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2015 NYeC Gala & PATH Awards Honorees Announced

We're pleased to announce the honorees for our fifth annual **Gala and PATH Awards**, taking place November 18th in New York City:

Specifically:

- **Jason Gorevic**, Chief Executive Officer, Teladoc, Inc.

- **Thomas Mahoney**, MD, Chief Medical Officer, Finger Lakes Health Systems Agency (FLHSA)

- **Lisa Perry**, MBA, MPP, Senior Vice President, Quality and Technology Initiatives, Community Health Care Association of New York State (CHCANYS)

Hosted by **NYeC's Board of Directors**, our Gala and PATH Awards serve to recognize and honor recent achievement and innovation in the field of health information technology. Join 300 CEOs, C-level executives, and influencers from New York State health systems, health plans, large employers, and the public sector leading New York's healthcare transformation by reshaping it into a new secure, digital system.

Be a part of an exclusive community of who's who in New York State healthcare—learn more about registration and sponsorship opportunities today.

Third Class of NY Digital Health Accelerator Launched

On Thursday, September 10, the **New York eHealth Collaborative** and the **Partnership Fund for New York City** launched the third annual class of the **New York Digital Health Accelerator**. This five-month program supports growth-stage digital health companies that are developing cutting-edge technology products for healthcare providers and patients in the areas of care coordination, patient engagement, and workflow improvement.

During the program, **the six selected startups** will work closely with senior-level executives to fine-tune and develop their technologies and business strategies through direct mentorship as well as a series of workshops, panel discussions, user-group sessions, networking opportunities, one-on-one meetings, and presentations. In addition, the companies will have access to a leadership program with participation by a network of successful entrepreneurs. The program also provides $100,000 in up-front funding per company from a syndicate of leading venture capital and strategic investors.

To read more visit **digitalhealthaccelerator.com**.

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HealtheConnections Launches HealtheCNY Website to Strengthen Population Health Improvement Efforts in Central New York

Developed in collaboration with regional health partners, HealtheCNY will serve as a key resource for health improvement in the Central New York region HealtheConnections, in collaboration with regional partners, is pleased to announce the launch of a new website to provide access to population health data, evidence-based practices, and information about regional health resources and activities. HealtheCNY (pronounced "Healthy CNY," at **www.HealtheCNY.org**) will provide health departments, hospitals, and community-based health and human service providers with the resources needed to facilitate regional and community health improvement activities and strengthen collaboration in Cayuga, Cortland, Madison, Oneida, Onondaga, and Oswego counties.

For more information about HealtheConnections Population Health Improvement efforts, **visit**.

Final Federal Health IT Strategic Plan Moves Beyond EHRs

The Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology on Monday released the final Federal Health IT Strategic Plan for 2015-2020, aimed at modernizing the nation's health IT infrastructure beyond just electronic health records.

The plan results from collaboration between more than 35 federal offices, laying out the vision, goals, and actions that the government will pursue to achieve "high-quality care, lower costs, healthy population, and engaged individuals" through widespread use of all forms of health IT. Specifically, federal agencies are looking to "expand the ability of individuals to contribute electronic health information that is personally relevant and usable to their care providers so that both can use it effectively in health planning."

Read more.
(Source: *Health Data Management***)**

Usability Regulation Bypassed by Some ONC-Certified EHRs

A study of certification records for popular electronic health record (EHR) systems shows that more than a third of vendors failed to follow a usability testing regulation established by the Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT (ONC). This lack of adherence to testing standards may be a major factor contributing to poor usability of EHRs.

Researchers, led by Raj Ratwani, PhD, of MedStar Health in Washington, D.C., **published their findings** in the Sept. 8 issue of the *Journal of the American Medical Association*. They started with the premise that many EHRs fall short in the area of usability, leading to frustration on the part of clinician users and potential patient safety risks.

Read more.
(Source: *Health IT Interoperability***)**

Survey: Rush to Analytics, For Now, Precludes Thoughtful Strategies

A survey of 50 senior IT leaders at individual hospitals and health systems generating more than $500 million in annual revenue finds high interest in data analytics, but not yet a coherent game plan for doing it right.

The Deloitte **survey** reveals that many are moving headlong in a haphazard manner before settling such critical issues as a clear analytics strategy, effective budgeting and data governance. The hospitals are doing what they can with analytics now as the industry quickly changes and will come back later to formalize an analytics program.

Survey results reflect a great deal of reaction to issues and not as much careful thought on how to build a foundation for analytics, says Mitch Morris, MD, global healthcare sector leader at Deloitte. "There's a lot of niche applications out there. The old 'Who's on First?' is applicable. Organizational structure and who gets to decide is not well-designed."

