

## An Important Message from The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC)

### Upcoming Quality Measure Reporting for RAPPS Year 1

Below please find information on the upcoming Rural Access to Primary and Preventive Services (RAPPS) reporting period for state fiscal year (SFY) 2022 (year [Y] 1). The quality measure reporting period for RAPPS will begin on April 29, 2022, and close on May 26, 2022. Providers will report data for all of calendar year 2021 during this reporting period. Measure specifications and reporting requirements for Y1 are available on the [RAPPS quality requirements webpage](#).

Given the date of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' approval of the program, there will only be one reporting period in Y1. **Providers must report data for all measures as a condition of participation in the program. Providers that fail to submit the required data by the deadlines communicated by HHSC will be determined to be out of compliance with program eligibility requirements, will be removed from the program for SFY22, and will have all SFY22 funds they received recouped.**

#### RAPPS Y1 Reporting Webinar

HHSC will hold a reporting webinar to provide instruction on the reporting process and template. The Y1 reporting webinar will be held on Tuesday, April 26, 2022, at 1:00 PM. Please register for the webinar at [this link](#).

HHSC will distribute the reporting companion (instructions for using and submitting the template), reporting template, and a link to the recorded Y1 reporting webinar via e-mail prior to April 29, 2022. The structure measure questions in the template will be mostly multiple choice, with a few open-ended questions. The process and outcome measures in the template will require entering numerator and denominator values into the template and answering some qualitative multiple choice or open text questions.

#### Provider Contacts Update

In preparation for Y1 reporting, if changes to a provider's program contacts are required, please complete a [DPP Contact Change Form](#) and submit it to the DPP Quality mailbox at [DPPQuality@hhs.texas.gov](mailto:DPPQuality@hhs.texas.gov).

#### Reporting Portal

Please note that providers will be using the DSRIP Online Reporting System as a temporary reporting portal for RAPPS. The reporting portal will be accessible to new users prior to the opening of the reporting period. Once the reporting period opens on April 29, 2022, users will be able to upload their completed reporting templates. Guidance on how to use the reporting portal will be provided in the reporting companion and reporting webinar later this month.

HHSC will initially grant access to the reporting portal to the provider's primary and secondary contacts submitted in the provider's RAPPS SFY22 application. These contacts will receive an automated email from [TXHealthcareTransformation\\_DoNotReply@hhsc.state.tx.us](mailto:TXHealthcareTransformation_DoNotReply@hhsc.state.tx.us) DoNotReply@hhsc.state.tx.us with login information and instructions on how to log into the reporting portal. Providers should expect to receive log in information during the last week of April. Additional DPP provider contacts can request access by completing a [DPP Contact Change Form](#) and submitting the form to the DPP Quality mailbox at [DPPQuality@hhs.texas.gov](mailto:DPPQuality@hhs.texas.gov).

## **Reporting Timeline**

Providers must submit their quality reporting from April 29, 2022, through May 26, 2022. HHSC will review reporting submissions to determine if the provider meets RAPPS reporting requirements. Providers who do not meet reporting requirements during the initial reporting period will be asked for additional information during a 30-day correction period (also known as the "Needs More Information" (NMI) reporting period) tentatively scheduled for July 12, 2022, through August 10, 2022.

If you have any questions, please e-mail us at [DPPQuality@hhs.texas.gov](mailto:DPPQuality@hhs.texas.gov).