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Attn: Executive Commissioner Janek

In December 2011, Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) received approval for a Medicaid demonstration called the Texas Transformation and Quality Improvement Program Section 1115 Waiver. Hidalgo County agreed to become the Anchor for Region 5 which is comprised of Hidalgo County, Starr County, Cameron County, and Willacy County. Hidalgo County has performed its duties as Anchor for Region 5 by aiding in the organization and submission of the Regional Healthcare Partnership Plan; and has continued to fully commit to its duties as Anchor according to the Texas Administrative Code, the Program Funding and Mechanics Protocol, and the RHP Planning Protocol. In accordance with agreements with HHSC and Center for Medicaid and Chip Services (CMS), an Anchor will receive a one-time Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment (DSRIP) in recognition of its previous and continuing services as Anchor.

Since Hidalgo County is an enrolled Medicaid Provider, an interlocal agreement between Hidalgo County and HHSC for Demonstration Year 1 DSRIP payment is not required. Payment for Demonstration Year 1 DSRIP should be transferred to Hidalgo County Health & Human Services Department Medicaid Provider Number 139350611.

Should there be any additional concerns and/or any additional information required, please contact Eddie Olivarez at 956-318-2011.

Thank You,

Ramon Garcia
Hidalgo County Judge

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