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### Project Schedules Released

The AHI PPS has begun issuing project schedules for DSRIP Projects 2.a.ii – Increase Certification of Primary Care Practitioners With PCMH Certification and/or Advanced Primary Care Models, 2.d.i – Implementation of Patient Activation Activities, and 2.a.iv – Create a Medical Village Using Existing Hospital Infrastructure, to Partners who have completed the initial contracting process and have indicated intent to participate in these projects. Project schedules detail partner responsibilities and payment for successfully completing project activities. Additional project addendums will be finalized and released over the coming weeks.

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### Value Based Payment Survey Reminder

The VBP Survey is a DOH milestone requirement and as such the AHI PPS must have a survey response from every Partner, regardless of VBP participation. Partners who have not yet completed the survey are requested to do so as soon as possible.

Complete the [online survey](#). For questions, please email [dsripahi@ahihealth.org](mailto:dsripahi@ahihealth.org).

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### Updated Guidance on Projects 3.g.i and 3.g.ii

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has granted the DSRIP program permission to proceed with the implementation of the amended palliative care projects (projects 3.g.i and 3.g.ii).

DOH had amended the projects to remove the New York State Uniform Assessment System (UAS-NY) as the central data collection tool for populations included in this project. Following CMS' approval, the amended projects will use the Integrated Palliative Care Outcome Scale (IPOS) as the project's primary data collection instrument. The IPOS will significantly reduce administrative burden and more appropriately align the projects with the DSRIP goals of increasing access to palliative care within primary care and nursing home settings. All PPSs participating in 3.g.i and 3.g.ii will continue to earn P4R AVs through DY2 based on the successful completion of Domain 1 milestones.

DOH recognizes the burden that PPSs may face in integrating the IPOS into existing workflows and is working to release technical assistance documentation related to project implementation in the near future.

In addition, DOH will be hosting an introductory webinar to discuss the program's amended structure, implementation timelines, and PPS questions. Registration information will be announced soon.

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## NCQA Offers “Strategies for Success” Online Learning Platform

NCQA has created an online learning portal, “*Strategies for Success*.” The platform offers patient education and engagement tools, care team tools, faculty notes, and clinical guidelines.

Access “*Strategies for Success*” on the [NCQA website](#). Log in or create an account using your email address. Go to “My Apps” in the “Strategies for Success as a PCMH” panel and click “Begin.” When prompted, enter invitation code “PursuePCMH” and follow instructions.

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## Workforce Impact Analysis – Coming Soon!

The Workforce Strategic Planning Workgroup has been convened. The group includes members of the Workforce Committee, as well as project partners, to assist in the planning and completion of upcoming milestones, including workforce impact analysis reporting. Beginning September 30, 2016, each PPS is required to submit data every six months related to impact on the workforce – hiring, training/retraining and redeployment of staff. This milestone also has an attached achievement value. Templates have been developed and reviewed with the Strategic Planning Workgroup to capture the required data through September 30 from each organization. Several organizations are presently participating in a pilot of the templates - necessary modifications will be made and then will be shared with all partners. Templates will be shared with PPS leads in each organization and should be completed by the appropriate individual(s) in the organization. Completion is required by all partners. A webinar will be planned to assist with completion - date and registration information to follow.

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## ICD-10 Flexibilities Q&A Updated

CMS has released an updated Q&A document entitled, [Clarifying Questions and Answers Related to the July 6, 2015, CMS/AMA Joint Announcement and Guidance Regarding ICD-10 Flexibilities](#).

Visit the [ICD-10 webpage](#) for more information.

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## Individual PPS C&G CAHPS Report of Measurement Year 1 Results Now Available

The Clinician and Group CAHPS 3.0 (C&G CAHPS) report for individual PPSs have been posted to the digital library. The report is based on the survey administered for measurement year 1. Each report contains results for the individual PPS, as well as the overall PPS results. This report includes results for all of the individual survey questions and composites, not just the results of performance measures that were previously provided to PPSs in the MY1 data release. In addition to the individual PPS report, a statewide report consolidating results for all PPSs is being posted.

The reports have been posted to the Digital Library in the ‘Performance Measures and Implementation Plan’ subfolder within PPS folders.

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## New York's 1115 Waiver Programs Public Comments Posted

The Department of Health hosted two 1115 Waiver Public Comment Day forums on May 4, 2016 and July 12, 2016. Summaries of live testimony during both meetings as well as written comments received have been posted on the [New York 1115 Medicaid Waiver Information](#) web page.

If you have any questions, please e-mail [MRTupdates@health.ny.gov](mailto:MRTupdates@health.ny.gov).

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## Regulatory Waiver Update

A summary and update of the Regulatory Waiver initiative has been posted on the NYS DOH website. The document, as well as additional information, including past waiver requests, the Regulatory Waiver Request template, and a listing of quarterly deadlines and response dates can be found on the [Regulatory Flexibility Guidance, Resources, and Program Status web page](#).

Questions regarding regulatory waivers may be sent to [dsrip@health.ny.gov](mailto:dsrip@health.ny.gov).

