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Final Chance to Register for the 2017 Gala & Awards



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The 2017 [Gala & Awards](#) is just one week away! This is your final opportunity to join 250 prominent executives, leaders, and policymakers from New York State's largest and most prominent health systems, health plans, associations, and public sector organizations.

Hosted by [NYeC's Board of Directors](#), the Gala & Awards serves to recognize and honor the achievements of those improving healthcare through technology.

This year, **David Blumenthal, MD**, President of The Commonwealth Fund will be receiving the Transformative Leadership Award. Additionally, NYeC is honoring:

- **Eugene Heslin, MD**, First Deputy Commissioner, New York State Department of Health
- **Paul Macielak, Esq.**, President and Chief Executive Officer of the New York Health Plan Association
- **Patrick Roohan**, former Director of the Office of Quality and Patient Safety at the New York State Department of Health and currently Vice President of Data Management and Analytics Solutions at MVP Health Care
- **James Tallon, Jr.**, President Emeritus of the United Hospital Fund

Be a part of the New York State healthcare community.

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5 Strategies Driving SHIN-NY Roadmap for Health Data Exchange: A New Roadmap Details Strategies for Enabling Health Data Exchange to Support Value-Based Care Across New York

In a recent article, *EHR Intelligence* detailed the new strategic plan for the [Statewide Health Information Network for New York \(SHIN-NY\)](#) outlined in the [SHIN-NY 2020 Roadmap](#).

The decade-old SHIN-NY is comprised of eight regional health information networks connected together to share patient information. The ultimate vision is that the SHIN-NY will create a 360-view of a patient's health, empowering them and their care team to create a treatment plan that addresses not only an illness or injury, but underlying conditions, medical history, and social determinants of health.

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(Source: *EHR Intelligence*)

Join Our Team!

Healthcare is currently undergoing an unprecedented transformation through a digital health revolution—do you want to be at the epicenter of it?

We have the current opportunities available:

Positions based out of our Albany office

[Contract Management Specialist](#)

Positions based out of our New York City office

[Junior Accountant](#)

Opportunities Available in either Albany or New York City

[Chief Information Security Officer, Statewide Health Information Network for NY](#)

[Grant Coordinator](#)

NYeC is an equal opportunities employer.

Recap: National Health IT Week



We were proud to be a partner of National Health IT Week from October 2-6. Founded in 2006, the healthcare technology community participates in National Health IT Week to spread awareness of how health IT benefits patients and providers and to discuss issues impacting development and use.

This year, NHIT Week centered on demonstrating the value of health IT in four areas: its support for care transformation, how it expands access to high-quality care, its enhancement of economic opportunities, and how it improves the overall health of communities.

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Healthix Now Exchanging Minor Data



As of October 16th, minor data will be available to providers for their patients from birth until 18 years of age—when an affirmative parent or guardian's consent is given.

The minor data exchanged will exclude SAMHSA data. For providers of minor consented services, Healthix offers a workflow which enables you to receive a one-time consent override at the time of visit from your minor patient (10 until 18 years). This one-time consent will allow you to view patient data including SAMHSA information, regardless of the original parental consent on record. Providers are expected to ensure that minor consented services and/or SAMHSA data are not available to parents or guardians unless the minor has consented to share that information with them.

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(Source: *Healthix*)

How VR Saves Lives In The OR

A recent *Forbes* article looks at innovation in new virtual and augmented reality technology in medicine. Doctors are surrounded by screens all day, but they look away from the patient to see them. AR headsets solve this problem while opening whole new areas for innovation and augmentation. A lot of technological change is going to manifest in healthcare first, advancing digital health.

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(Source: *Forbes*)

City & State State of New York Health Event



City & State and partners convened leaders in government, public policy, and industry, to discuss all forms of healthcare issues in New York at their recent State of NY Health Event. This forum addressed the opportunity for advancement in New York healthcare, encouraging health tech through government, and the approach to combating infectious diseases and other public health threats.

NYeC's Executive Director, Val Grey, joined panelists Senator Kemp Hannon, Assemblymember Richard Gottfried, Stanley Brezenoff, Interim President and CEO, NYC Health + Hospitals, Jo Wiederhorn, President and Chief Executive Officer, Associated Medical Schools of New York (AMSNY), and moderator TC Westcott, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, The New York Academy of Sciences to discuss the future of healthcare in New York State.

HealthConnections Launches New Alerting Capabilities



HealthConnections has enhanced functionality with a new alert for Medication Adherence. In partnership with Kinney Drugs, an alert will be sent out when a patient does not pick up a prescription after 14 days. This notification gives providers the opportunity to follow up with patients, as needed.

Additional alerting enhancements are also available.

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(Source: *HealthConnections*)

NYeC Shares the Value of the SHIN-NY

On behalf of New York State Department of Health (NYS DOH), NYeC staff recently engaged with providers that play a critical role in the evolution of the [Statewide Health Information Network for New York \(SHIN-NY\)](#) and healthcare transformation efforts statewide. Specifically, the [Behavioral Health Information Technology \(BHIT\)](#) team hosted an event for behavioral health providers in Albany on October 4th. Additionally, NYeC staff co-presented with DOH leadership at the Hospice & Palliative Care Association of NYS (HPCANYS)'s Leadership Institute on October 19th. Both of these forums provided an opportunity to share information on the value of health information exchange and the SHIN-NY, available funding programs, and how HIE helps advance care coordination, fits into value-based payment arrangements, and more.

