



## DSRIP News

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## Independent Evaluator to Survey Select DSRIP Partners

New York State has designated a mandated Independent Evaluator (IE) through the University at Albany's Center for Human Services Research to examine the implementation and outcomes of a number of allied State Innovation Model (SIM) initiatives, including the DSRIP program. The IE will reach out to PPSs and their partners throughout DY3-DY5, researching key program activities using qualitative methods such as informant interviews, web-based surveys and focus groups.

The IE will be sending out an online survey near the end of this month to a sample of AHI PPS partner organizations to help them evaluate the effectiveness of the program on a statewide level. If selected, you will be asked to provide feedback about DSRIP in general. The survey will

not ask for feedback on AHI PPS-specific activities or performance. For those selected to participate, your responses will be a key input into the IE's qualitative study, which will help assess the success of DSRIP and likely influence future state waiver programs. Thank you in advance for providing timely and valuable feedback to the state.

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## Workforce Milestone: AHI PPS Compensation and Benefits Analysis

In order to better understand and measure the impact of project implementation on the workforce, the NYS Department of Health requires PPSs to complete a compensation and benefits analysis during DSRIP Years 1, 3 and 5. This requirement also has an achievement value attached. As in DY1, the AHI PPS is working with the Center for Health Workforce Studies (CHWS) to collect information related to staffing and compensation/benefits. As our third-party vendor, CHWS can ensure we are adhering to all anti-trust guidelines.

We would like to share important dates for this upcoming initiative:

- On **Monday, October 2**, the CHWS will be emailing surveys – a fillable PDF - to document staffing and compensation/benefits along with instructions, a frequently asked questions (FAQ) document and job title descriptions to assist in completing the survey.
- On **Wednesday, October 4, at 2:00 p.m.**, the CHWS will be hosting a live webinar to review the surveys and answer any questions. The link to the webinar will be provided in the survey information sent out on Oct 2. The webinar will be archived on the CHWS website.
- The survey due date is **Friday, November 3**. Submission information will be provided by the CHWS.

Please contact Kelly Owens, Workforce Manager, at [kowens@ahihealth.org](mailto:kowens@ahihealth.org) with any questions.

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## NYS DOH Primary Care Service Corps Loan Repayment

NYS DOH recently released Round 3 of funding for the Primary Care Service Corps (PCSC) initiative, a service-obligated loan repayment program that is designed to increase the supply of non-physician practitioners in underserved areas of New York State. Eligible clinicians include dentists, dental hygienists, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, midwives, clinical psychologist, licensed clinical social workers and licensed mental health counselors. Clinicians must practice in a primary care or behavioral health setting in a Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA).

Visit [Primary Care Service Corps \(PCSC\) Round 3](#) for program details, an application and guidelines.

Visit the [HRSA Data Warehouse](#) website to find out if your organization is in a primary care or mental health HPSA.

Contact Kelly Owens, AHI Workforce Manager, at [kowens@ahihealth.org](mailto:kowens@ahihealth.org) for more information.

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## Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) Training, Oct. 17 in Glens Falls

Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) is an integrated, public health approach to the delivery of early intervention and treatment services for persons with or at risk for developing substance use disorders. Evidence-based SBIRT training, facilitated by Allison Reynolds, Program Director, Council for Prevention, is being offered in Glens Falls. The four-hour training will help you identify these individuals, incorporating screening for all types of substance use with brief, tailored feedback and advice.

Tuesday, October 17 (registration begins at 8:00 a.m.)  
The Queensbury Hotel, 88 Ridge Street, Glens Falls

Read the [training flyer](#) for more details.

[Register](#) for the training.

Please direct any questions to Rebecca Evansky, AHI Program Manager, at [revansky@ahihealth.org](mailto:revansky@ahihealth.org).

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## Only a Few Spots Still Available for North Country Telemedicine Conference, Nov. 2 in Lake Placid

Only a few spots are still available for the North Country Telehealth Partnership's 3rd Annual North Country Telemedicine Conference, *IOU's in Telehealth: Implementation, Optimization, Utilization*, being held Thursday, November 2, at the Crowne Plaza in Lake Placid.

The conference will provide meaningful information on current trends in telehealth, applicable to the rural populations we serve.

The cost to attend the event is \$25 per person. Breakfast, lunch and refreshments are included.

[Register](#) for the conference.

For more information, please contact Katy Cook, AHI Telemedicine Coordinator, at [kcook@ahihealth.org](mailto:kcook@ahihealth.org).

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## Save the Date: Preparing Your Organization for the Transition to Value Based Care Training, Nov. 13 in Albany

If you are a Medicaid behavioral health provider in the state and are looking for ways to prepare your organization for upcoming system transformation related to value based payment, The Managed Care Technical Assistance Center of New York (MCTAC) is partnering with Open

Minds for an upcoming in-person training opportunity, *Preparing Your Organization for the Transition to Value Based Care*, to address strategies and actions.

The event will feature a number of NYS behavioral health organizations sharing strategies for creating effective partnerships and concrete tips to ensure your organization is taking appropriate steps to prepare for the transition to value based care.

The free-of-charge training will be held 9:30 a.m. — 3:30 p.m., Monday, November 13, at the Albany Marriot.

More details and registration information will be forthcoming.

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