



## DSRIP News

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## PPS Contracting

As reported in last week's DSRIP News, Project Schedules for 2.a.ii, 2.a.iv, and 2.d.i have been released to Partners who have signed the Master Participation Agreement and have expressed intent to participate in these projects. Project schedules for the remaining PPS projects will continue to be released over the next several weeks to Partners who have completed **all** contracting requirements. The contracting requirements include:

- Demonstration of Financial Stability or Request for a Waiver
- Signed BAA
- Submission of W-9
- Completion of HIT Survey
- Completion of Project Impact Matrix
- Signed Master Participation Agreement

For more information on the contracting process and frequently asked questions, please visit [AHI PPS Contracting](#). For questions regarding your contract status, please email [Rachel Hajos](#).

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## Human Service Value Proposition Focus of AHI Summit Session

Heidi Milch, LMSW, Executive Director of Community Connections of New York, Inc., and PIE Analytics, Inc., will present, *What's In a Human Service Value Proposition?*, the first of a two-part program for leaders of community-based organizations at the AHI Summit on September 29 at The High Peaks Resort in Lake Placid.

In today's changing environment, organizations need to define, measure, and present the clear benefit they bring to the table. To help organizations position themselves for value based payment arrangements, the PPS is offering this session to introduce the concept of human service organization value propositions, customer and audience differentiation, and the role of data and measurement in value.

During this session, attendees will:

- Understand what a value proposition is and why it is needed;
- Understand different customer bases and the relationship to the agency's value proposition;
- Identify value from different perspectives; and,
- Learn the different types of data collection and understand the relationship between data and the value proposition.

The second session, *Developing a Value Proposition for Human Service Agencies*, will be held in November. In this hands-on workshop, facilitators will coach participants through the development of draft value propositions using tools and exercises that can be replicated throughout their agencies. Detailed learning objectives will be highlighted at the Summit session on September 29.

[Register](#) for the AHI Summit.

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## Innovation Fund Timeline Revised

The AHI PPS has allocated \$5.2 million over the span of the DSRIP program to support projects that represent innovative approaches to the design, delivery, and/or payment models for health care and social and community-based services in the areas of prevention, wellness, and those that impact the social determinants of health. The timeline announced previously has been modified. The RFP will be released later this month and awards will be announced in January 2017 for DSRIP Year 2.

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## Clinical Depression Screening and Follow-up Quality Measure

Effective documentation is a key to success in care management and improved patient health outcomes. There are three PPS projects with a quality metric related to Clinical Depression Screening and Follow-up on which the PPS is being measured.

The Screening for Clinical Depression and Follow-up quality measure applies to the following projects:

- Project 3.a.i “Integration of Behavioral Health with Primary Care”
- Project 3.a.ii “Crisis Stabilization”
- Project 3.a.iv “Withdrawal Management”

The AHI PPS scored 14.4% in measurement year 1. The DSRIP goal is 56.2%. “There is a significant opportunity to improve performance in this measure just by improved documentation,” said RuthAnn Craven, Practice Transformation Manager, AHI. “Often, physicians document a ‘positive’ for depression, but do not document the follow-up care indicating the patient was referred out and received treatment.”

Depression screening should be billed with one of two G-codes. For more detail regarding the HCPCS code and medical record documentation read [Clinical Depression Screening and Follow-up Quality Measures](#).

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## Deadline Extended for Value Based Payment Survey Completion

The deadline for AHI PPS Partners to complete the Value Based Payment survey has been extended to Friday, September 16. As a reminder, the survey must be completed by every Partner, regardless of VBP participation.

[Take the survey.](#)

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## Verisk Health is Now Verscend Technologies

The PPS first reported in the July 29 edition of *DSRIP News* that Verisk Health, Inc. will be contacting providers to schedule appointments for record collection services. Please be advised that Verisk Health has changed its name to Verscend Technologies.

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## Save the Date: AHI Telemedicine Conference November 3

AHI will present the North Country Telemedicine Conference on Thursday, November 3, at the Crowne Plaza in Lake Placid. The day-long educational program will focus on the latest issues involving the integration of telemedicine in health care delivery, program implementation, and regulatory challenges. Program details and registration information will be announced soon.

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## Reminder: NYS DSRIP Telehealth/Telemedicine Symposium September 13

NYSDOH will be hosting a NYS DSRIP Telehealth/Telemedicine Symposium from 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 13, at the University at Albany's School of Public Health Auditorium, 1 University Place, Rensselaer.

Key topics of discussion will include:

- National Telehealth State of the Union – American Telemedicine Association;
- NYS Policy Discussion on Telehealth Focused on DSRIP – Review of NYS Telehealth Medicaid Guidelines;
- Leading Telehealth Vendor Panel Discussion;
- DSRIP PPS Telehealth Presentations;
- Question and Answer Session.

For more information, email [Todd Ellis](#) or [Esha Gupta](#).

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## Reminder: 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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## Patient Engagement Webinar September 21

A webinar focusing on meaningful patient engagement in transformation using a blended model to inform and improve progress toward the Quadruple Aim is being held from 12:00—1:00 p.m., Wednesday, September 21. The webinar, *How Meaningful Patient Engagement Drives Value and Shared Vision for Change*, will cover how patient experience surveys at corporate and practice levels provide quantitative patient experience results that can be very helpful for leadership teams. The webinar will expound on the idea of how taking additional steps to engage patients at the practice level in quality improvement, richer and more-timely qualitative data can be discovered that supplement and enhance the survey data.

[Register](#) for the webinar.

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## Behavioral Health Value Based Payment Conference September 27

The New York State Office of Mental Health and Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services, along with the Health Foundation for Western and Central New York and the Managed Care Technical Assistance Center will be co-sponsoring a conference focusing on the vision for value based payment in behavioral health and future technical assistance offerings for providers.

The conference is scheduled from 9:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 27 at the Albany Marriott.

[Register](#) for the conference.

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## Community Health Center of the North Country Canton Practice Achieves Level 3 PCMH Recognition

United Cerebral Palsy of the North Country d/b/a Community Health Center of the North Country’s Canton practice has achieved Level 3 recognition as a Patient Centered Medical Home. Patient Centered Medical Homes are the foundation for a health care system that provides more value by achieving the “Triple Aim” of better quality, experience and cost. Through the Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment (DSRIP) Program, the Community Health Center of the North Country and the AHI PPS are working to ensure every primary care provider in the service area is a high-performing PCMH, providing an opportunity to strengthen and expand primary care – which is central to achieving better health for patients and communities, and lowering costs for everyone.

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