NYeC Healthcare Advisory Professional Services

Advanced Primary Care (APC) Program

Healthcare is shifting from fee-for-service to value-based care, placing greater emphasis on patient-centered care. Is your practice prepared?

NYeC's [free Advanced Primary Care \(APC\) practice transformation services](#) help small and medium primary care practices deliver high-quality coordinated care, earn payment incentives, and prepare to thrive under value-based payment arrangements.

If you are interested in the APC program or for more information, please contact us at APC@nyehealth.org.

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Meaningful Use Update

All good things come to an end. Our Eligible Professional Expansion Program (also known as EP2) which ran from 2012-2017 ended on September 30, 2017. Throughout the years, NYeC and our subcontractors have helped over 4,200 NYS Medicaid providers achieve various stages of MU. Please stay tuned for announcements on an exciting new initiative to assist our Meaningful Use providers coming soon!

Questions? The EP2 team can be reached at: EP2Info@nyehealth.org.

Do You Know Your 2018 Payment Status? PQRS Feedback Reports Are Now Available

CMS recently released the 2016 PQRS Feedback and QRUR Reports. The reports inform providers and practices on how they performed in quality and cost as reported via the PQRS reporting program. These reports notify a provider or group if they will be subject to a payment adjustment in 2018 for their Medicare Part B billings.

It is important that providers and practice groups access their reports because if a negative penalty adjustment is indicated, an informal review can be submitted to CMS. Informal review requests must be submitted by December 1, 2017. Payment adjustments will go into effect on January 1, 2018.

In addition to possible downward payment adjustments these reports are used to inform a providers rating on the Physician compare website, which rate providers against their peers in quality and cost performance. Both reports are accessed from a CMS EIDM account. The following links provide information on how to submit an Informal Review to CMS:

- [PQRS Informal Review](#)
- [Value Modifier Informal Review](#)

These are two separate requests. If each of your reports indicate that you will be subject to a downward adjustment you must submit separate requests for review.

Have You Picked Your Pace for MIPS Reporting?

NYeC provides [comprehensive MIPS reporting support](#), including a CMS-qualified Registry, for all eligible clinicians. Regardless of the pace you plan to report at—from penalty avoidance to complete data across categories—our support services can help you. The 2017 inaugural MIPS reporting year offers the most flexibility and opportunity to maximize your performance score, which could translate into positive payment adjustments and a possible bonus payment.

Attend our upcoming webinar, [MIPS Made Easy - Strategies to Optimize Your Incentive Payments](#), to learn more.

Note: If you are eligible and meet the minimum requirements **you must report** at least the minimum quality data to CMS or you will automatically be assessed a **-4%** payment adjustment for all 2017 Medicare Part B claims in two years.

Recently Announced: Virtual Groups

Virtual Groups enable small group practices to affiliate and leverage their combined quality data and activities to maximize their reporting performance. The CMS deadline for MIPS Virtual Group Election Period is **December 1, 2017**.

CMS proposed a virtual group to be a combination of two or more Taxpayer Identification Numbers (TINs) made up of:

- A solo practitioner who is eligible to participate in MIPS and bills under a TIN with no other National Provider Identifiers billing under the TIN, or
- A group with 10 or fewer eligible clinicians (at least 1 must be eligible for MIPS) that joins with at least one other solo practitioner or group for a performance period of a year

For more information on the two-stage election process and agreements, view the [Virtual Groups Toolkit](#).

Contact the [NYeC MIPS Registry Support Team](#) for assistance with understanding program requirements, measure selection, and help strategizing how to maximize quality performance scores. We can be contacted at (646-619-6485) or qppsupport@nyehealth.org.

Partner Events and Opportunities



November 16 | New York City

Crain's Health Care Summit: Confronting New York's Diabetes Epidemic

This summit will look at the cutting-edge work being done in New York to change the behavior of the 700,000 residents who have diabetes and the millions of others who are most at risk. Speakers include: **Curtis Duggan**, CEO and Co-Founder, Blue Mesa Health; **Jerry Frank**, M.D., Chief Medical Officer, EmblemHealth; **Chris Norwood**, Founder and Executive Director, Health People; **Barry H. Smith**, M.D., PhD., President & CEO, Rogosin Institute and more.

Enter promo code **nyec2017** for discounted tickets.

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November 30 – December 1
New York City

MedStartr Momentum 2017

Join MedStartr at MedMo17 in New York to see some of the hottest healthcare startups in the country compete to win over 2M in funding and prizes. With over 70 speakers and startups focused on healthcare innovation, MedStartr's annual Momentum conference is unparalleled in driving change in healthcare. Speakers from the stage in 2016 closed over \$1.7 billion in new investments and acquisitions since then. On stage this year will be even more great startups and speakers ready for pilots, partners, mentors, investors, and to help improve healthcare.

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December 6 | New York City

NYC Digital Health Forum Executive Networking Event

Technology has certainly made its mark on healthcare, and it's not stopping anytime soon. As the healthcare landscape continues to evolve, NYCEDC and Catalyst @ Health 2.0 are proud to announce the 2017 **NYC Digital Health Forum & Curated Matchmaking Event** to take place on December 6, 2017 at the New York Genome Center.

The Forum brings together entrepreneurs, innovators, hospital professionals, and industry leaders to explore the impact of digital health in NYC. Then, the Matchmaking Event expedites the sales cycle between startups and healthcare organizations—bringing them together for 1:1 vetted meetings to find the right commercial or pilot partner.

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