



**Presentation to House Public Health:  
Texas Healthcare Transformation  
and Quality Improvement Program  
1115 Waiver – Behavioral Health Projects**

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# Transformation Waiver: Overview

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- Texas has a five-year Medicaid demonstration waiver (through September 30, 2016) to enable hospitals and other providers to earn up to \$11.4 billion (All Funds) for Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment (DSRIP) projects.
  - DSRIP projects improve Texas' health care delivery system, including access to care, quality of care, and health outcomes.
- Through 20 Regional Healthcare Partnerships, Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) will submit DSRIP plans to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for federal review by March 2013.

## Transformation Waiver: Behavioral Health Focus

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- HHSC has emphasized behavioral healthcare (BH) in the DSRIP project menu and we have allocated of a minimum of 10 percent DSRIP funds to community mental health centers that serve seriously mentally ill Medicaid and indigent patients.
- Of 1,335 DSRIP projects received as of December 31, 2012, HHSC received 368 projects (over 27%) related to BH with requests to earn about \$2.1 billion all funds over four years:
  - 297 projects proposed by 38 community mental health centers
  - 71 projects proposed by other providers (mainly hospitals)

## Five Most Common Behavioral Health Projects

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- 92 projects to provide targeted BH interventions to prevent unnecessary use of services in a specified setting (e.g. criminal justice system, emergency department, urgent care)
- 58 projects to enhance BH service availability (i.e., hours, locations, transportation, mobile clinics) to appropriate levels
- 48 projects to integrate primary and BH services
- 48 projects to develop BH crisis services as alternatives to hospitalization
- 23 projects to implement technology-assisted services (telehealth, telemonitoring, telementoring, or telemedicine) to support, coordinate with, or better deliver BH services

## DSRIP Plan Review Status

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- HHSC is reviewing the DSRIP plans and working with the regions to improve the plans prior to submission to CMS for federal review and approval.
  - Federal approval is targeted for May 1, 2013.
- The projects are subject to change in scope and monetary valuation prior to federal approval.
- Once the projects are approved, providers will report twice a year on milestone and outcome achievements to earn DSRIP funds.