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### More Than Halfway: Master Participation Agreements

The AHI PPS distributed the Master Participation Agreement to all partners in early June. Since then, the AHI PPS executed Master Participation Agreements with 58 PPS Partners.

AHI Chief Financial Officer Eric Burton worked with AHI's legal counsel and representatives from various PPS Partner organizations to create a document that is mutually beneficial. Burton said, "To have fully executed agreements with more than half our Partners in a short period of time is a testament to the effectiveness of that process and will demonstrate to the State in the DY2Q1 report the breadth of commitment to delivery system reform by Partners in the North County."

The PPS Finance Committee is continuing to work on the Project Schedules which will provide a detailed outline of a Partners' roles and responsibilities, payment flow, documentation, and performance requirements. The PPS expects to distribute Project Schedules for Project 2a<sup>ii</sup> - *Increase Certification of Primary Care Practitioners with PCMH Certification and/or Advanced Primary Care Models* and Project 2d<sup>i</sup> - *Implementation of Patient Activation to Engage, Educate and Integrate the Uninsured and Low/Non-Utilizing Medicaid Populations into Community-Based Care*, this summer. Only PPS Partners with executed Master Participation Agreements will receive Project Schedules and will be eligible for

Project funds. Prompt return of the Master Participation Agreement is encouraged and should be sent electronically to [dsripahi@ahihealth.org](mailto:dsripahi@ahihealth.org)

For a complete list of AHI PPS Partners with executed Master Participation Agreements is available on the [AHI PPS Contracting](#) web page.

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## Reminder: Waiver Program Upstate Public Comment Day July 12

[Upstate Public Comment Day](#) for New York’s 1115 waiver program is being held from 10:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m., Tuesday, July 12, in Meeting Room #6, Empire State Plaza, Albany. The meeting is open to the public and will be webcasted live.

The 1115 waiver is designed to permit New York to use a managed care delivery system to deliver benefits to Medicaid recipients, create efficiencies in the Medicaid program, and enable the extension of coverage to certain individuals who would otherwise be without health insurance. In addition, New York’s goals in implementing its 1115 waiver include improving access to health services and better health outcomes for New Yorkers.

No pre-registration is required. Individuals who wish to provide comment will be asked to register on site beginning at 9:00 a.m. and will speak in the order of registration. Public comment will not be grouped by topic. Comments will be limited to five minutes per presenter to ensure everyone is heard.

Public Comment Day Agenda:

10:30—10:45 a.m.	DOH Program Presentation
10:45—10:50 a.m.	PAOP Co-Chair Welcome
10:50 a.m.—12:30 p.m.	Public Comment
12:30—1:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:00—3:20 p.m.	Public Comment
3:20—3:30 p.m.	Wrap-up

Written public comments or questions may be submitted to [dsrip@health.ny.gov](mailto:dsrip@health.ny.gov).

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## VBP Bootcamp Registration for Region 2, Session 3 Now Open

Registration for Region 2 (Tug Hill Seaway, North Country and Mohawk Valley) Session 3 of the VBP Bootcamp series opened yesterday and runs through July 20.

[Register for VBP Bootcamp Series: Region 2, Session 3.](#)

For a complete repository of information related to the VBP Bootcamps series, please visit the [DSRIP - VBP Bootcamps website](#).

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## Reminder: CAG Reports Posted for Public Comment

The Behavioral Health, HIV/AIDS and Maternity Clinical Advisory Groups (CAG) have produced CAG Recommendation Reports for the following VBP arrangements:

- HARP subpopulation
- HIV/AIDS subpopulation
- Maternity

The CAG recommendation report provides definition and associated quality measures for each VBP arrangement. The CAG recommendation reports inform providers and payers of the details of each arrangement, further supporting their transition to VBP. Each report represents the final output from each respective CAG for that specific arrangement. Recommendations from the CAG will be further explored throughout the early phases of VBP implementation. Based on lessons learned through VBP implementation, each CAG may be reconvened to continue discussions of VBP arrangement definition and quality measures.

The CAG reports have been posted for public comment at [DSRIP – VBP Resource Library – Final CAG Reports](#).

Any written comments should be submitted by July 24 to [dsrip@health.ny.gov](mailto:dsrip@health.ny.gov).

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## Reminder: Back to the Basics—Primary and Behavioral Health Care Integration

The SAMHSA-HRSA Center for Integrated Health Solutions will be hosting a webinar, [Back to the Basics: Primary and Behavioral Health Care Integration](#), from 2:00—3:00 p.m., Monday, July 11. The webinar is for any primary care, mental health, or substance abuse provider interested in the integration of care.

Integration of care is the most effective way to manage patients with complex health care needs. Join this webinar to “go back to the basics” of primary care and behavioral health integration and learn how to effectively communicate the value and importance of integrated care.

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## Navigating the New York State Value-Based Payment Roadmap

The Medicaid Institute at United Hospital Fund, an entity the United Hospital Fund (UHF) created in 2005 to provide insight to New York health care stakeholders for health care delivery and administration, has released a valuable resource titled [Navigating the New York State Value-Based Payment Roadmap](#). The VBP Roadmap discusses how New York plans to transform the health care payment system from a traditional fee-for-service to a value-based payment system.

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## SUNY Adirondack Program Focuses on Health Care Job Shortages

A new SUNY Adirondack program has launched to address health care job shortages in the North Country. SUNY Adirondack is part of the Upstate Partnership for Healthcare Pathways, which was awarded a Health Profession Opportunity grant by the federal government in September 2015.

The grant specifically targets low-income residents of Warren, Washington, and Saratoga counties for high-demand health care occupations. Furthermore, the program is looking to train health care professionals such as nurses, nurse aides, home health aides, and substance abuse counselors. More information can be found online at [SUNY Adirondack](#).

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