Questions and Answers – Remote Patient Monitoring (RPM) Pilot for Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Providers and Beneficiaries Grant

1. Is the emphasis on the clinical component or is the emphasis on the reimbursement component when talking about the process and planning?

While we anticipate the bulk of the grant funds will be used to pilot and pay for a RPM program, it is also a requirement that the grantee prepare a report for DHCF with specific recommendations and considerations for future RPM reimbursement policies.

2. What's the long-term vision and would you envision managed care organizations playing a role in RPM or is this something that Medicaid would like to handle apart from the MCOs?

DHCF is looking to this grant to inform its long-term vision for RPM. Most of DC Medicaid beneficiaries are served in the managed care program so that is an important consideration when the grantee is outlining specific recommendations for future RPM reimbursement policies.

3. Is it just a clinical component or is DHCF also interested in the RPM technology infrastructure?

The pilot program will cover the cost of RPM devices and/or monitoring services. If there are any technology infrastructure requirements, barriers, or gaps, DHCF would want the grantee to explain and propose solutions.

3. Are you looking for organizations that will address several chronic conditions or is it acceptable for a grantee to only focus on one chronic condition?

The requirements for this grant stipulate that the pilot program target individuals with chronic conditions and using home and community-based services. DHCF has not put forth any requirement for the minimum number of chronic conditions the pilot needs to serve.

4. Can a grantee target either adults, pediatrics, or both?

The requirements for this grant stipulate that the pilot program target individuals with chronic conditions and using home and community-based services. DHCF has not put forth any requirements or limitations on the age of beneficiaries served.

5. How does DHCF define RPM?

In the RFA, RPM is defined as digital technology that collects medical and/or health data from individuals in one location and electronically transmits that information securely to healthcare providers in a different location for treatment and management of chronic medical conditions.

6. How many grants will be awarded?

DHCF will award one grant of up to Two Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand ($225,000.00).

7. What's the size of the population that would be eligible for RPM services under this grant?

DHCF does not currently have that information available to share.

8. Can a grantee limit the RPM pilot to a single MCO?

DHCF is most interested in a pilot program that is available to all beneficiaries that are potentially eligible, i.e. individuals with chronic conditions and using home and community-based services.

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9. Are home care organization or home care agencies eligible to apply for the grant?

The required qualifications for the grantee are listed in Section III.A on page 7 of the RFA. DHCF does not have any additional requirements or limitations than those detailed in the RFA.