.us
TIPPS	pfd_tipps@hhs.texas.gov
RAPPS	PFD_Hospitals@hhsc.state.tx.us
DPP BHS	pfd_dppbhs@hhs.texas.gov

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.