

**PUBLIC NOTICE
OCTOBER 10, 2013**

**REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON PROPOSED
NEW 3-YEAR DSRIP PROJECTS FOR RHP 4 PLAN**

The federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services approved a new Medicaid demonstration waiver entitled "Texas Healthcare Transformation and Quality Improvement Program" in 2011 (1115 Waiver). The 1115 Waiver is approved through September 30, 2016. Additional details about the Waiver can be found at <http://www.hhsc.state.tx.us/1115-waiver.shtml>.

The 1115 Waiver was organized by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) and based on Regional Healthcare Partnerships (RHP). RHP 4 includes the following coastal bend area counties: Aransas, Bee, Brooks, DeWitt, Duval, Goliad, Gonzales, Jackson, Jim Wells, Karnes, Kenedy, Kleberg, Lavaca, Live Oak, Nueces, Refugio, San Patricio, and Victoria. Certain initiatives under the 1115 Waiver are designed to provide incentive payments to hospitals, local mental health authorities, public health departments, and certain academic physician group providers for investments in delivery system reform incentive payment (DSRIP) pool projects that increase access to health care, improve the quality of care, and enhance the health of patients and families they serve. The Nueces County Hospital District (NCHD) is the HHSC-designated Anchor Entity for RHP 4 that coordinates development of and gathers stakeholder and public comments on the RHP 4 Plan.

This notice is to request comments from the public, consumers, and stakeholders on newly proposed 3-year DSRIP projects for addition to the RHP 4 Plan. A summary of the newly proposed projects submitted by RHP 4 providers to NCHD can be downloaded **after October 21, 2013** from <http://www.nchdcc.org/regional-healthcare-partnership-plan.cfm>. A public meeting to receive comments on the newly proposed projects will be held as shown below:

**Thursday, October 24, 2013
11:00 AM – 12:00 Noon
Region 2 Education Service Center
Room 3-15
209 North Water Street
Corpus Christi, Texas 78401**

Written public, consumer, and stakeholder comments on the newly proposed 3-year DSRIP projects will be accepted through Monday, October 28, 2013 at 5:00 PM and such comments shall be submitted to:

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