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## AHI PPS DSRIP Plans, Policies and Procedures Now Posted on AHI Website

As mentioned in last week's edition of *DSRIP News*, for the convenience of partners, AHI PPS DSRIP Plans, Policies and Procedures are now published on the AHI website.

Visit [AHI PPS DSRIP Plans, Policies and Procedures](#).

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## Second Group of AHI PPS DSRIP Project Addendums Posted on AHI Website

AHI has released DSRIP schedules for a second group of projects. An email has been sent to partners with information about Project Addendums, including instructions to open and download password-protected addendum documents from a new AHI web page.

Schedules have been released for the following projects:

- 2.b.viii
- 3.a.i
- 3.a.ii
- 3.a.iv
- 3.g.i

More schedules will be forthcoming. If you have any questions, please send an email to [dsripahi@ahihealth.org](mailto:dsripahi@ahihealth.org).

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## Meaningful Use – MEIPASS Availability

2016 is the last year that eligible professionals may begin participation in the New York Medicaid EHR Incentive Program. The New York Medicaid EHR Incentive Program Administrative Support Service (MEIPASS) is currently closed due to important maintenance being performed on the system for meaningful use attestations for payment year 2015 and beyond. It is anticipated that MEIPASS will reopen early in the fourth quarter of calendar year 2016.

If you would like more information, please contact program support at 877-646-5410 (option 2) or [hit@health.ny.gov](mailto:hit@health.ny.gov).

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## Requirements for Volunteer Driver Organizations Updated

The New York State Department of Health recognizes that volunteer drivers are a valuable component of the Medicaid Transportation Program, especially in transporting enrollees to necessary medical services in rural areas.

All volunteer driver organizations must be enrolled as Medicaid providers and can only assign trips to volunteer drivers who are affiliated with their organization.

Additional information can be found in the September 2016 issue of the [\*Medicaid Update\*](#).

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## PCMH Incentive Payment Program Policy Update

Effective January 1, 2017, all MCO plans will be required to pay incentives for the New York State Medicaid Statewide PCMH Incentive Payment Program as of the month of PCMH recognition. This ensures incentives will be paid for every month of PCMH eligibility to practices and their providers. This may require plans to process retroactive payments to recognized practices and providers in their network when affected by this initial lag of information. Regardless of the

NCQA recognition effective date, payments due to practices must account for the entire first month of their recognition, and should not be prorated.

For more information, visit [New York Medicaid Statewide Patient Centered Medical Home Program Incentive Payment Program Policy: Update on Retroactive Incentive Payments](#).

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## Sign up Today and Have Your Voice Heard

On a regular basis, the NYS Department of Health notifies interested stakeholders, advocates, consumers, counties, providers, and state associations about relevant updates on department program initiatives or new projects where stakeholder input is desired. Sign up today and be notified of these updates, including opportunities to participate in the public engagement process.

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## Reminder: North Country Telemedicine Conference November 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. A more complete agenda will be shared closer to the event.

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](#).

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## Training Opportunity Reminder: Health Home Conference November 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 for a different registration link.

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## Understanding the Role of Social Determinants in Population Health Management Webinar November 17

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention define social determinants of health as economic and social conditions that influence the health of people and communities. Why are income, housing, and employment important to people's well-being? A virtual forum, Understanding the Role of Social Determinants in Population Health Management, will answer that question and provide insight into what health care providers must do to address social determinants in their service delivery strategies.

The webinar is being held from 12:00—1:00 p.m., Thursday, November 17. For more information, visit [PsychU](#).

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## AHI PPS Medical Village Efforts Featured in DSRIP Digest

Reducing excess bed capacity and repurposing inpatient hospital infrastructure into medical villages in the Adirondack Region is the focus of a feature article in this month's edition of *The DSRIP Digest*, published by the NYS DOH. The article highlights the efforts of three AHI PPS organizations – The University of Vermont Health Network – Champlain Valley Physicians Hospital, Glens Falls Hospital and Inter-Lakes Health (Moses Ludington Hospital).

Read [The DSRIP Digest](#) for more information.

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## Health Care News and Resources

Please visit [Health Care News and Resources](#) for national, regional and local health care news and resources that may be relevant to your work.

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