Reentry Demonstration

Cohort 1 Discussion

July 23, 2024

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Discussion Goals and Agenda

July 23, 2024 – 1:00pm – 2:00pm

Discussion Goals

- High-level review of Capacity Building Application:
  - Highlight key aspects
  - Gather initial questions
- Discuss Free Technical Assistance
- Answer Questions

No.	Topic	Time	Lead(s)	Description / Materials
1.	Welcome	5 mins	Michael Arnis	Open conference line / agenda review
2.	Capacity Building Application (CBA)	30 mins	Emma Oppenheim	Overview of the CBA & initial questions
3.	Free Technical Assistance	10 mins	Mariah De Vos	Overview of technical assistance HCA can provide
4.	Contracts	10 mins	Theresa Tamura	Contract Update
5.	Questions	5 mins	All	

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Milestone 2: Capacity Building Application

Background

- The second milestone that facilities must meet to participate in the Reentry Demonstration Initiative.

- The application includes:

  ▶ Attestations

  ▶ A template for requesting capacity building funds

  ▶ Optional: Request for information on providers who will use HCA's free claims clearinghouse (see budget template)

  ▶ Optional: IT infrastructure budget

- **Due: October 1, 2024**

- 40% of capacity building funds released when your application is approved

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Requirements

- **No-cost to individuals:** All health care services and communication related to reentry services (e.g., phone calls to recovery officers or health care providers) must be provided at no cost to individuals enrolled in Apple Health.
- **Staffing and governance structure:** Facilities must have the staffing and governance structures required to implement reentry services.
- **Apple Health screening, application support, suspension, and release date notification:** Facilities must screen all incarcerated individuals to determine who is eligible for Apple Health. If a person is eligible, the facility should also help that person apply for Apple Health coverage. Facilities must share the incarceration status of individuals in their facility with HCA using an approved reporting tool and in a timely manner.
- **Provider enrollment and billing:** For facilities to be able to bill for reentry services, providers and pharmacies must be Apple Health enrolled providers. HCA will support providers who are billing Apple Health for health care services via a claims clearinghouse.

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Requirements (continued)

- **Case management:** Individuals are screened for physical health, behavioral health, and health-related social needs. They are then referred for additional health care and/or social support services inside and outside of the facility during incarceration and after release, as needed.
- **Support for medications:** Facilities must demonstrate their ability to screen individuals in their custody for SUD and to begin the appropriate course of medication treatment within 90 days pre-release, including at least one opioid agonist—preferably buprenorphine—and at least two FDA-approved medications for AUD. Facilities must also demonstrate their ability to provide 30 days of any medication upon release.
- **Additional services:** This section is not mandatory for CFs to complete. CFs may choose to provide and bill for additional reentry services for eligible Apple Health individuals, including defined services in these categories: Pharmacy (prescriptions, over-the-counter drugs, and medical supplies according to the Apple Health Preferred Drug List); physical and behavioral health visits; lab and radiology services during the pre-release period; medical equipment upon release; medications during the pre-release period; and access to community health workers 90 days pre-release.

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Attestations

▶ Each facility will attest to their ability to meet program requirements.

▶ HCA will use attestation responses to better understand:

▶ Each facility's baseline capacity to meet program requirements.

▶ The technical support each facility will need to go live. Technical support will be provided free of charge to facilities.

▶ Example:

> **CF shares mailed Apple Health information with incarcerated individuals, including documentation from MCOs.**
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> ☐ CF will meet requirement by cohort go-live date.
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> ☐ CF needs technical assistance to meet requirements.

▶ Facilities are also asked to provide a narrative description of technical assistance needs.

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Budget

- ▶ Facilities may receive up to 40% of total capacity building funding upon acceptance of their Capacity Building Application.

- ▶ Each facility must complete a budget to receive capacity building funds.
  - ▶ The budget template provides information on eligible expense categories.

- ▶ HCA will ask facilities to complete an IT infrastructure budget as part of Milestone 3: Readiness Review.
  - ▶ Facilities with an identified IT infrastructure need can include this need on their Optional IT Infrastructure budget tab, also included in the budget template.

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Approval Criteria

- HCA will review and approve each facility's Capacity Building Application
- Facilities must:
  - Complete all attestations
  - Submit a budget that includes allowable expenditures
- HCA may recommend that certain expenditures requested by facilities instead be provided free of charge by HCA.
  - In these instances, facilities will have an opportunity to revise their budgets.

