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# DSRIP Update

## DSRIP Transition Plan Review

The updated Transition Plan that was submitted to CMS in February has been posted to [the HHSC website](#). Please note, this plan has not received final approval as CMS and HHSC are focused on COVID-19 response.

We are assessing whether changes are needed to any CMS deliverable due dates because of delays in milestone work as a result of the coronavirus response. At this time, we do not expect implementation timelines for new proposals to change. However, the situation continues to evolve and HHSC will adjust our response as necessary.

## Partner Engagement

### Quarterly Meetings

HHSC held its first Partner Engagement Quarterly Meeting on February 12, 2020. Slides from the presentation, along with the Partner Engagement Plan, are available on the [HHSC Waiver Renewal](#) website.

HHSC will be holding its next quarterly DSRIP Partner Engagement meeting via webinar on May 15, 2020 from 2-3pm. Please use the following link to register for the webinar: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7236744046798169355>.

### Best Practices Workgroup

The Best Practices Workgroup Kick-Off Meeting took place on January 8, 2020. The Workgroup's first task was to prioritize out of 41 meaningful measures from DSRIP, those that have been key for driving improvements in the health status of clients, delivery system reform, and quality improvement. From January to March 2020, Workgroup members completed the first round of *Survey 1: Prioritizing Key Measures*, participated in teleconference meetings by focus area to discuss the preliminary results, and completed the second and final round of Survey 1. HHSC shared the final results for Survey 1 with the Workgroup in a webinar on March 17, 2020.

The Workgroup's second task is to prioritize practices from DSRIP that have been key for driving improvements in the health status of clients, delivery system reform, and quality improvement. The practices included in *Survey 2: Prioritizing Key Practices* represent

the practices in DSRIP-reported data that were most commonly implemented by providers and/or associated with the 18 key measures identified by the Workgroup from Survey 1 final results. The first round of Survey 2 closed on April 14, 2020. HHSC is currently analyzing the preliminary results, which will be discussed with Workgroup members in teleconference meetings based on focus areas in late April.

## **DSRIP Transition Milestone Progress**

All DSRIP Milestone work is currently in progress. Groups are researching various programs in other states, reviewing policy developments and health literature, and conducting analyses to inform potential new programs for Demonstration Years 11, 12, and beyond.

### **States contacted or scheduled to contact:**

- California
- Massachusetts
- New York
- New Jersey
- New Hampshire
- Ohio
- Utah
- Pennsylvania

### **Analyses in progress:**

- HHSC surveyed rural hospitals to assess their use of telemedicine/telehealth and any barriers. Milestone team members are working to summarize and analyze the survey responses of 46 hospitals.
- HHSC surveyed anchors and providers in late February to collect feedback on the Regional Health Partnership framework used in DSRIP. Milestone team members are working to summarize and analyze the survey responses.
- HHSC is reviewing the current draft of the Value Based Payment Roadmap for revision and has distributed a survey to MCOs regarding Alternative Payment Model (APMs) opportunities and challenges. The survey closes EOD April 29, 2020.
- HHSC is analyzing services that providers reported using in DSRIP and comparing those with billing codes covered in the Medicaid State Plan and waivers. DSRIP providers will be surveyed to provide qualitative feedback on the effectiveness of those services provided through DSRIP that are not already benefits in Medicaid.
- HHSC has distributed a survey for MCOs on Quality Improvement costs to collect feedback and questions MCOs may have regarding allowable costs. The survey closes EOD April 23, 2020.