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## Medical Record Review Notification Reminder

As reported in the July 29 issue of *DSRIP News*, the NYS DOH and DSRIP program's independent assessor have partnered with Verisk Health, Inc. (now named Verscend) to complete chart abstractions for all PPSs participating in Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment (DSRIP) Domains 2 and 3. The medical record review will require the abstraction of data to populate six HEDIS measures (controlling high blood pressure, comprehensive diabetes care, prenatal and postpartum care, frequency of ongoing prenatal care, childhood immunization status, and lead screening in children) and one New York-specific non-HEDIS measure (screening for clinical depression). Verscend began contacting providers earlier this month to schedule appointments for record collection services.

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## Funding Opportunity for Independent Living Centers and Community-Based Organizations

Authorized by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA), New York State's Balancing Incentive Program (BIP) has expanded the State's Aging and Disability Resource Centers (NY Connects) to broaden the populations for which it provides information, assistance and linkage to Long Term Services and Supports (LTSS).

To increase the access to LTSS as an alternative to institutional care, New York State Office of the Aging (NYSOFA) has issued a Request for Applications (RFA) for a BIP funding opportunity to partner with NY Connects. Up to six Independent Living Centers (ILCs) and/or community-based organizations will be chosen in six regions across the State.

The RFA was issued on August 25. Submission of applications is through [New York State Grants Gateway](#).

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## Nominations Sought for Country Doctor of the Year Award

Nominations are being accepted by Staff Care through October 15 for the Country Doctor of the Year Award. The award is presented each December to a physician who best exemplifies the spirit, skill, and dedication of America's rural medicine practitioners.

For more information and to nominate a candidate, visit the [Staff Care Country Doctor of the Year Award web page](#).

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## Using Patient Centered Analytics to Target Quality Improvement Interventions September 8

Using outcome quality measures to drive improvement interventions is a critical function of any high-performing health care organization. A webinar hosted by Battelle, *Using Patient Centered Analytics to Target Quality Improvement Intervention*, will focus on how to replicate outcome measures from CMS and other payers, tactics to reduce the delay between the collection and reporting of outcomes, and strategies for the dealing with limited availability of staff with needed quality improvement-related skills.

The event is being held at 1:00 p.m., Thursday, September 8.

[Register](#) for the webinar.

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## Save the Date: DSRIP Telehealth/Telemedicine Symposium September 13

The NYSDOH will be hosting a DSRIP Telehealth/Telemedicine Symposium from 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 13 in Albany. Session participants will include representatives from the Department of Health, Bureau of Medical, Dental and Pharmacy Policy Analysis and Development, Telehealth/Telemedicine vendors, The American Telemedicine Association, KPMG and members of the DSRIP CIO Steering Committee Leadership Team.

The final agenda and logistics for the meeting will be sent by the DOH closer to the session date. Please email any questions to [Todd Ellis](#) or [Esha Gupta](#).

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## CRFP Equity Programs Update Webinar September 16

An update on processes and timelines associated with the capital grants made available through the Capital Restructuring Finance Program (CRFP) will be the area of focus of a webinar hosted by the NYS DOH from 9:30—11:00 a.m., Friday, September 16.

Attendees should include PPS leads, as well as those providers in the PPS networks who were awarded capital grants. Please forward this information and webinar registration link to those in your network who are CRFP awardees.

[Register](#) for the webinar.

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## Health Care Value 101 Webinar September 16

Our health system is inefficient and expensive. High costs and uneven quality leads to poor value for the money we spend on health care. The Health Care Value Hub is hosting a webinar, Health Care Value 101: An Introduction—or Refresher—on Health Care Costs and Quality Issues, from 2:00—3:00 p.m., Friday, September 16.

The webinar will focus on the major drivers of health care costs, interventions available to address rising costs and increase quality, and what action you can take to make an impact.

[Register](#) for the webinar.

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## Value Based Payment for Medical Child Health Services Webinar September 21 and 29

The McSilver Institute for Poverty Policy and Research is hosting a two-part webinar series in collaboration with the United Hospital Fund (UHF) and with the support of the Community Technical Assistance Center (CTAC) on Value Based Payment (VBP) Models for Medicaid Child Health Services.

Part I of the series, Setting the Stage for VBP, will highlight relevant data and research, explore the impact of the social determinants of health, and review the implications of health care reform for child-serving providers. It is being held from 2:30—4:00 p.m., Wednesday, September 21.

[Register](#) for Part I of the webinar.

Part II of the series, Measuring Value in Children's Health Care, will address how to measure the value of children's health care with a focus on measure selection for reporting outcomes and how outcomes align with proposed value based payment models. It is being held from 2:30—4:00 p.m., Thursday, September 29.

[Register](#) for Part II of the webinar.

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## Value Based Payment for Providers Video Posted

The NYS DOH has posted the latest installment of its NYS Value Based Payment video series, "VBP for Providers." The video highlights how VBP will reshape our health care system and the important role providers play within VBP. The video and more information on VBP can be found on the [DSRIP – Value Based Payment Reform \(VBP\) web page](#).

Any questions may be directed to [dsrip@health.ny.gov](mailto:dsrip@health.ny.gov).

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