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Next Steps

▶ Send questions to HCA

▶ Group meetings with HCA in September to address questions

▶ HCA offering free technical assistance based upon each facilities needs

▶ Facilities may shift their start date, as needed

▶ Readiness review coming in Spring 2025

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Free Technical Assistance

- Claims clearinghouse – claims and billing support
- Technical assistance
- Help identifying health care providers
- Support through the provider credentialing process
- Assistance with prior authorization
- Support for individuals who would like to request an HCA appeal

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Contract Update

All contracts sent out to facilities

HCA has received 12 signed contracts back

$ 3 facilities have already submitted their A-19 for Payment
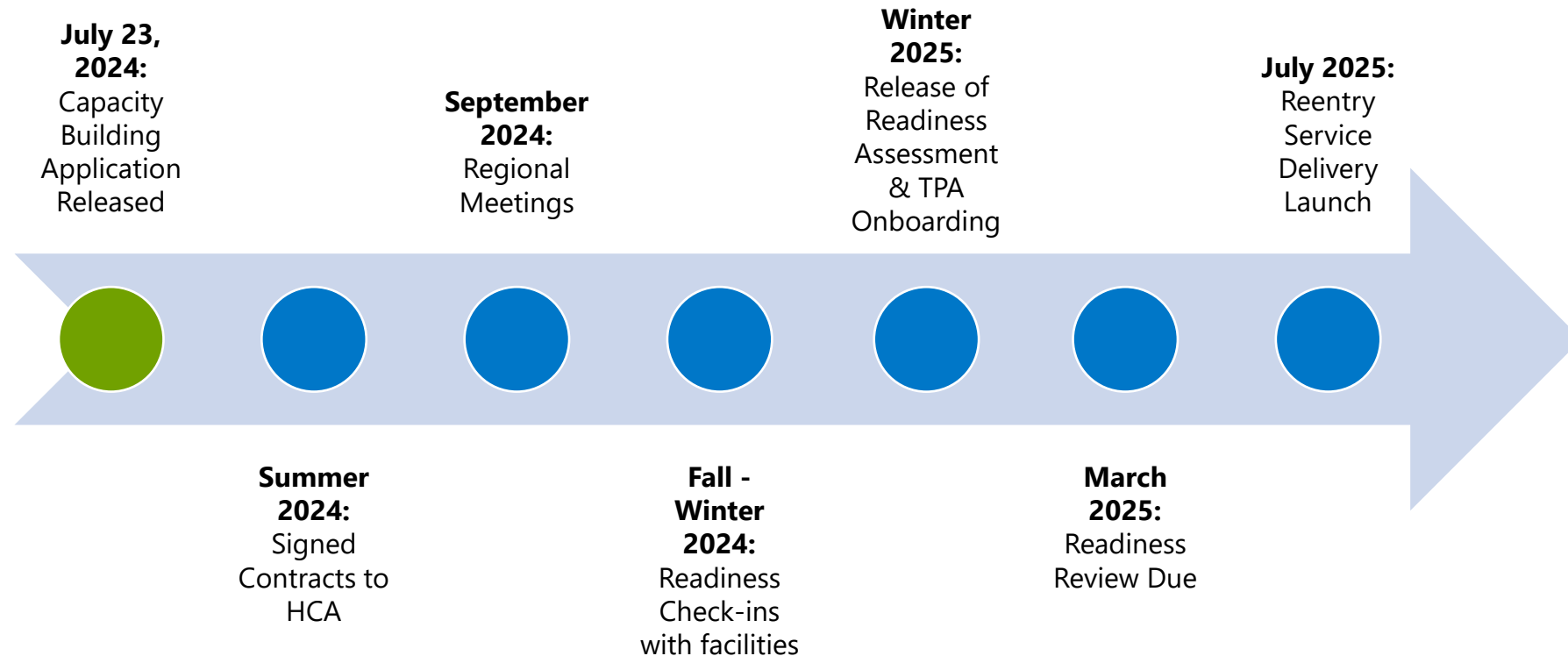
Wrap Up and Next Steps

❑ Summarize feedback and circulate summary to meeting attendees

❑ Follow-up with Cohort 1 Facilities on questions

❑ Coordinate with Cohort 1 Facilities to establish regular check-ins on the Reentry Initiative

❑ Submit signed contracts

Additional Information

Milestone 3 Funding Opportunity

2) Capacity Building Application submission and approval[6]	**Up to 40% of total capacity building funding upon approval:** • Tier 1 (1-49): Up to $400,000 • Tier 2 (50-249): Up to $500,000 • Tier 3 (250-1,000): Up to $600,000 • Tier 4 (more than 1,000): Up to $700,000	Up to $500,000 upon approval of the application	**Due date:** October 1, 2024 **Funding paid:** December 2024

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Cohort 1 Implementation Timeline

July 23, 2024: Capacity Building Application Released

Summer 2024: Signed Contracts to HCA

September 2024: Regional Meetings

Fall - Winter 2024: Readiness Check-ins with facilities

Winter 2025: Release of Readiness Assessment & TPA Onboarding

March 2025: Readiness Review Due

July 2025: Reentry Service Delivery Launch

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Identified Risks to Readiness and Mitigation

Risk / Issue Area	Mitigation
Enrollment & Eligibility	HCA Technical Assistance
Case Management	TPA Technical Assistance and Network Building
Data Sharing	HCA & TPA Technical Assistance
Third Party Administrator (TPA) role and relationships	Optional assistance with the goal of building sustainable system

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