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To: Hospital Chief Financial Officers and Case Mix Liaisons

From: Claudine Williams, Principal Deputy Director, HDMI

Subject: **FY 2024 Q1 Data Forum Follow-up**

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Thanks to all who participated in the FY 2024 Q1 Data Forum held on September 8, 2023. Below is a summary of what was discussed and next steps.

Announcements

Data Processing Vendor Update

Mary Pohl, representing hMetrix and Burton Policy, reported on data processing updates. Mary reminded hospitals to submit **monthly and quarterly production data** (data that is grouped and used by the HSCRC) to the “**Submit folder**” in RDS to process the monthly data. hMetrix has instituted automated logic that can determine the type of file submitted. For **test data**, hospitals should submit to the “**Test folder**” in RDS. The Test Site is always available for testing (for instance for a new hospital coming on board or a system conversion). Mary also reported the Financial Reconciliation form is available to download from DAVE website 2 days after the quarterly data submission deadline. Mary also reviewed the process to add new users (slide 7).

Case Mix Weights and Grouper Transition Updates: Staff reviewed the grouper versions that will be applied to the IP, OP and PPC case mix data for RY 2023 and 2024 (slide 9).

- **Case Mix Weights and Market Shift (RY 2023):** IP Weights: 38; OP Weights: 3.16; IP weights use CY 2019 (12 months); OP weights use CY 2019 – Q1 CY 2020 (15 months). These weights are applied to the following policies:
 - CY 2023 6 Months Marketshift
- **Case Mix Weights and Market Shift (RY 2024):** IP Weights 39; OP Weights: 3.17; IP weights use CY 2022 (12 months); OP weights use CY 2022 – Q1 CY 2023 (15 months). Weights for FY 2024 to be available in November 2023. These weights are applied to the following policies:
 - CY 2023 12 Months Marketshift
 - RY 2022 ICC Volume

Grouper Transition: Staff reviewed the grouper versions that will be applied to MHAC, RRIP, QBR for RY 2025.

- **MHAC/RRIP/QBR (CY 2023):** APR DRG and PPC version 40; current CGS version. **Note:** RY 2025 policies begin January 1, 2023, in most cases. Base and performance periods are detailed on slide 10.
- **Number of Diagnosis and Procedure Codes used in all Groupers:**

Grouper	Number of Diagnosis Codes Used	Number of Procedure Codes Used
IP APR DRG & MS DRG	Up to 30 (Principal + 29 Secondary)	Up to 30 (Principal + 29 Secondary)
OP APR DRG (Obs cases >23 hrs)	Up to 50 (Principal + 49 Secondary)	N/A
IP PPC	Up to 30 (Principal + 29 Secondary)	Up to 30 (Principal + 29 Secondary)
OP EAPG	1 (Primary Diagnosis)	All procedures listed in Type III record

PPC Updates and Feedback: Staff reviewed the login procedure for PPC documentation and new PPC feedback submission procedure on 3M's HIS support site (slide 11).

Quality Update: Staff provided an update on quality-related data initiatives (slide 13).

- **Electronic Clinical Quality Measures (eCQMs) - CY 2023:**
 - Quality is focusing on eCQMs and digital measures for CY 2023.
 - Refer to CRISP eCQM website and HSCRC memos for details.
 - Possible addition of measures to RY 2026 payment programs.
- **Sexual Orientation Gender Identity (SOGI) Workgroup:**
 - SOGI Workgroup was convened to discuss hospital reporting of Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity.
 - Contractor to conduct hospital training in Fall 2023 for data collection.
- **Outpatient Quality Measures:**
 - HSCRC is exploring Outpatient Quality measures due to shifts from IP to OP care.
- **New and planned Monitoring Reports:**
 - Staff reviewed new reports on CRS Portal and upcoming report release dates.
- **eCQM Reporting Timeline**
 - The performance period submission windows for eCQMs in CY 2023 are as follows:
 - **Q1 2023:** Open on 07/15/2023, Close on 10/02/2023
 - **Q2 2023:** Open on 07/15/2023, Close on 10/02/2023
 - **Q3 2023:** Open on 10/15/2023, Close on 12/30/2023
 - **Q4 2023:** Open on 01/15/2024, Close on 04/01/2024
 - For Hybrid Clinical Data Elements with the goal of collecting all-payer data in CY 2023, the submission windows are as follows:
 - **Q3 2023:** Open on 01/15/2024, Close on 04/01/2024
 - **Q4 2023:** Open on 01/15/2024, Close on 04/01/2024
 - Hospitals have the option to apply for an extraordinary circumstances' exemption, including an extension if additional time is required for data submission. Further details

and guidance regarding data submission can be found on the Quality page of the HSCRC website: <https://hscrc.maryland.gov/Pages/quality.aspx>

- Staff reviewed CY 2023 digital submissions to HSCRC (slide 14-15).

CDS-A Reports: Staff reminded all participants that the CDS-A Report is available on the CRISP Portal (slides 19-20). This report allows hospitals to review growth in the cost of outpatient infusion and chemotherapy drug utilization for outlier dosage units based on 3rd Monthly case mix data in CRISP. The expectation is that hospitals will use this information to correct errors prior to submission of Quarterly case mix data. **Please be aware, hospitals will be subject to fines if any material error is found in a hospital's CDS-A audit.**

Data Forum Survey: Staff reminded all meeting participants to complete the survey in Survey Monkey (slide 21). The link will be sent on Friday, October 27th. Please use this opportunity to provide the HSCRC staff feedback on the data forums. If you did not receive a link to the survey, please contact hscrcrteam@hmetrix.com.

