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AHI PPS Innovation Funds RFP Released

The AHI PPS is pleased to announce the release of a Request for Proposals (RFP) for innovation projects. Funding is available to support projects that represent innovative approaches to the design, delivery and/or payment models for health care and related services. Successful projects will link strategies and interventions that will help to support and strengthen the success of one (or more) of the eleven AHI PPS projects. A total of \$5.2 million has been allocated for

Innovation Funds over the course of the DSRIP program. AHI anticipates eliciting applications twice per year for innovation projects.

Letters of intent are due by October 28; the application due date is November 30; January 13, 2017 is the estimated date awards will be announced; and February 1, 2017 is the estimated contract start date.

Visit [DSRIP Projects](#) for the RFP and related documents.

Managed Care Technical Assistance Center (MCTAC) FAQ Resource Tool Available

A collection of the most frequently asked questions surrounding behavioral health managed care implementation in New York State is available from the Managed Care Technical Assistance Center (MCTAC). Questions and answers are general in nature covering such topics as billing, contracting and outcomes.

View the [MCTAQ FAQ Tool](#).

Language of Caring Webinars Oct. 18 and 25

A pair of patient experience webinars focusing on enriching teams with cutting-edge information and proven tools to achieve and strengthen patient-centered care, the patient and family experience, employee engagement, and the doctor-patient relationship is being hosted by Language of Caring.

Overview of Language of Caring for Staff is being held from 12:00—12:30 p.m., Tuesday, October 18.

Overview of Language of Caring for Physicians is being held from 12:00—12:30 p.m., Tuesday, October 25.

Visit Language of Caring for more information and to [register](#).

North Country Telemedicine Conference Nov. 3

Health system telemedicine integration will be the focus of this year's second annual North Country Telemedicine Conference. Program assessment, planning and implementation, telepsychiatry, state telemedicine regulations and legal/contracting issues will be among the topics covered at the event. The agenda is being finalized and will be posted shortly.

The free conference, co-hosted by AHI and the Fort Drum Regional Health Planning Organization, is taking place from 9:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m., Thursday, November 3, at the Crowne Plaza Resort, Lake Placid (registration begins at 8:30 a.m.)

Space is limited so please [register](#) now. A lunch buffet will be provided.

If you have any questions, please contact Claudia Higgins at chiggins@ahihealth.org.

HCBS Qualified Vendor Solution Fair Nov. 10

The Behavioral Health IT Coalition (BHIT) is hosting a vendor fair in Albany for Adult Behavioral Health HCBS (Home and Community-Based Services) providers looking to contract and upgrade with one of the Qualified Vendor Solutions. The fair will provide an opportunity to meet vendors and learn about the Adult BH HCBS functionality, understand the workflow HCBS built into the Qualified Vendor Solutions, and meet the BHIT team for information on program deliverables and technical questions.

The event is being held from 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m., Thursday, November 10, at the Empire State Plaza in Albany.

Visit BHIT HCBS Program for more information and to [register](#).

Mental Health First Certification Training for Saratoga County Providers Nov. 15

The Mental Health Association in New York State and the Capital Region Project AWARE Community Grant are offering an eight-hour training certification course for Saratoga County providers. The course is appropriate for anyone who wants to learn how to help an individual who may be experiencing a mental health crisis or concern.

The free course is being held from 9:00 a.m.—5:30 p.m., Tuesday, November 15, at the Clifton Park-Halfmoon Library.

Visit Healthy Minds for a Healthy New York for more information and to [register](#).

Health Care Reform Networking Event Nov. 16

The New York State Chapter of Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS) is hosting an evening of networking and discussions with thought leaders around the topic of health care reform. Health Care Reform: Where Are We in New York State? is scheduled for 5:30—9:00 p.m., Wednesday, November 16, at Revolution Hall in Troy. The agenda features a panel discussion of the current state of ACOs and DSRIP in the state and issues managing both programs.

[Register](#) for the event.

Health Home Conference Nov. 17

Current issues, challenges and approaches in the Health Home environment will be the focus of the 2016 AHI Health Home Conference. The conference is scheduled for Thursday, November 17, at the Crowne Plaza, Lake Placid.

Keynote speaker John Pelizza, PhD, will present “Revitalizing Commitment in the Midst of Chaos.” Four learning tracks will be offered, including Care Management for Chronic Medical Conditions, Supervising in the Health Home Environment, Care Management for Behavioral Health Conditions and Health Home Care Management for Children.

A limited number of seats have been made available to AHI PPS Partners who are **not** contracted with the Health Home program. If your organization is not affiliated with the AHI Health Home program and you would like to attend, please [register](#). If you are contracted with the AHI Health Home, please contact Health Home program staff at healthhome@ahihealth.org for that registration link.

Health Care Providers Required to Comply with “Non-Discrimination” Reporting Provisions by Mid-October

Under new HHS rules implementing the Affordable Care Act “Non-Discrimination” provision, covered entities, which include most health care providers, must post and publish new mandatory non-discrimination statements and taglines by October 16. According to the AMA, the rule applies to physicians who participate in Federal or State Exchange plans, Medicaid, or receive meaningful use incentive payments.

For additional information, visit the [Medical Society of the State of New York](#) website.

Health Care News and Resources

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