

Final State Budget Funds New York's Electronic Health Records System, the SHIN-NY

New Funding Will Empower Millions of NY Doctors and Patients to Take Full Charge of Their Health by Providing them with Fast and Easy Access to Their Records Anywhere in the State

Earlier this month, the New York State Legislature voted to support New York's electronic health records system—known as the **Statewide Health Information Network of New York** (the SHIN-NY). The final New York State Fiscal Year 2014-15 Budget includes \$55M in State funding for the SHIN-NY, which will go towards building an innovative, public network in New York designed to give doctors and patients instant access to their complete health records, anywhere and anytime. New York has been at the forefront of health innovation and will now be the first large state in the country to build a public network of interconnected electronic health records of this kind.

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HEALTHeLINK Offers Surveillance Reporting Service to the New York State Department of Health



In partnership with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), **HEALTHeLINK**, Western New York's clinical information exchange, launched

an automated syndromic surveillance reporting service for its hospital partners. Jones Memorial Hospital in Wellsville became the first facility to submit its syndromic surveillance data to NYSDOH via this method. Syndromic surveillance data is used to detect outbreaks and monitor disease developments. This project is the result of a Health Care Efficiency and Affordability Law (HEAL)-supported initiative to enhance the Statewide Health Information Network for New York (SHIN-NY) for electronic information exchange between Regional Health Information Organizations (RHIOs) and NYSDOH.

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HIE Helps Integrate Behavioral and Physical Health Care, but Hurdles Remain



Although health care providers have long recognized that many of their patients have both behavioral and physical health needs, behavioral and physical health care have long been provided—and paid for—separately. However, in light of growing awareness of the prevalence and

cost of comorbid behavioral and physical health conditions and increased recognition of how addressing those conditions in a coordinated manner can improve outcomes and reduce costs, the health care system is increasingly embracing care delivery models that integrate behavioral and physical health care and connect providers of such care to one another.

Electronic health information exchange can help facilitate the integration of behavioral and physical health care. However, federal and state strategies are necessary to address common barriers to HIE.

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(Source: iHealthBeat)

Get Social



New Patient Portals Bring Mobility to HIE

Rotary phones. Walkmans. Personal health records. All items that have been relegated to the dustbin of history by new technology. Taking the place of all three, in fact, are smartphones.

Aside from making phone calls and listening to music, the ubiquitous smartphone is also a link to a consumer's healthcare information. And scores of start-ups are rushing to design the portal that enables the consumer to access that data. One of those companies is Mana Health, a New York-based startup that beat out 80 other companies to win the right to design the Empire State's patient portal. Last August, Mana Health was awarded the contract to build the patient portal for the New York eHealth Collaborative (NYeC). The company has designed a user interface to connect New Yorkers to the Statewide Health Information Network of New York (SHIN-NY), a secure network for sharing clinical patient data around the state. "It's a patient portal with the patient in mind," said Chris Bradley, Mana's CEO and co-founder, who joined executive chairman and co-founder Raj Amin to discuss the company's goals with mHealth News. "It's a one-stop shop for healthcare data."

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(Source: mHealth News)

RHIO Spotlight

Southern Tier HealthLink Provider Spotlight - James P. Lentini DPM



Binghamton-area RHIO, Southern Tier Health Link (STHL), shines a light on James P. Lentini DPM. The Norwich Podiatry practice went live with STHL Web Portal access in December of 2013. Watch the video to learn how STHL is improving patient care at James P. Lentini DPM.

[Watch the video.](#)

Southern Tier HealthLink: An Inside Look at an Innovative HIE

Since 2007, **Southern Tier HealthLink** (STHL) has been developing and expanding a health information exchange (HIE) that delivers critical patient information to a physician's fingertips any time, day or night, quickly, easily and securely. With a board of directors made up of representatives from various disciplines aside from hospital and physician practices—including public health, long-term care and rural health—STHL gains insight and crucial input that helps identify community information needs where HIE can be of particular use. By focusing on innovation with these community partners, STHL is contributing to more informed medical decision-making, better patient outcomes, lower healthcare costs and overall enhanced care coordination for the Southern Tier of New York.

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(Source: Central New York MD News)

Partner Events

Tech Tonics: Can Passionate Entrepreneurs Heal Healthcare with Technology?

May 7, 2014 | New York, NY

Silicon Valley-based digital health experts Lisa Suennen and David Shaywitz joined forces to write *Tech Tonics: Can Passionate Entrepreneurs Heal Healthcare with Technology?* New York City Health Business Leaders is bringing the well-known and highly respected duo to the East Coast to discuss this newly-released book, which is a distillation of their writing and thinking about digital health and where these fields may be headed, including a ground-level view of the technology landscape, its structural challenges, players, progress and pitfalls. The authors bring experience, honesty and humor to their writing and bring a unique set of perspectives to entrepreneurs, investors and healthcare executives. They will read brief passages from *Tech Tonics*, followed by an on-stage interview by CNBC editor Lori Ioannou.

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HxRefactored

May 13-14, 2014 | Brooklyn, NY

HxRefactored is a revolutionary design and technology conference that will gather over 500 designers, developers and leaders in health for two days of thought provoking talks, workshops and discussions on how to improve the quality of the health experience. The conference fuses the technical and creative elements of **Health 2.0's** Health:Refactored and **Mad*Pow's** Healthcare Experience Design Conference.

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June 1-3, 2014 | Washington, DC

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Keynotes include: Jonathan Blum, Steven Brill, Jonathan Bush, Francis Collins, Elliott Fisher, Atul Gawande, Rt. Hon. Jeremy Hunt, Vinod Khosla, Adriana Lukas, Todd Park and Hon. Kathleen Sebelius.

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