

**PUBLIC NOTICE
DECEMBER 14, 2012**

**REQUEST FOR STAKEHOLDER & PUBLIC INPUT
ON REGIONAL HEALTHCARE PARTNERSHIP PLAN**

On December 12, 2011, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services approved the Texas request for a new Medicaid demonstration waiver entitled "Texas Healthcare Transformation and Quality Improvement Program" in accordance with Section 1115 of the Social Security Act (Texas 1115 Waiver). The Waiver was approved through September 30, 2016. Additional details about the Waiver are located at <http://www.hhsc.state.tx.us/1115-waiver.shtml>.

The Texas 1115 Waiver is organized by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) and is based on Regional Healthcare Partnerships (RHP). RHP 4 includes the following counties: Aransas, Bee, Brooks, DeWitt, Duval, Goliad, Gonzales, Jackson, Jim Wells, Karnes, Kenedy, Kleberg, Lavaca, Live Oak, Nueces, Refugio, San Patricio, and Victoria. The Nueces County Hospital District is the HHSC-designated Anchor Entity for RHP 4 and it coordinates development of and gathers stakeholder and public input on the RHP 4 Plan.

Certain initiatives under the Texas 1115 Waiver are designed to provide incentive payments to hospitals, local mental health authorities, public health departments, and certain physician group providers for investments in delivery system reforms that increase access to health care, improve the quality of care, and enhance the health of patients and families they serve. The related projects fall into four categories: infrastructure development, program innovation and redesign, quality improvements, and population-focused improvements.

This notice is to request input from stakeholders and the public on the plan for RHP 4. A summary of RHP 4 Plan delivery system reform incentive payment (DSRIP) projects, as proposed by the hospitals, local mental health authorities, and a public health department located in the RHP 4 counties above, can be downloaded from <http://www.nchdcc.org/pdf/RHP4DSRIPPlanDec2012.pdf>.

Two webinars (live Internet presentations during which participating viewers can submit questions and offer comments) to receive stakeholder and public input on the RHP 4 Plan DSRIP projects will be held on the dates and times shown below.

Thursday, December 20, 2012 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM See webinar access instructions on page 2.	Friday, December 21, 2012 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM See webinar access instructions on page 2.
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Written stakeholder and public input will be accepted until Friday, December 28, 2012 at 5:00 PM and shall be submitted to:

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Questions regarding this public notice shall be directed to Ms. Sara Lopez at (361) 808-3300 or sara.lopez@nchdcc.org.

Webinar on December 20, 2012 at 2:00 PM

To access this webinar:

- 1) Using an Internet browser, go to <https://nchdcc.webex.com/>.
- 2) Click the Topic titled: "[Plan Public Meeting 12-20-2012](#)".
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Webinar on December 21, 2012 at 10:00 AM

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