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RHP-18 Update: 1115 Transformation Waiver timeline flexibility

**From:** Leigh Hornsby

Dear RHP-18 Stakeholder -

Below is an email distributed from HHSC late last evening offering some flexibility on the RHP Plan submission deadline.

Because we have been working diligently toward our October and November Pass 1 and 2 deadlines, we will remain on our current schedule.

We will continue to distribute new and updated information as it is received. If you have any questions or concerns about these deadlines, please don't hesitate to let us know.

Regards,  
RHP-18 Project Team

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Since the release of the RHP Planning Protocol, which was just approved last week, we have received a significant number of questions from providers on developing good plans. It has become clear that additional time is needed for developing projects that meet the complexities of the Protocol.

We have worked with CMS to extend the timeline. This will allow us to provide responses to Frequently Asked Questions and for CMS to review responses.

We are asking Pass 1 Performing Providers that need additional time to please reach out to your anchors to notify them.

For purposes of the Oct. 31 deadline, we will require a subset of the RHP Plan Template, through the Needs Assessment Section III, to submit to CMS.

While HHSC wants to work to get Plans submitted as soon as possible, we also have heard the requests that more time is needed. We are excited about the projects that are in development and have also received input from other stakeholders about the innovation that is occurring in the regions.

If there is consensus in a region that the timeline can be met, you can submit on the current schedule.

Thank you for your patience as we continue to work with you. We will provide more details on the overall timeline soon.