

2014: A Year of Tremendous Progress

For all of us working to make the SHIN-NY a reality, 2014 has truly been a year of which we can all be proud. In addition to seeing the growth of the network, the SHIN-NY accomplished two critical goals that put us on a path to interconnecting New York State's nine Qualified Entities (QEs).

First, the SHIN-NY secured significant state and federal funding: \$55 million in state funding to interconnect New York State's nine QEs and enroll more providers and patients in the system and an additional \$30 million from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to continue growing the number of CMS providers enrolled in Qualified Entities.

Second, working with the New York State Department of Health, we have developed a draft regulation that establishes the SHIN-NY as a public utility and describes the policy and funding framework for the SHIN-NY, its exchange services, and related privacy and security policies.

These successes are the culmination of years of efforts by numerous stakeholders to educate patients, providers, and government decision-makers about the system; increase interoperability among regional organizations; and cultivate new technologies that will help facilitate collaboration and greater accessibility for all users.

Thank you to all of the SHIN-NY stakeholders and the countless individuals working to build the SHIN-NY across New York — bringing to life a life-saving system to serve the hundreds of hospitals, thousands of healthcare providers, and millions of people receiving healthcare in New York.

We wish you Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year. Best Wishes for 2015!

SHIN-NY Introduces New Alert System to Improve Care for High-Risk Patients



Photo Left to Right: Irene Koch, Esq. (Healthix) | Thomas F. Check (Healthix) | Dr. Karen Nelson (Brooklyn Health Home) | Mary Ellen Connington, RN (Oscar) | Tina Levesic, NP (Oscar) | Guillermo Rodriguez, (Aide to Sen. G. Rivera) | Patrick J. Roohan (NYSDOH) | Mario Schlosser (Oscar) | Richard J. Donoghue (NYU Langone Medical Center)

New York State Department of Health, Brooklyn Health Home, and Oscar Demonstrate How Healthix's Clinical Event Notifications Protect Patients in New York City and Long Island through Real-Time Alerts

Earlier this month, the New York State Health Department joined with **Healthix**, the Brooklyn Health Home, and Oscar to provide an update on the development of New York's electronic health record system, the Statewide Health Information Network of New York (SHIN-NY).

To demonstrate how the SHIN-NY operates on a regional level, the group highlighted Healthix's patient alert system, which allows care managers to receive real-time alerts when their patients are admitted to or discharged from a hospital, helping to improve care coordination and reduce avoidable hospital re-admissions.

Healthix, the largest of the nine Qualified Entities that comprise the SHIN-NY, already facilitates health information exchange for 10 million patients across Manhattan, Brooklyn, Queens, Staten Island, and Long Island.

"Healthix and the other regional networks that comprise the Statewide Health Information Network of New York are essential to improving the delivery of healthcare in the Empire State," said acting New York State Health Commissioner Dr. Howard Zucker. "By utilizing advancements in health technology, the SHIN-NY network has given us the ability to ensure that critical health data is up to date and available when it is needed the most."

[Read more.](#)

Health Care Exchange 'Hixny' Launches New Patient Portal



It's getting easier for patients in the Capital Region to access their health information. Late last month,

Hixny—the health information exchange serving the Capital District, Northern New York, and the Mohawk Valley—unveiled its new Patient Portal. It allows patients to safely and securely access, download, and transmit their electronic medical records.

Hixny also announced improved access between hospitals state-wide, thanks to something called the SHIN-NY—the Statewide Health Information Network of New York.

"Through the SHIN-NY, not only will providers have access to broader patient records, but patients using Hixny and the patient portal will be able to access a more complete patient record across the region," said Mark McKinney, CEO of Hixny. "By connecting Hixny and its counterparts across the state, together New York will have one engine to power the SHIN-NY, leading to well informed communication for every New Yorker."

[Watch the video.](#)

(Source: WNYT)

STHL and THINC Announced as PHIP Awardees



New York State Department of Health Announces Contractors for Population Health Improvement Program (PHIP); STHL and THINC to Serve Southern Tier and Mid-Hudson Regions

The New York State Department of Health (NYS DOH) announced Friday, December 5th the selected regional contractors for the Population Health Improvement Program (PHIP), a state program designed to promote the Institute for Healthcare Improvement's "Triple Aim" of improving patient care, achieving better population health, and lowering healthcare costs. The NYS DOH has divided the PHIP work into eleven regions where PHIP awardees will work alongside community stakeholders in developing innovative health promotion strategies.

