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Subject: UPDATE — HHSC Present on Admission (POA) Indicator Rerun2 03/24/16
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Dear Hospitals & Health Plans:

As part of the Texas Health and Human Services Commission's ongoing efforts to directly, clearly, and regularly communicate with our partners in the Texas Medicaid program, this correspondence concerns the recent Present on Admission (POA) data issue, and the overall vital importance of data accuracy and completeness.

The POA data correction issue for the fiscal year 2014 reporting period has been addressed. Previous announcements about this issue, sent on December 18, 2015, and January 28, 2016, are on HHSC's Potentially Preventable Events (PPE) webpage here: http://www.hhsc.state.tx.us/hhsc_projects/ECI/Potentially-Preventable-Events.shtml

Accordingly, HHSC will make fee-for-service claims adjustments, retroactive to September 01, 2015, for entities with a change in penalty status resulting from the most recent analysis. Additionally, hospitals will receive new fiscal year 2014 Potentially Preventable Complication (PPC) reports. These will be available for download via the TMHP/Accenture secure provider portal on April 1, 2016. To differentiate from the old/incorrect hospital-level reports, the word "RERUN2" will appear in the top right hand corner. If you have questions on who/how to access the secure provider folders, please click here: http://www.tmhp.com/News_Items/2015/05-May/5-26-15%20PPR%20and%20PPC%20Performance%20Reports%20for%20Hospitals%20Accessible%20June%201%202015.pdf

Health plans have received a revised list of hospitals with reimbursement adjustments based on Potentially Preventable Readmission (PPR) and PPC performance on March 17, 2016. Looking forward, HHSC also expects the fiscal year 2015 PPR and PPC analyses - used to determine fiscal year 2017 incentives and reimbursement reductions - to be completed soon.

As discussed in prior communications, during the last few months HHSC has addressed critical issues regarding program data quality, particularly regarding the primary diagnostic fields and POA components of the hospital-based PPE data systems. With this message, HHSC is re-emphasizing the crucial importance of overall data quality for all stakeholders.

Thank you for your partnership. HHSC is committed to a robust and clear process to advance quality and improve patient outcomes.

If you have any questions, please contact HHSC at MCD_PPR_PPC@hhsc.state.tx.us.

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