

Memorandum

To: Planning Committee
From: Jonny F. Hipp, Administrator
Date: April 1, 2013
Re: Regional Healthcare Partnership, Region 4 Plan Projects

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive information relating to the Regional Healthcare Partnership (RHP) created by the Texas Healthcare Transformation and Quality Improvement Program Medicaid 1115 Waiver organized by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (Commission); receive summary information on the RHP Region 4 Plan Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment projects submitted to Commission.

BACKGROUND:

On December 12, 2011, the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services approved the Texas request for a new Medicaid demonstration waiver entitled "Texas Healthcare Transformation and Quality Improvement Program" in accordance with Section 1115 of the Social Security Act (Texas 1115 Waiver). The Texas 1115 Waiver was approved through September 30, 2016.

The Texas 1115 Waiver is organized by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) and is based on Regional Healthcare Partnerships. RHP 4 includes the following counties: Aransas, Bee, Brooks, DeWitt, Duval, Goliad, Gonzales, Jackson, Jim Wells, Karnes, Kenedy, Kleberg, Lavaca, Live Oak, Nueces, Refugio, San Patricio, and Victoria. The Nueces County Hospital District (NCHD) is the HHSC-designated Anchor Entity for RHP Region 4 and it coordinates development of and gathers stakeholder and public input on the related RHP Plan.

Certain initiatives under the Texas 1115 Waiver are designed to provide incentive payments to hospitals, local mental health authorities, public health departments, and certain physician group providers for investments in delivery system reforms that increase access to health care, improve the quality of care, and enhance the health of patients and families they serve. The Waiver's Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment (DSRIP) projects fall into four categories: infrastructure development, program innovation and redesign, quality improvements, and population-focused improvements.

DISCUSSION:

This is to provide summary information to the Board regarding RHP 4 Plan DSRIP projects submitted to the Commission.

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