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### AHI PPS Contracting

AHI has been working to establish a budget and funding distribution plan to allocate DSRIP performance payments among the participating providers in the PPS to achieve the goals of DSRIP. The PPS Finance Committee, PPS Steering Committee, and AHI Board of Directors, in concert with AHI staff, have developed a contracting process and an email was sent to AHI PPS partners regarding the contracting process on March 9.

The PPS Project Impact Matrix Template and Financial Stability Survey documents will be reviewed at the upcoming web conference on **Tuesday, March 15, 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM**. Peter Epp, AHI PPS Finance Consultant, will review the tools and respond to questions. Please register for the [AHI PPS Survey Information Session webinar](#). *Note: Additional web conferences will be held as we move through the contracting process.*

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### More Than \$27 Million in Capital Funding Awarded to Transform Health Care in the Adirondack Region

The Governor's office recently announced that eight health provider organizations in the AHI PPS will receive more than \$27 million for health care transformation in the Adirondack region as part of the Capital Restructuring Financing Program (CRFP) and Essential Health Care Provider Support (EHCPs) Program.

Visit the [AHI news blog](#) for more information.

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## Board Appoints AHI PPS Steering Committee

AHI PPS Steering Committee members were appointed at the February 23 AHI Board of Directors meeting.

[AHI PPS Steering Committee members.](#)

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## Craven Earns Patient-Centered Medical Home Content Expert Certification

AHI Transformation Coach, RuthAnn Craven, MS, PCMH CEE, has earned National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) Certification as a *Patient-Centered Medical Home Certified Content Expert* (PCMH CCE).

"In order to be recognized as a *Certified NCQA Patient-Centered Medical Home Content Expert*, participants receive thorough training and demonstrate in-depth knowledge to assist organizations applying for NCQA PCMH recognition," explained NCQA President Margaret E. O'Kane.

NCQA's PCMH Content Expert Certification program has two goals:

1. Assist practices and other interested parties in identifying experts with a demonstrated understanding of the NCQA PCMH program;
2. Provide professionals with a way to validate their knowledge base.

AHI engages practitioners in NCQA recognition through the DSRIP 2.a.ii project. This project is an effort to increase certification of primary care practitioners with PCMH certification and/or advanced primary care models as developed under the NY State Health Innovation Plan (SHIP). Learn more about the AHI PPS [DSRIP Project 2.a.ii](#).

NCQA is an independent, not-for-profit organization dedicated to improving health care quality. Visit the [NCQA website](#) for more information.

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## MCTAC Utilization Management and Billing Training Series

The Managed Care Technical Assistance Center (MCTAC) has announced a new utilization management and billing rules and practices training series. A kick-off webinar is being held from 12-1 p.m., Wednesday, March 23. The webinar will be followed by in-person presentations across the state.

Visit the [AHI news blog](#) for more information and to register.

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## To Treat or Not? Question Looms for Elderly and Sick

Millions of families in our aging nation face the same delicate decision about when to use life-extending, but potentially-grueling treatment on the elderly and sick – and the medical world is responding.

Read the *USA Today* article, [To Treat or Not? Question Looms for Elderly and Sick](#).

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