



# DSRIP Project Proposal Form Regional Healthcare Partnership 8

Instructions: For each proposed project, the provider organization should complete one form. Please include a response for each section, leaving nothing blank. More complete information will assist the IGT entities in understanding what is proposed and what funds are being requested.

Project Proposal Forms are due by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, July 6<sup>th</sup>. Please submit by email to Lindsay Pollok at [lpollok@tamhsc.edu](mailto:lpollok@tamhsc.edu).

### DSRIP CATEGORY INFORMATION

- Category 1: Infrastructure Development
- Category 2: Program Innovation and Re-design
- Category 3: Quality Improvements
- Category 4: Population-based Improvements

Project Area # \_\_\_\_\_

Project Letter: \_\_\_\_\_

### DESCRIPTIVE TITLE OF PROJECT:

Nurse Care Coordinator in the SHL Emergency Department

### COUNTIES SERVED BY PROPOSED PROJECT:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Bell              | <input type="checkbox"/> Lampasas | <input type="checkbox"/> Mills      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blanco            | <input type="checkbox"/> Llano    | <input type="checkbox"/> San Saba   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Burnet | <input type="checkbox"/> Milam    | <input type="checkbox"/> Williamson |

### PERFORMING PROVIDER (must be an eligible recipient of draw down funds):

Seton Highland Lakes Hospital

### OTHER PARTICIPATING PROVIDERS (if not applicable, answer N/A):

### GOAL OF PROPOSED PROJECT:

1. Develop a nurse care coordinator program in the Seton Highland Lakes Emergency Department to serve the care coordination needs of the community.
2. Provide care coordination to all citizens of Burnet County with a particular focus on the Burnet County Indigent Program and vulnerable populations.
3. Reduce unnecessary care of the citizens of Burnet County through improved access to preventive care and coordination to appropriate levels of care.
4. Improve collaboration between care providers in Burnet County to ensure proactive health management of vulnerable populations.

### EXPECTED OUTCOME(S) OF PROPOSED PROJECT:

1. Reduce the incidence of preventable illness in the Seton Highland Lakes Emergency Department.
2. Reduce readmission rates for patients associated with the Burnet County Indigent program and vulnerable populations.
3. Reduce costs and improve service for those patients associated with the Burnet County Indigent Care Program.

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED PROJECT (use only the space allotted):**

I establish nursing care coordinators in the Seton Highland Lakes (SHL) Emergency Department to coordinate care of patients through the SHL system with a particular focus on the vulnerable populations of Burnet County including the Burnet County Indigent Care Program. The Care Coordinators will be responsible for immediate coordination of patients to the appropriate levels of care as well as long-term health planning for patients and families by improving access to preventive care, education and health programs (i.e. COVID, asthma and diabetes education classes). These coordinators will coordinate with existing SHL providers, local Emergency Medical Services (EMS), mental health providers, community clinics and other health resources to proactively reach out to vulnerable families and improve access to appropriate health services. The coordinators will serve as a resource to patients and families who are sent to higher levels of care throughout the central Texas region to explore options and determine the best course of action for appropriate care.

**ANTICIPATED CHALLENGES:**

1. Coordination with multiple stakeholders across the region such as mental health providers, EMS service, other health systems will require a willingness to collaborate on the needs of the vulnerable populations of Burnet County.
2. Possible growth of the Burnet County Indigent Care Program to offset gains of improved health coordination of individuals.

**ESTIMATED VALUATION OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT BY WAIVER YEAR:**

Year 1 (2011-2012): \$ TBD  
Year 2 (2012-2013): \$ TBD  
Year 3 (2013-2014): \$ TBD  
Year 4 (2014-2015): \$ TBD  
Year 5 (2015-2016): \$ TBD

**NOTE:** If your proposed project is ultimately included in the regional plan, you will be required to also provide baseline data and work with the anchor to determine appropriate metrics and milestones for each year of the plan. Details initially included in this proposal may be revised as the final plan is being negotiated.