

*New Jersey Department of Health
DSRIP Program Update
January 2018*

Below are DSRIP Program updates for January 2018:

DY5 Appeals

- All DY5 appeals have been reviewed by NJ and have been submitted to CMS for review. CMS review response is due to NJ by the end of February 2018.

DY6-DY8 Funding and Mechanics Protocol

- NJ submitted a draft Funding and Mechanics Protocol [FMP] to CMS in August 2017, and while there have been discussions between CMS and NJ, CMS has yet to provide NJ with its final comments to the FMP. Once CMS provides review comments, an update will be provided to the hospital industry, and the FMP will be finalized.
- For DY6 - DY8, the bullets below explain major updates to the FMP under consideration.
 - DY7 - 8: CMS required changes that include the current Stage 1 and 2 activities being replaced with a new Stage 1.
 - DY7 – 8: The current Stage 4 funding will consist of 50% pay-for-performance and 50% pay-for-reporting performance measures.
 - DY7 – 8: A greater portion of UPP funding will be at risk and dependent on performance measure achievement.
 - DY6 – 8: The performance measure hierarchy that sets Improvement Target Goals will include more national benchmarks.

DY6-DY8 Planning Protocol

- NJ submitted a draft Planning Protocol to CMS in August 2017. CMS has not yet discussed or provided comments to NJ.

DY6 Semi-Annual 1 Progress Report

- Forty-six hospitals submitted DY6 Semi-Annual 1 Progress Reports by January 5, 2018. Progress reports are under review by CMS. The experience period for the progress report is April 1, 2017 through September 30, 2017.

DY6 Reapplications

- Forty-six hospitals submitted DY6 Reapplications. Reapplications are under review by NJ and then will be reviewed by CMS.

DY6 Payments to Hospitals

- CMS will not approve payments to NJ hospitals until the Funding and Mechanics Protocol has been finalized. (Note: It is not clear if CMS will need the Planning Protocol approved before hospital payments can be approved.) In addition to the FMP approval, both DY6 Reapplications and DY6 Semi-Annual 1 Progress Reports will need to be approved by CMS before hospital payments can be made.

- NJ cannot predict the timing on CMS approvals and when payments will be made to hospitals, but NJ will expedite payments once CMS required approvals are received. Stage 3 and stage 4 semi-annual payments will be made as part of DY6 interim final payments and should occur in the August/September time frame similar to prior years pending CMS approvals.

DY6 Semi-Annual 1 Standard Reporting Workbook [SRW]

- The Standard Reporting Workbook for the DY6 Semi-Annual 1 reporting period is now closed. Workbooks were due February 5, 2018 for the reporting time period January 1, 2017 through June 30, 2017.

DY6-DY8 Measure Hierarchy

- CMS has required NJ to realign its performance measure hierarchy used to establish Improvement Target Goals beginning in DY6.
- NJ has provided an updated performance measure hierarchy to CMS for review and approval and is waiting for CMS feedback. Hospitals will be notified of DY6 Improvement Target Goals as soon as NJ receives CMS approval.
- The new measure hierarchy priority is:
 - 95th percentile of National benchmark if available
 - 95th percentile of NJ statewide benchmark if available
 - 90th percentile of DSRIP-participating hospitals
 - 90% compliance for process measures
 - 95th percentile of custom ITG based on measure specification and available information for outcome measures.

Learning Collaborative [Note: Date Change]

- A Learning Collaborative was scheduled for February 8, 2018 to discuss the DY6-DY8 performance measure hierarchy and Funding and Mechanics Protocol. Since both topics are dependent on NJ reaching a resolution with CMS, **we are rescheduling the February 8th Learning Collaborative to March 8, 2018.**

Other Key DSRIP Activities/Dates in DY6:

- Databook 4.0 provides Chart/EHR updates targeted for release in February 2018.
- Databook 4.1 provides MMIS updates targeted for release in April 2018.
- DY6 Semi-Annual 2 Progress Reports are due on April 30, 2018.
- 2017 Attribution is targeted for release by the end of February 2018.
- DY6 Semi-Annual 2 and Annual Standard Reporting Workbooks are due on April 30, 2018. The Semi-Annual 2 reporting time period is July 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017. The Annual reporting time period is January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017.

NJ DOH Leadership Changes

- James Foley is no longer employed by the NJ Department of Health. Please direct all DSRIP inquiries to Michael Conca, 609-633-7531 or Michael.Conca@doh.nj.gov.