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Medicaid Transformation and Quality Improvement Waiver announcement

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Yesterday, HHSC received federal approval of the Regional Healthcare Partnership (RHP) Planning Protocol (DSRIP menu) for the Medicaid 1115 Transformation Waiver. The protocol provides the menu of project areas approved by HHSC and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), and options that contribute to delivery transformation and quality improvement. Only projects from this menu and performed as outlined in an HHSC- and a CMS-approved RHP Plan with corresponding measures, milestones and performance targets are eligible for payments from the DSRIP pool. The approved RHP Planning Protocol is posted on the HHSC [Transformation Website](#).

The Program Funding and Mechanics (PFM) Protocol and the RHP Planning Protocol (DSRIP menu) serve as the basis for RHP Plan development. The PFM Protocol was approved on August 31, 2012.

HHSC also posted the final RHP Plan Template, a draft Companion document with additional instructions, and the electronic workbooks for Pass 1 Performing Providers as specified in the PFM. The Companion document includes a target timeline for RHP Plan submission for review and approval by HHSC and CMS. A final Checklist will follow later this week.

HHSC is hosting a webinar to assist regions with next steps for RHP Plan development and submission:

RHP Planning Protocol Webinar

Friday, Sept. 28, from 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.:

- 1) Go to www.webex.com
- 2) Click on Attend Meeting
- 3) Enter Meeting Number: **808 604 246** (no password necessary)
- 4) Call **1-800-396-3172** (no password necessary)

You can choose to log in online to view the slides and listen to the audio conference OR call in only for the audio portion. If you call in, you should do so 15 minutes prior to the start of the webinar. You will automatically be connected to the meeting room and will hear music until the start of the webinar.

If you experience technical difficulties accessing the webinar or should you have any questions, please email waiver staff at: TXHealthcareTransformation@hhsc.state.tx.us. For updated materials and to sign up for email alerts, please refer to the [waiver website](#).

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