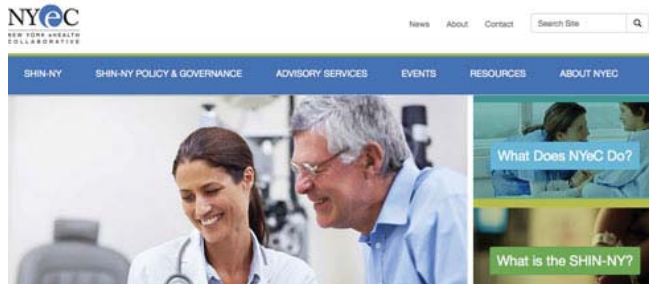


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Final State Budget Funds Statewide Health Information Network of New York

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 2015-16 Budget includes \$45M in State funding for the SHIN-NY and its Regional Health Information Organizations (RHIOs), which will continue the work to build this public network, allowing healthcare providers and patients to seamlessly access electronic health records throughout the state.

[Read more.](#)

(Source: *EHR Intelligence*)

New ConCert by HIMSS™ Program Takes Interoperability Testing and Certification to Next Level

Building off the work of the Interoperability Work Group led by NYeC, stewardship of the interoperability testing and certification program was transferred to HIMSS and rebranded as ConCert by HIMSS™. HIMSS made the announcement in Chicago at HIMSS 15. This program ensures secure and reliable transfer of data among electronic health records, health information exchanges and health information services providers within and across organizational and state boundaries.

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(Source: *HIMMS Innovation Center*)

The Healing Power of Your Own Medical Records

Steven Keating, a doctoral student at M.I.T.'s Media Lab, collected and researched his own patient data, which led to the discovery of a brain tumor.

Health information, by its very nature, is personal. So even when names and other identifiers are stripped off, sharing personal health data more freely with patients, healthcare providers, and researchers raises thorny privacy issues.

Mr. Keating says he is a strong believer in privacy, but he personally believes that the benefits outweigh the risks—and whether to share data or not should be an individual's choice and an individual responsibility.

Not everyone, surely, would be as comfortable as Mr. Keating is sharing all his medical information. But he says he believes that people will increasingly want access to their medical data and will share it, especially younger people reared on social networks and smartphones. "This is what the next generation, which lives on data, is going to want," Mr. Keating said.

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(Source: *New York Times*)

NYDHA Accepting Applications



**Gain Access to Funding, Customers, and Mentors:
Apply to the New York Digital Health Accelerator**

The New York Digital Health Accelerator will choose up to 10 early- and growth-stage companies that are developing cutting-edge technology products in care coordination, patient engagement, and workflow management for healthcare providers. Selected companies will receive access to customers, \$100,000 in investment capital, and invaluable mentoring from senior-level executives at leading hospitals and other providers in New York.

This year, for the first time, the Accelerator will accept joint applications from two companies as a means of promoting greater collaboration within the innovation ecosystem.

Application Deadline:

May 18 at 11:59pm ET. Apply Today!

Obama Administration Report Slams Digital Health Records for Lack of Interoperability

The Obama administration took vendors of electronic health records to task for making it costly and cumbersome to share patient information and frustrating a \$30 billion push to use digital records to improve quality and cut costs.

The report, by the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology, listed a litany of complaints it has received about vendors allegedly charging hefty fees to set up connections and share patient records, requiring customers to use proprietary platforms, and making it prohibitively expensive to switch systems.

The report also cited complaints that some hospital systems make it difficult to transfer patient records to rival systems or physicians as a way to control referrals and enhance their market dominance.

The agency didn't cite any companies by name, however, and said it couldn't determine the extent of information-blocking—in part because contracts often forbid customers from discussing prices and other terms.

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(Source: *Wall Street Journal*)

EP Medicaid Meaningful Use Registrations Exceed Projections

The total number of eligible professionals who have registered for the Meaningful Use program has exceeded initial expectations, in large part because of an increase in Medicaid registrants, according to new data from the Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT, Health Data Management reports.

[Read more.](#)

(Source: *iHealthBeat*)

Pay for Performance Extends to Healthcare in New York State Experiment

For a generation, doctors in New York City's economically depressed neighborhoods have been the ugly ducklings of the medical hierarchy. Many are foreign born and foreign trained, serve mostly minority and immigrant patients, and often run high-volume practices to compensate for Medicaid's low rate of payment.

Now these doctors are in the vanguard of an experiment to transform New York State's healthcare services for the poor from a disorganized hodgepodge into coordinated networks of doctors, hospitals, and other practitioners.

Medicaid officials hope to inspire these providers to work together and take a more active role in looking after their patients' health, rather than simply waiting for them to show up when ill. The hope is that if they can do a better job of getting patients to, for example, quit smoking or manage their diabetes, doctors could reduce costly visits to hospitals and their emergency rooms.

Versions of this model, commonly called accountable care organizations, are appearing around the country for Medicare recipients, with mixed results. New York, which has the country's largest Medicaid budget, is committing more than \$1 billion a year for five years to the experiment. If it works, more could follow.

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(Source: *New York Times*)

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Friends of the New York eHealth Collaborative can register at the significantly reduced rate of \$495 (while seats remain) by using the code **NYEHC**.

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Friday May 1, 2015 | 1:00pm - 5:00pm EDT
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Join Crain's for a critical discussion on the New York healthcare industry's preparations for the shift away from a fee-for-service model to value-based payments. This summit goes far beyond explaining WHY New York is shifting to this new model. It explains, on a peer-to-peer senior executive level, how to make that journey.

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