
N.Y. State Budget Devotes \$1.2B to Realigning Healthcare System

New York state would spend \$1.2 billion to restructure hospitals, long-term care and other healthcare services and invest an additional \$75 million in health information technology, under Gov. Andrew Cuomo's newly released capital budget.

Cuomo's budget calls for grants to "improve the financial viability and efficiency" of the state's hospitals, nursing homes and other healthcare operators. New financing would promote mergers and consolidation; an increase in primary care and care coordination; and efforts that better match supply and demand for hospital and nursing home beds.

The budget plan would also increase spending by \$55 million for New York's health information network. Development of a database to house medical bill records from all public and private health plans would receive another \$10 million. Capital spending would increase by \$10 million for other health information technology initiatives.

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(Source: *Modern Healthcare*)

Navigating a Medical Records Maze

On Jan. 6, Dr. Gene Heslin and his wife decided they should drive from their home in Saugerties to Albany Medical Center. She was a little past 24 weeks pregnant and suffering from pre-eclampsia, which can cause dangerous high blood pressure, as well as painful swelling caused by a kidney condition.

With the lives of both mother and child in jeopardy, Jeanne Heslin's condition was the sort of critical data puzzle that medical personnel confront dozens of times a day. But in her case, putting the pieces together was considerably easier.

Heslin got out his laptop and accessed his wife's full medical records through his office's secure system. He could also have tapped into them through the Taconic Health Information Network and Community (THINC), the regional databank that serves Saugerties.

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Building New York's Health IT Ecosystem



In the rapidly evolving world of Health IT, our ecosystem is constantly changing, adapting, and readjusting to new connections, disruptions, and innovations. The **Statewide Health Information Network of New York (SHIN-NY)** ecosystem is not just about what we are building. It's about how it is

used, what it is used for, and what the ripple effects are beyond that ecosystem. Great progress was made in 2013—learn what's in store for 2014.

NYeC's Executive Director, David Whitlinger, led a panel of health IT thought leaders and innovators at the November Digital Health Conference (DHC). Hear their plans on how their organizations are contributing to and utilizing the SHIN-NY to improve healthcare for New Yorkers.

[Watch the video](#) from the DHC.

Study: Patient Portal Improves Medication Adherence

Use of a patient portal to refill prescriptions online was associated with increased medication adherence and lower LDL cholesterol in people with diabetes, according to a study of patients who used the Kaiser Permanente portal. The study's results could have broad implications, not only for Kaiser members, but also for millions of others who are expected to use patient portals that are being rolled out to meet the requirements of Meaningful Use Stage 2.

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(Source: *InformationWeek*)

Health IT in 2013: A Year in Review

Need a refresher on what the big health IT stories and trends were in 2013 and a glimpse of what lies ahead in 2014? Read the excellent post from Brian Ahier for the Health Standards Blog.

This past year has been a big year for health information technology and sets the stage for 2014 to be a pivotal time as IT plays an integral part in healthcare transformation.

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(Source: *HL7 Standards*)

3D Surgery Now Playing At An Operating Room Near You



On the heels of CES, there's been a lot of talk about technology that helps us see the world and create stunning visual realities. Curved TV screens, higher resolution pictures, 3D, and even Google Glass are all part of the new visual reality that is changing our lives. But beyond our living rooms, 3D can also play an

important role in medicine, particularly in surgical procedures.

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(Source: *Forbes*)

Dr. Karen DeSalvo Discusses Future of Health IT in First Remarks as ONC Leader

Two days after taking office, National Coordinator for Health IT Karen DeSalvo, MD, MPH, MSc, gave her first public remarks on the future of health IT and her goals for 2014, EHR Intelligence reports. DeSalvo's comments came during this year's first meeting of the Health IT Policy Committee.

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