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## **Over 8.8 Million New Yorkers Have Given Consent to Healthcare Professionals to Allow Access of Healthcare Records**

*62,000 Users Now Participating in Statewide Health Information Network for New York*

*NYeC Board announces new leadership for next phase of growth, Valerie Grey joins as Executive Director; Dave Whitlinger to transition out of organization*

**New York, NY:** The New York eHealth Collaborative (NYeC) announced today that the Statewide Health Information Network for New York (SHIN-NY) holds records for over 40 million patients, processes over 2.8 million transactions a month, and has over 62,000 users. Participating in the network, allows doctors and patients to easily access health records across the state.

“The SHIN-NY allows New York State healthcare providers to access important healthcare information to achieve better coordination of care of patients across New York State. We are quickly approaching the moment when patients can be confident that health records from one provider can be viewed by another provider without having to transfer physical copies or faxing of documents” said **Dr. Howard Zucker, Commissioner of Health for New York State.**

The milestone comes 10 months after the SHIN-NY launched statewide patient record look up (sPRL), which took five years to develop. Through sPRL, participating members can now search for and access the records of any of the 8.8 million patients who have given consent across the state.

NYeC also announced that Valerie Grey will be succeeding Dave Whitlinger as Executive Director of NYeC. Grey was most recently Executive Vice President Policy at The Healthcare Association of New York State (HANYs) and has served in numerous critical policy leadership posts in New York State, including as: Director of State Operations, First Deputy Secretary to the Governor and Assistant Secretary for Health and Human Services; Assistant Commissioner of Governmental Affairs for the New York State Health Department; Assistant Comptroller and Deputy Director for the New York State Comptroller's Office,

focusing on health care and finance issues; and Deputy Director of Fiscal Studies for the New York State Assembly Committee on Ways and Means.

“On behalf of the Board, I would like to thank Dave for his leadership of NYeC and his commitment to the SHIN-NY. He has devoted enormous energy and dedication to ensuring the network is stable, key services are available, and securing the funding and future direction SHIN-NY. Under Dave’s leadership, New York has established itself as the leader in driving health information exchange in the country” said **David H. Klein, Chair NYeC Board of Directors, Special Advisor to the Medical Center CEO, Professor of Public Health Sciences, Executive Professor of Health Care Management, University of Rochester.**

“Valerie Grey knows healthcare inside and out. We are excited and pleased that we have somebody with her public and private successes to lead the SHIN-NY as we expand upon what we’ve built and transform care in the State of New York,” added David Klein.

### **Background**

The SHIN-NY was established in 2006 to allow the electronic exchange of clinical records between participating healthcare providers. The SHIN-NY is now comprised of eight regional Qualified Entities (QEs) that together form a network where their participating providers, with patient consent, can search for and exchange electronic health information for better coordination of care.

In March 2016, the New York State Department of Health issued regulations that provide guidance on how the SHIN-NY is operated and the policies and procedures that participants must comply with in order to be part of the network. The SHIN-NY is also an integral component of DSRIP, New York Medicaid’s payment reform transformation program and the State Health Innovation Plan (SHIP).

**About The New York eHealth Collaborative (NYeC):** NYeC is a not-for-profit organization, working in partnership with the New York State Department of Health to improve healthcare for all New Yorkers through health information technology (health IT). Founded in 2006 by healthcare leaders, NYeC receives funding from state and federal grants to serve as the focal point for health IT in the State of New York. NYeC works to develop policies and standards, to assist healthcare providers in making the shift to electronic health records, and to coordinate the creation of the [Statewide Health Information Network for New York](#)(SHIN-NY), a network to connect healthcare providers statewide. [www.nyehealth.org](http://www.nyehealth.org) & [@NYeHealth](#)

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