

**PUBLIC NOTICE
REGIONAL HEALTHCARE PARTNERSHIP, REGION 4
LEARNING COLLABORATIVE**

January 14, 2019

In 2011, the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services approved a Medicaid demonstration waiver entitled “Texas Healthcare Transformation and Quality Improvement Program” (1115 Waiver). The goals of the 1115 Waiver are to increase access to health care, improve the quality of care, and enhance the health of patients and families they serve. The 1115 Waiver was approved through September 30, 2016 and then extended pending negotiations for an additional five-year term. Additional 1115 Waiver information is available at <https://hhs.texas.gov/laws-regulations/policies-rules/waivers/medicaid-1115-waiver/waiver-overview-background-resources>.

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 achieve the goals above. Additional information about RHP 4 is available at <http://www.nchdcc.org/1115-waiver-information.cfm>.

The Nueces County Hospital District (NCHD) is the HHSC-designated Anchor Entity for RHP 4; NCHD is required to organize periodic Learning Collaboratives to promote group DSRIP project learning. This Public Notice is to inform the public, consumers, and stakeholders that NCHD will conduct a Learning Collaborative for RHP 4 and other providers on the date and time, and at the location shown below.

**Thursday, January 31, 2019
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Central Daylight Time
Education Service Center, Region 2, Room 3-11
209 North Water Street
Corpus Christi, Texas 78401-2528**

Agenda topics will include: (1) Demonstration Year (DY) 8 Reporting; (2) Category A – Cost Analysis and Savings; (3) DY 9-10 Changes; (4) DY 11 Transition; and (5) DSRIP Withdrawal.

A map and directions to the Education Service Center, Region 2 meeting site are available at http://www.esc2.net/about_us/location.asp.

Questions or comments regarding this Public Notice or matters relating to the Learning Collaborative should be directed to Ms. Melissa Quintanilla at (361) 808-3318 or melissa.quintanilla@nchdcc.org.