The surveyed technology leaders, however, know this. But every department wants analytics and wants it now. There's a reason that half of the vendors at the 2015 HIMSS Conference had "Analytics" on the wall of their booth, no matter what they were selling. It's a confusing environment right now, Morris says, with emergency departments buying their analytics along with radiology and a bunch of other departments. "The survey shows a lot of fragmentation and not a strategic, unified approach to analytics."

Read more.
(Source: *Health Data Management***)**

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Report: Health Information Technology in the United States 2015

Significant policy changes and public investments have advanced the adoption of health information technology. However, more needs to be done to move the nation toward a truly interoperable health care system.

The Issue:

In 2015, nine years after the first Health Information Technology in the United Sates report was released, a large percentage of acute care hospitals have at least a basic electronic health record (EHR) system. But many are not ready to meet Stage 2 Meaningful Use criteria—criteria that must be met in order to participate in the Medicare and Medicaid EHR Incentive programs.

Key Findings:

- By 2014, 75.5% of hospitals had adopted at least a basic EHR, a substantial increase from 58.9% in 2013.

- 76% of hospitals reported exchanging data with outside health professionals in 2014, up from 62% in 2013 and 41% in 2008, the year the survey began including this measure.

- Hospitals continue to face barriers toward adopting national standards enacted in 2009 to encourage technology investments and the development of health information exchanges.

Conclusion:

The HITECH Act of 2009 encouraged technology investments and the development of local and regional health information exchanges for sharing of clinical data such as care records, discharge summaries, and test results. However, hospitals continue to face barriers toward adopting these standards—especially those pertaining to financial viability and sustainability.

Read more.
(Source: *Robert Wood Johnson Foundation*)

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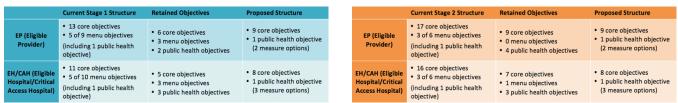# NYeC Healthcare Advisory Professional Services

NPRM (Notice of Proposed Rule Making) 2015 Proposed Meaningful Use Changes

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, (CMS) released a proposed rule on Friday, April 10th, 2015. CMS called the proposed rule "a critical step forward in helping to support the long-term goals of delivery system reform…"

What does this mean for you?

For 2015, eligible professionals (EPs) participating in either the Medicare or Medicaid EHR incentive program would be allowed to attest to an EHR reporting period of any continuous 90-day period within the calendar year, while hospitals and critical access hospitals (CAHs) could attest to an EHR reporting period of any continuous 90-day period between October 1st, 2014 and the close of the 2015 calendar year. CMS states that this 90-day reporting period for 2015 would allow providers additional time to address any remaining issues with the implementation of technology to a 2014 product edition and to accommodate the changes to the objectives and measures of Meaningful Use proposed in this rule.

Stage 1 current objectives and proposed changes:

	Current Stage 1 Structure	Retained Objectives	Proposed Structure
EP (Eligible Provider)	• 13 core objectives • 5 of 9 menu objectives (including 1 public health objective)	• 6 core objectives • 3 menu objectives • 2 public health objectives	• 9 core objectives • 1 public health objective (2 measure options)
EH/CAH (Eligible Hospital/Critical Access Hospital)	• 11 core objectives • 5 of 10 menu objectives (including 1 public health objective)	• 5 core objectives • 3 menu objectives • 3 public health objectives	• 8 core objectives • 1 public health objective (3 measure options)

Stage 2 current objectives and proposed changes:

	Current Stage 2 Structure	Retained Objectives	Proposed Structure
EP (Eligible Provider)	• 17 core objectives • 3 of 6 menu objectives (including 1 public health objective)	• 9 core objectives • 0 menu objectives • 4 public health objectives	• 9 core objectives • 1 public health objective (2 measure options)
EH/CAH (Eligible Hospital/Critical Access Hospital)	• 16 core objectives • 3 of 6 menu objectives (including 1 public health objective)	• 7 core objectives • 1 menu objectives • 3 public health objectives	• 8 core objectives • 1 public health objective (3 measure options)

Beginning in 2015, the following objectives and measures are considered redundant, duplicate, or "topped-out," meaning they have substantially been adopted and attestation is no longer required:

- For eligible professionals: record demographics, vital signs, and smoking status; clinical summaries, structured lab results, patient list, patient reminders, summary of care, electronic notes, imaging results, and family health history

- For hospitals: record demographics, vital signs and smoking status; structured lab results, patient list, summary of care (Measure 1–Any Method and Measure 3–Test), eMAR, advanced directives, electronic notes, imaging results, family health history, and structured labs to ambulatory providers

In hopes of keeping the momentum and continued success of the incentive program going, CMS delivered their final proposal to the OMB (Office of Budget and Management), on September 3rd, 2015 for finalization.