FY 2024 DSR Implementation Timeline

Staff reviewed timeline for submitting Test and Production Files (slide 22)

- **September 15, 2023**
 - **FY 2024 Jul + Aug with FY 2023 DSR Format**
 - Submit to **PRODUCTION** folder
- **October 1, 2023 and onwards**
 - **FY 2024 Jul - Sept with FY 2024 DSR Format**
 - Submit to **PRODUCTION** folder

Uncompensated Care (UCC) Data Collection Update: Staff provided an update on the state of Uncompensated Care data collection (slide 27-33).

- **UCC Data Collection and Processing**
 - FY 2023Q4 data collection is nearing completion, and the FY24Q1 data submission window is set for November 1 to November 30, 2023.
 - The FY 2024 UCC report submission schedule is available on the HSCRC Financial Data Submission Tools webpage: https://hscrc.maryland.gov/Pages/hsp_info2.aspx
- **UCC DSR and Edit Report Updates for FY 2023 Q4**
 - UCC write-off service dates may not match case mix admission dates due to different reporting requirements (e.g., ED visits leading to IP admission).
 - In "Detail UCC CaseMix Cross-Check" report tab: Add Category 8 for records with service dates not matching admission dates but within 1 day prior to admission and discharge dates. Flag as "Warning."
 - In "UCC Cross-Check with CaseMix" report tab: Include a summary for Category 8 "Warning" records (count and percent).
 - In "UCC Percent Error List" report tab: Summarize "Warning" records in the "UCC Cross Check with Case Mix Summary" section.
- **FY 2024 Q1 UCC DSR and Edit Report Updates:**
 - New warning for accounts with write-off balance exceeding \$10K more than billed amount.
 - Error Threshold Evaluation: 51 reports with < 5% error rate; 4 reports need resubmission. 53% of reports have < 1% error. 19% of reports have 1 - 1.99% error. 12% of reports have 2 - 2.99% error. 16% of reports have 3 - 4.99% error, primarily due to patient account mismatches and service date discrepancies in Case Mix (varying by 2 - 30 days).
- **UCC Data Preparation and Submission Process Recommendations:**

- Submit data early within the 30 - 60 days window to allow for review and correction time.
- On the opening day of the data submission window for the target quarter, designated hospital staff will receive an email notification from DAVE.
- Check the DAVE website for the error report to confirm data receipt and processing.
- If data is submitted before the window opens, the error report will not generate until the task opens.
- If an error report isn't generated within 1 hour of submission during the window, it may indicate issues with file format, naming, or submission folder (e.g., Denials Report).
- **UCC Data Error Report Review Tips:**
 - Compare total amount and record counts of bad debt, charity, recovery, and error percentages with prior quarters for consistency verification.
 - Examine edit items with a significant increase in error/warning percentages.
 - Refer to "UCC HSCRC Letter," "UCC Percent Error List," and "UCC Cross-Check with CaseMix" for high-level summaries.
 - Scrutinize records with errors and warnings, and resubmit corrected data, even if the overall error rate is <5%.
 - Correct invalid service dates and payer codes, then resubmit.
 - Investigate accounts not found in Case Mix, considering possible reasons like unregulated accounts or data omission.
 - Inspect records with service dates not matching Case Mix-reported dates, checking for potential logic errors in service date selection.
 - Analyze write-off history across multiple quarterly reports for accounts with a negative total write-off balance exceeding \$100 in credit.

Data Strategies for Inpatient Diabetes Screening

Staff presented on a new initiative for inpatient diabetes screening. HSCRC is conducting a review and is asking for feedback regarding the strategies for excluding patients who have recently undergone diabetes screening and do not necessitate additional testing during their inpatient stay. His presentation encompassed key aspects, including the background on inpatient screening measures, the current policy status, and two strategic options: leveraging aggregate data and tracking measure exclusions using casemix data (Slides 35-39).

Data Repository Vendor Update

Jen Vogel from St. Paul Group reminded participants of the recent updates to the Repository Data Submission (RDS) site including mapped drive functionality, SFTP capability, and the password reset portal (slides 41-42).

Upcoming Workgroups

- **Performance Measurement Workgroup (PMWG)** (Slide 44)
 - **Purpose:** Update payment and quality programs, shape future quality priorities.
 - **Duration:** Sept 2023 - May/June 2024.
 - **Membership:** Diverse stakeholders.
 - **Meetings:** Monthly, 3rd Wed, 9:30 am - 12 pm.
 - **Participation:** Public access (virtual and in-person).
- **Revisions to Public Use Files (PUF)** (Slide 45)
 - **Purpose:** Revise non-confidential data, adding necessary variables and removing unnecessary ones.
 - **Duration:** Oct 2023 - Dec 2023.

- **Membership:** Stakeholders who use HSCRC PUF files.
- **Timing:** To be determined.

Arrival Date

The intent of the Arrival date is to capture if a patient received any service before being admitted to the hospital. If the patient did not receive any services prior to the admission date/from date, the arrival date should be the same as the admission date/from date. If the patient first arrived at the ED, then stayed for Observation, and then got admitted to inpatient, the arrival date should be from the first service reported in the visit (ED arrival date).

The next Quarterly Data Forum Meeting (FY 2024 Q2) is scheduled for December 15, 2023.

If you have any agenda items, please send them to Oscar or Curtis by Tuesday, December 5, 2023. If you have any questions or concerns about the topics discussed above, please contact me (Claudine.Williams@maryland.gov), Oscar Ibarra (Oscar.Ibarra@maryland.gov) or Curtis Wills (Curtis.wills@maryland.gov).