



## March 2019 DSRIP Announcements & Updates

### Dear DSRIP Program Participants,

The NJ DSRIP Team is excited to share the second issue of our monthly newsletter. We hope that you continue to find this newsletter to be a useful central source of program guidance and updates.

This month we are introducing a new segment to the newsletter, DOH Corner. In this section, the Healthcare Financing team will be sharing updates and information from DOH and their partners throughout New Jersey.

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### DOH Corner

In January, Governor Murphy and the Department of Human Services announced that Medicaid will be removing the requirement for prior authorization for Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) in Medicaid beginning April 1, 2019. Additionally, Medicaid is launching a suite of initiatives to advance accessibility to MAT. Medicaid is launching the Office Based Addiction Treatment (OBAT) program, which will create new Medicaid reimbursement incentives for primary care providers to provide MAT for addiction and standing up new Medicaid Centers of

Excellence at Rutgers New Jersey Medical School and Cooper Medical School of Rowan University to support community-based clinicians in providing opioid addiction treatment.

The Department of Human Services is also working with Rutgers and Rowan to offer training and assistance to physicians, APNs, and PAs to become DATA 2000 Waivered for prescribing buprenorphine. Those who are not yet waivered can take advantage of these DHS training opportunities and are encouraged to become waivered and participate in the new OBAT model.

A Medicaid provider newsletter will be issued through MMIS in the coming week outlining additional details, including program requirements and billing codes. If providers have specific questions in the meantime, they may reach out to Steve Tunney at [Steven.Tunney@dhs.state.nj.us](mailto:Steven.Tunney@dhs.state.nj.us).

### **DY8 Renewal Application Guidance and Templates**

The DY8 Renewal Application Guidance and Templates were distributed on 03/01/19 and are available on the NJ DSRIP [Resources](#) webpage. All NJ DSRIP participating hospitals are required to complete the DY8 Renewal Application and Budget by Monday, April 1, 2019 using the template provided by DOH. If hospital submissions do not use this template, the budget will not be accepted. Please read the updated guidance document before completing and submitting your DY8 Renewal Application.

**The DY8 Renewal Application and Budget are due from hospitals on Monday, April 1, 2019.** Please submit all responses to your NJ DSRIP SFTP Hospital Outbound folder. If you have any questions regarding the DY8 Renewal Applications, please email [NJDSRIP@pcgus.com](mailto:NJDSRIP@pcgus.com).

### **SRW & MVT Update: Revised Due Date & FAQ**

#### **Revised due date**

As a result of hospital feedback, the due date for Standard Reporting Workbooks (SRWs) and Measurement Validation Templates (MVTs) has been moved to April 30, 2019.

#### **Questions from Hospitals**

Hospitals have been submitting questions about the SRW and MVT and the NJ DSRIP team has subsequently developed a helpful FAQ to address these questions. Please see below:

**Q:** We have a measure that shows up as a Stage 2 measure, a Stage 3 measure, and a UPP measure. For each stage the goals are different. Does this mean that this measure is viewed differently or has different targets depending on what stage it is in?

**A:** Yes, measures that repeat across program stages do have different targets applied when calculating a Hospital's success in earning an Achievement Value (AV) based on the stage in which the measure appears. In Stage 2 hospitals must meet the Expected Improvement Target Goal (EITG) to earn an AV. In Stage 3 hospitals must improve by 5% annually, or 2% annually if they are high performers, to earn an AV. For details about how to earn AVs in Stage 3 please review the following sections of the FMP: VI.B.vi; VII.B.i; VII.C.ii; VII.C.ii. Hospitals can earn AVs in the UPP stage by remaining at or improving over their baseline performance. The same measure will have different targets based on the stage it is in.

**Q:** DSRIP Measure #31 Controlling High Blood Pressure: Can the evidence of ESRD or Kidney Transplant from prior years count towards the exclusion?

**A:** Yes, the evidence can be from prior years so long as there is a dated note in the medical record.

**Q:** On the Measure Validation Template on the Abstraction Tab for the question "Approximately how long did it take to recover the necessary data?". Are you referring to how long we took to validate the data from the queries we run with the output or the time it took just to collect the data without the time we spend to validate it?

**A:** The Department is interested in understanding the level of effort that it takes to retrieve the data used in the different chart measures. As such in this case the hospital should include both the time spent collecting the data as well as the time spent validating it.

### **In-Person Learning Collaborative: March 20, 2019**

#### **REGISTER!**

Wednesday, March 20, 2019  
10:30AM – 3:30PM

NJHA Conference Center  
760 Alexander Rd  
Princeton, NJ

This event requires pre-registration. Each hospital can send two team members to attend the conference. Health systems with multiple hospitals participating in DSRIP may send one additional system level representative. Registration was due March 1<sup>st</sup>; if you have not registered please do so as soon as possible.

[CLICK HERE](#) to complete your registration now.

**Submit Quality Project Storyboard!**

During this live event, we have designated time for learning collaborative groups to learn from one another. To facilitate the sharing of pertinent project information within small group breakouts, we ask that each hospital team prepare and submit a storyboard prior to the event. All storyboards are due back to [njdsrip@pcgus.com](mailto:njdsrip@pcgus.com) by March 15<sup>th</sup>. PCG will print all storyboards received by March 15<sup>th</sup> and have them prepared for the group breakout sessions. All your team needs to do is fill in the PowerPoint template and submit.

You will be asked to present your story board in a brief 3-4 minute presentation within your small breakout group. A template with examples is attached to make the completion of your storyboard as straightforward as possible. There are no right or wrong submissions. Storyboards will not be published after the event. We ask you to complete these storyboards to help facilitate lively discussion among your breakout groups.

### **Upcoming Webinar: March 14, 2019**

The March DSRIP webinar will take place on March 14<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am-11:30am. This webinar will be recorded and [posted online](#) after the event. The agenda will include review of the following topics:

- Central Line-Associated Bloodstream Infection (CLABSI) Event (DSRIP 21) Measure Specifications
- Updates on SRWs, MVTs, and DY7 SA1 Progress Reports
- Review of Upcoming Events

Please click on the [WEBEX EVENT ADDRESS](#) for access to the event on March 14<sup>th</sup>. A detailed program announcement will be emailed prior to the event.

### **February Webinar Materials: Now Available on the NJ DSRIP Website**

The February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019 DSRIP webinar recording, slides and Q&A have been posted to the Learning Collaborative [webpage](#).

### **DY6-DY8 Governance Documents: Available on the NJ DSRIP Website**

The CMS approved DY6-DY8 Funding and Mechanics Protocols (FMP) and Planning Protocols (PP) are available on the NJ DSRIP [Resources](#) webpage as of 02/05/19. Updates to these documents were described in the February 2019 newsletter and discussed on the February 2019 Webinar; the resources from the webinar are available on the NJ DSRIP Learning Collaborative [webpage](#). If you have any questions regarding the FMP and PP, please email [NJDSRIP@pcgus.com](mailto:NJDSRIP@pcgus.com).

## Questions?

If you have any questions or concerns, please email  
[NJDSRIP@pcqus.com](mailto:NJDSRIP@pcqus.com).

Thank you,

NJ DSRIP Team