It was announced on December 5th that both Southern Tier HealthLink (STHL) and Taconic Health Information Network and Community (THINC) were granted PHIP awards to serve their respective regions.

[Read more.](#)

(Source: HealthlinkNY)

Seven Leading Health Tech Companies Showcase Cutting Edge Healthcare Solutions at the New York Digital Health Accelerator Demo Day



Earlier this month, the **New York Digital Health Accelerator**, an intensive 5-month program created by the **New York eHealth Collaborative** and the **Partnership Fund for New York City** to foster New York's growing health tech sector, featured seven early- and growth-stage health tech companies that are developing cutting-edge technology products for care coordination, patient engagement, predictive analytics, and workflow management for healthcare providers.

The seven companies introduced 16 pilot projects developed during the Accelerator program to an audience of potential investors and healthcare senior executives. The pilots allowed the companies to validate on an initial basis both the clinical relevance and business viability.

[Read more.](#)

(Source: Fierce HealthIT)

2014 Digital Health Conference Highlights



Did you miss last month's Digital Health Conference? No worries, you're in luck!

Watch a selection of [conference sessions](#), see [what your peers were tweeting](#), and check out our [photo album](#).

A Look at the Health Industry's Transition to EHRs & What it Means for the Future of Healthcare

With so much information being stored on the web today, it may come as a surprise that medical records have only recently begun the conversion into a digital format known as HIT, or Health Information Technology. Like any big change, using electronic medical records poses many potential benefits and risks.

Recently, on "Take Care," **David Whitlinger** discusses the factors involved in the switch from paper-based medical records to electronic medical records. Whitlinger is executive director of the **New York eHealth Collaborative** and former director of healthcare device standards and interoperability for the Intel Corporation's digital health group.

According to Whitlinger, medicine is the last major industry to convert to an electronic system. "It's very refreshing all of the capabilities and all of the new innovations that can occur through this transformation," Whitlinger says.

[Read more and listen to the podcast.](#)

(Source: NPR)

Medicaid Eligible Professional Expansion Program (EP2) Agent Launch Meeting

Earlier this month NYeC's EP2 Team held a kick-off meeting for its REC Agents to introduce the EP2 program. EP2 is a two (2) year extension of a Federal/State Medicaid grant initiative that originated October 1, 2012. The statewide initiative is designed to recruit and support Medicaid eligible providers in adopting certified EHR technology and achieving Meaningful Use status. Topics discussed at the meeting included specific program guidelines, agent deliverables to support eligible providers, and New York State Department of Health milestone targets.

It is anticipated that NYeC and its agent network will be able to identify over 2,600 new Medicaid providers over the next two years to participate in the initiative.

If you are a Medicaid provider and are interested in learning more about this opportunity please send an email to medicaid9010@nyehealth.org and an EP2 team member or one of our program Agents will contact you with more information.

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Partner Events

Health Initiative 2015 Annual Conference & Members Meeting



February 3-5, 2015 | Washington, DC

Join our partner eHealth Initiative (eHI) for their **2015 Annual Conference and Members Meeting**. eHealth Initiative is creating an exclusive and indispensable two and a half day event that will include Learning Lab breakout sessions, live debates, and workgroup discussions focused on hot topics within Interoperability, Data Access & Use, and Business and Clinical Motivators. eHealth Initiative's Annual Conference includes a variety of perspectives and stakeholders in a more intimate and neutral environment. The event attracts hundreds of attendees from professional societies, patient advocacy groups, payers, health systems, pharmacies, labs, medical device manufacturers, and many other key constituencies.

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February 27, 2015 | New York, NY

The 3rd Annual HealthIMPACT East Forum will bring together the who's who of the Health Tech Leadership across the region. At the forum you'll get actionable advice from health system IT leaders who have bridged the gap between technology, clinical practice, and organizational performance. You'll learn from their successes and failures in a fast paced, unscripted, hype-free forum where you set the agenda. Speakers are called upon to share information you haven't heard before and participants are called upon to question everything so you walk away with the knowledge to make change happen and do your job better.

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