

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

The **New York eHealth Collaborative** (NYeC) announced in July 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 milestone comes 10 months after the SHIN-NY launched statewide patient record look up (sPRL). 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 Board Announces New Leadership for Next Phase of Growth



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 Department of Health; 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.

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## Making it Easier for Patients to Say "Yes" to Sharing Their Health Data



HealthlinkNY's campaign to successfully boost patient consent was featured in a recent Healthcare Informatics article. The "Just Say 'YES!'" campaign was designed to educate consumers so they would sign consent forms at their providers' offices when asked. However, Christina Galanis, HealthlinkNY President and CEO, told the publication, "We have found that [patients are not given consent forms to sign] all the time, at least to our satisfaction." The solution was to make consent forms available for consumers to download and bring to their next appointment. HealthlinkNY became the first Qualified Entity in New York State to offer patients downloadable consent forms customized for each of their participating providers.

[Read more.](#)

(Source: [HealthlinkNY](#))

## 2016 Digital Health Conference



Join 500 senior-level thought leaders from across the healthcare ecosystem at the 2016 Digital Health Conference. You'll learn about cutting-edge health innovations and take part in dynamic conversations on how healthcare is being redefined through technology.

[View photos](#) from past events and [watch highlights & speaker videos](#) to get a taste of what's to come in 2016.

[Register Today](#) and take advantage of early bird rates!

## Introducing HEALTHeLINK Medical Minute



## HEALTHeLINK™

HEALTHeLINK recently launched its *Medical Minute* segment. Members of the medical community highlight the value and benefits of clinical information exchange in Western New York. Check out recent HEALTHeLINK *Medical Minutes* from Executive Director **Dan Porreca**, Board Chair Dr. **David Scamurra**, **Dr. Thomas Schenk** of BlueCross BlueShield of WNY, and **Dr. Richard Vienne** of Univera Healthcare.



*Medical Minute* airs Wednesdays during the 10 p.m. newscast on Fox 29 in the Buffalo, NY region. Catch up on previous *Medical Minutes* on HEALTHeLINK's [YouTube channel](#).

(Source: HEALTHeLINK)

## Vice President Biden Announces Vast List of Federal and Private-Sector Collaborations at Cancer Moonshot Summit



At the Cancer Moonshot Summit in Washington on June 29, Vice President Joe Biden announced a long list of federal and health industry initiatives meant to harness technological and clinical advances to make significant headway in the fight against the disease.

"Today, for the first time, physicians, scientists, nurses, patient advocates, families, and cancer survivors are coming together with foundations, companies, and institutions all at once, all around the country, all under the same national charge," said Biden. "Making a decade's worth of progress in five years in the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of cancer."

*Healthcare IT News* summarized a handful of the new partnerships, initiatives, investments, and policies in a recent article. The article also includes a video of Biden's opening remarks at the Summit.

[Read more.](#)

(Source: *Healthcare IT News*)

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## NYeC Healthcare Advisory Professional Services

### Behavioral Health Information Technology (BHIT) Program

NYeC has been awarded the Medicaid Managed Care HIT Support for Behavioral Health Program, also known as Behavioral Health Information Technology (BHIT) Program, a two-year State and Federal Grant. NYeC will support approximately 183 preselected Adult Behavioral Health Home and Community-Based Service (BH-HCBS) providers with adopting, implementing, or upgrading a certified Electronic Health Record and Electronic Billing System. These Adult BH-HCBS providers will receive payment assistance and/or technical support in selecting or upgrading a certified system in order to successfully document and bill for their services to Medicaid Managed Care. This program will cover designated Adult BH-HCBS Provider agencies in the 57 counties of New York State outside of New York City.

### SAVE THE DATE

Behavioral Health Information Technology for Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) 101  
*An Introductory Webinar*

The webinar will be presented on  
**Tuesday, August 30th at 12pm** and  
**Wednesday, September 14th at 11am.**

**Register today** by clicking either of the dates above.

### Meaningful Use Update

New York State Medicaid providers: Meipass is scheduled to be ready by early October to accept your 2015 and 2016 attestations. Are you prepared to attest for Meaningful Use? Not sure where you stand or where to start? The HAPS team can help! We're your Meaningful Use experts and can assist you through the process. HAPS will enroll you in our EP2 program and provide Meaningful Use assistance for free. Contact us at [HAPSinfo@nyehealth.org](mailto:HAPSinfo@nyehealth.org).

### MACRA (Medicare Access and Chip Reauthorization Act) and Medicare Payments to Physicians

The Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015 (MACRA), expected to launch at the beginning of 2017, changes reimbursements for physicians that bill to Medicare Part B. MACRA is designed to improve care for Medicare patients by shifting the payment system from volume to value. What you report in MACRA in 2017 will affect 2019 payments.

#### The NYeC Healthcare Advisory Professional Services (HAPS) group can help identify practice workflows needed to maximize your MACRA reimbursement.

A practice selects one of two MACRA paths—MIPS or APM.

