



Master Participation Agreement Webinar: Partner Q&A

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Q1: Where in the process are we seeing a delay for delivering A2 Schedule dollars?

A1: The AHI PPS Finance Committee recently had a meeting in which we discussed funds flow and the DSRIP budget. We have arrived at a per-project value for partner-level distribution with which the finance committee is comfortable. The committee was reluctant to approve this as the funds flow plan without seeing the A2 schedule details. More work is needed in defining the payment activities in order to take the next step of allocating project dollars from the project level to the provider level. Additional PPS Finance Committee meetings are planned in June to finalize the funds flow model.

Q2: Is there a concern that the details of the agreement are too difficult to meet? Is the contract not able to clearly define what everybody can agree on?

A2: There is some concern that we are trying to attach too many payment triggers or activities, creating a situation that could lead to administrative burden. There also need to be some revisions to the schedules to clearly identify the contracting parties for each project. We are in efforts to find a happy medium between balancing internal activities that need to happen to achieve milestones, and what payment activities create enough of a dollar attraction to have partners interested in participating and signing the agreement.

Q3: Article 8 of the Master Participation Agreement speaks to the PPS compliance program. How much detail is AHI going to provide on the compliance program?

A3: There will be a written compliance policy document developed. It will go through the legal process, and partners will review their compliance obligations. At the present moment, the compliance program is being developed.

Q4: Workforce vs. Project funds. Are they interrelated or separate funding?

A4: Workforce funds are a separate bucket of dollars in the funds flow plan compared to the partner-level payments, which will be defined in the A2 schedule. There is a separate application and funding process for workforce funds. The application and process for Workforce funds can be found on the [AHI Workforce web page](#).

Q5: For county entities, there are various county departments involved in the PPS. Do you need separate agreements from different departments or a single agreement from the county to cover all the departments involved?

A5: Only a singular contract for the county is requested. A similar process was done earlier with engagement funds distribution.

Q6: If an entity is involved in more than one DSRIP project, will funding be different for each project?

A6: Each project will have a separate schedule; each schedule is going to go through a different approach on how those dollars are distributed to the partner level.

Q7: Is there a dollar limit for each entity involved in each project or is it based on Medicaid attribution?

A7: Each schedule has a different methodology. We do have regulations in our funding to what can go to safety net versus non-safety net providers.

Q8: When it comes to usage of project funds, is it specified how to allocate and spend project funds?

A8: The project schedule will include activities outlined that will tie to the payment activity. The project schedule will explain deliverables and required documentation to trigger a payment. Each partner is suggested to have an internal mechanism to track the dollars you are receiving, and subsequently have a way to track how those dollars are spent. Each institution is going to have to look at it through their own scope. This also applies to the usage of engagement funds.

Q9: If there was money expended prior to receiving a payment, as long as it was after April 1, can it be attributed to those funds?

A9: If you feel there was activity in your organization that led you to the point of being ready to implement activities in the schedules, then those are dollars that you can make the determination to be used as DSRIP dollars.

Q10: Is it possible to get a list of PPS partners near me who are participating? Moreover, what specific projects they are involved in?

A10: A list of all partners that have signed the terms of participation with the AHI PPS can be found on the [AHI PPS Partners web page](#). The PPS will publish what projects Partners sign on to after the Schedule A2 Project Funds are signed. Until then, the PPS can provide partners with a preliminary list.

Q11: As it pertains to the A2 schedule and confirming projects, do partners need to be involved in all AHI projects undertaken?

A11: All Partners will not be involved in all projects.

Q12: When will AHI PPS partners officially confirm which projects we will undertake?

A12: Schedule A2s will be distributed to partners according to a Partner Intent form. At that time, Partners will confirm commitment to the project by signing the A2 schedule.

Q13: Can a PPS partner and/or a PPS partner attorney make revisions to the Master Participation Agreement?

A13: To ensure that all partner organizations in the AHI PPS are treated equally, all partner organizations are being asked to sign the same Participation Agreement. To that end, the version of the Participation Agreement that you received is considered a final document. To ensure that the document adequately protects the interests of individual partner organizations as well as the PPS itself, the Participation Agreement was developed through a workgroup that included representatives of several partner organizations, plus their legal counsel, in addition to representatives of AHI and AHI's legal counsel. The final agreement was presented to and endorsed/approved by the PPS Finance Committee, AHI Board of Directors and PPS Steering Committee.



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