

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**March 27, 2018**

**TEXAS HEALTHCARE TRANSFORMATION AND QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**  
**REGIONAL HEALTHCARE PARTNERSHIP 4 PLAN UPDATE**

In 2011, the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services approved a Medicaid demonstration waiver titled "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 initially approved through September 30, 2016 and renewed for an additional five-year period through September 30, 2022.

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. Provider initiatives under the 1115 Waiver are organized in an RHP 4 Plan and 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.

The Nueces County Hospital District (NCHD) is the HHSC-designated Anchor Entity for RHP 4; NCHD is required to present draft and final changes to the RHP 4 Plan. The current RHP 4 Plan has undergone a required update and the draft of the initial update (2018 RHP 4 Plan Update Draft) will be presented. The purpose of the 2018 RHP 4 Plan Update Draft is two-fold. First, it is to reflect evolution of Demonstration Years 2-6 DSRIP projects (DY2-6) to Demonstration Years 7-8 (DY7-8) Provider-level outcomes; the Draft provides a crosswalk of Provider's DY2-6 discrete projects to the Provider's system-wide activities intended to achieve Provider-level outcomes. Second, it is to show the outcome measure bundles selected by each Provider to achieve their outcomes in DY7-8. The 2018 RHP 4 Plan Update and companion RHP 4 Community Needs Assessment are available for viewing and/or downloading at <http://www.nchdcc.org/public-notices.cfm>.

This Public Notice is to inform stakeholders that NCHD will conduct a Public Meeting to present and receive public comment on the 2018 RHP 4 Plan Update Draft and 2018 RHP 4 Community Needs Assessment on the date and time, and at the location shown below. All stakeholders are invited to attend and provide comments.

**Thursday, April 5, 2018**  
**9:00 – 11:00 AM, RHP 4 Provider Meeting**  
**11:00 AM – 12:00 PM, Public Comment Session**  
**Education Service Center, Region 2**  
**Room 3-23**  
**209 North Water Street**  
**Corpus Christi, Texas 78401-2528**

Public comments will be accepted until **5:00 PM; Friday, April 13, 2018**; written comments should be directed to Ms. Melissa Quintanilla at [melissa.quintanilla@nchdcc.org](mailto:melissa.quintanilla@nchdcc.org) or (361) 808-3318.