#### Merit-Based Incentive Payment System (MIPS)

Most providers will participate in MIPS, which replaces the current quality (PQRS), value (VBM), and EHR (MU) reporting systems. Bonuses or penalties will start in 2019 based on 2017 reporting in the following four categories:

- **Quality at 50%**
- **Advancing Care Information at 25%**
- **Clinical Performance Improvement Activities (CPIA) at 15%**
- **Resource Use at 10%**

#### Alternative Payment Models (APM)

APMs participants must be determined as eligible and are evaluated based on the following:

- **Qualifying Criteria**
- **Quality Measures**
- **Financial Risk**

APMs are most appropriate for large systems and can receive up to 5% incentive payments for the first six years.

Stay tuned for more information on an upcoming MACRA webinar, "**The NYeC HAPS Team—Helping Clinicians to Maximize Reimbursements in the MACRA Quality Payment Program**", scheduled for fall 2016.

Contact Sharon Bari, HAPS Project Manager at [sbari@nyehealth.org](mailto:sbari@nyehealth.org) for more information or if you are interested in registering for the MACRA webinar.

## GPRO Reporting with the PQRS CAHPS Survey?

Is your organization planning to use the GPRO method to report PQRS for 2016? If so, did you register to use the PQRS CAHPS survey as part of your reporting process? Groups with 2-99 Eligible Professionals have the option of using the PQRS CAHPS survey as part of their reporting. Groups with 100 or more Eligible Providers are required to use the PQRS CAHPS survey. Organizations that elected to use the CAHPS survey are required to select their certified PQRS CAHPS survey vendor and register with CMS by September 20th.

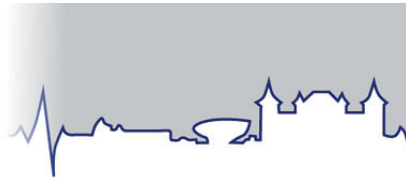
A PQRS CAHPS survey qualifies as three required quality measures and one quality domain towards the required nine measures and three quality domains for PQRS reporting. CMS defines the structure of the survey and the timeline for how/when it is conducted by the certified PQRS CAHPS survey vendors. CMS will select/attribute a minimum of 125 Medicare Part B patients to a maximum of 860 Medicare Part B patients to participate in the survey. Patient attribution depends on the number of Eligible Providers affiliated with the GPRO. If an organization does not have enough unique Medicare Part B patients, CMS will inform the practice that they are not eligible to use the CAHPS survey as part of their PQRS reporting.

Need Help Navigating PQRS? We are a full service CMS PQRS registry that supports all 280 Individual Quality Measures, Measure Group, and GPRO reporting methodologies.

For more information about PQRS reporting and NYeC's Registry services please contact:  
Peggy Frizzell, Program Implementation Manager at 646-619-6562 or [supportpqrs@nyehealth.org](mailto:supportpqrs@nyehealth.org).

## Partner Events & Opportunities

### MEDTECH 2016



Join the largest gathering of executives and senior leaders from New York State's bioscience and medical technology (Bio/Med) industry for **MEDTECH 2016 "Innovation Impact: Keeping New York's Finger on the Pulse."**

Change remains constant for the bioscience and medical technology (Bio/Med) industry. Stakeholders are consistently making real-time adjustments to established plans to maintain the slightest competitive differentiation. New York companies are at the forefront of innovation in this ever-evolving healthcare system. Topics like the fluctuating international market, user experience and building a multi-generational workforce continue to influence how companies innovate. With the upcoming Presidential election, healthcare again takes center stage. While the outcome of the election remains unknown, New York must continue to keep its finger on the pulse or risk being left behind.

#### Discover first-hand how to effectively innovate and what the upcoming election means to the Bio/Med industry through:

- thought-provoking keynotes from industry leaders and political analysts;
- interactive panel discussions, including an exclusive Collaboration & Growth Track;
- and opportunities for networking and partnerships featuring a Tech Showcase.

[Register now for MEDTECH 2016!](#)

## Consumers Demand More: Competing in the New Healthcare Economy



**Wednesday, September 28th**  
**6:00 to 8:00 pm | Oliver Wyman**  
**1166 Avenue of the Americas (45th Street), NYC**

**Oliver Wyman** and NYC Health Business Leaders are collaborating to explore the rapidly evolving healthcare consumer experience. While the notion of "consumer-driven healthcare" has been around for years, its impact on behavior has gained momentum only recently. In the past, healthcare players could win with consumers by just being the best of the worst, because they were spending someone else's healthcare dollars.

Today, however, faced with high deductible health plans and greater co-pays, consumers are trying to understand the value they derive from the money they invest in maintaining their health, or to managing often-chronic and expensive conditions.

#### The program will address novel approaches to closing the gap with the new set of consumer expectations:

- Empathetic, holistic experience that puts their best interest first
- Affordable, clear and transparent cost of care
- Convenient, on-demand access to care on their terms
- Anticipatory and personalized health and benefits information
- Simple, easy to understand communications with providers and payer

#### Speakers include:

- **Helen Leis** - Partner, Oliver Wyman
- **Sally Poblete** - CEO, Wellthie
- **David Tsay, MD, PhD** - Director, Innovation Center and Cardiac Electrophysiologist, New York-Presbyterian Hospital

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