Stay tuned.

Sources:

New CMS NPRM Offers Significant Meaningful Use Flexibility in 2015 through 2017 Program Years. (2015, April 15). Retrieved September 18, 2015.
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Partner Events & Opportunities

Health 2.0 9th Annual Fall Conference

October 4-7 | Santa Clara, CA

Join over 2300 attendees for the most unique event in healthcare technology at the premier **Health 2.0 9th Annual Fall Conference** as it returns to Santa Clara, CA on October 4-7. With over 150+ speakers, 100+ engaging panels, workshops, thought-provoking discussions, and 200+ LIVE product demos, the most innovative health tech breakthroughs will be show-cased on the Health 2.0 stage. The Health 2.0 conference is the place where technologies and thought-leadership converge, disrupt, revolutionize, and catalyze the marketplace, trends, and policy of the health tech landscape. This conference brings together the best minds, thought leadership, newest technology, professionals, government officials, and entrepreneurs to get ahead of the industry and make connections to forward the movement of technology in healthcare. Not your typical stodgy conference, Health 2.0 brings a fresh approach to the space with compelling panels, discussions, and product demonstrations.

Use code **MPF15** to receive 15% off Standard Admission.

Register now.

FT Digital Health Summit USA

October 28, 2015 | New York, NY

The FT Digital Health Summit USA will build upon the *Financial Times'* expertise and knowledge of healthcare, life sciences and digital business to set out a stakeholder roadmap for upscaling America's digital health industry, which in terms of investment, innovation and market share is far ahead of any other region. Key figures from throughout the healthcare, technology and investment arena will come together to set the agenda for overcoming the barriers towards a sustainable digital transition of US healthcare.

Use code **FTNYEC** to receive 20% off Admission.

Register now.

Crain's Health Care Summit: Patient Satisfaction

November 17th 2015 | New York, NY

Do you really know what drives patient satisfaction and loyalty?

There's a key figure that doctors and hospitals fret about, and it's not one of their patient's vital signs. It's the percentage of patients likely to recommend a healthcare provider or facility. Crain's panel of experts will explain that patient satisfaction is about much more than tasty food or a fancy lobby. It's all about hospitality: Making a patient feel cared for.

Crain's has asked **Danny Meyer** to be the keynote speaker at our summit. Mr. Meyer is joined by **Susan Reilly Salgado**, Managing Partner, Hospitality Quotient; **Michael J. Dowling**, President and Chief Executive Officer, North Shore-LIJ Health System; and **Louis A. Shapiro**, President & CEO, Hospital for Special Surgery.

For a deeper dive, a second panel will be the experts who know how to move the needle on patient satisfaction scores.

Early Bird Pricing:
$275 individual ticket(s)
$2,750 table(s) of ten
$4,250 table(s) of ten + full page event journal ad

For discounted prices on individual tickets ($250) and table of ten ($2,500), use the code **NYEC**.

Register now.

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MEDTECH 2015

October 14-15, 2015 | Buffalo, NY

Join the largest gathering of executives and senior leaders from New York State's Bio/Med industry for MEDTECH 2015—Convergence, Building Momentum for Growth.

This year's conference focuses on the need to re-think the way players interact in the healthcare industry—from development through adoption—leveraging the strengths of non-traditional partnerships to produce ground-breaking results. The conference draws more than 300 leaders from the Bio/Med industry, 70% of which are executive-level decision makers.

Discover first-hand what creativity and collaboration has allowed the area to accomplish while you develop your own tool-kit for success through:

- Thought-provoking keynotes from industry leaders;

- Interactive panel discussions, including an exclusive Collaboration Track;

- Opportunities for networking and partnerships, featuring a Business Growth Corner;

- Workshops on how to tap into your organization's creative potential; and

- Optional, behind-the scenes tours of the exciting investment in the Buffalo area.

Register now.

Health IT Summit

September 29-30, 2015 | New York, NY

Join New York City's Health and Hospitals Corporation's President and CEO, Ram Raju and David Blumenthal, President, The Commonwealth Fund as they explore the impact of population health management, HIT Security, Interoperability, and more.

Access agenda.

For a 15% discount, use the code **NYEC**.

Register now.

2015 mHealth Summit

November 8-11, 2015 | Washington, DC

Join us at the **7th Annual mHealth Summit** on November 8-11th at the Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center in the Washington, DC area, centering around the theme of "Anytime, Anywhere: Engaging Patients and Providers."

- Education focused on connected health innovation and market opportunities

- Networking with industry giants on the expo floor

- Concurrent events for specialized interests
  Venture+ Forum
  Startup Boot Camp

For $100 Off, use code **NYEC100**.

Register now.