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Proposed Changes to Meaningful Use Programs

In late April, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) [released proposed changes and a request for stakeholder feedback](#) to the Medicare and Medicaid Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Programs. The proposed changes reflect CMS's focus on interoperability, patient data access, and system-wide health information exchange. As a part of this effort, CMS has renamed the program, also known as Meaningful Use, to the [Promoting Interoperability \(PI\) Programs](#).

The EHR Incentive Programs were developed as part of the 2009 Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health (HITECH) Act to encourage eligible professionals and hospitals to adopt and implement or upgrade their certified electronic health record technology (CEHRT) and then attest to "meaningful use" of their EHRs.

In this proposed change, CMS is suggesting updates to payment, scoring, and measurement policies to reduce administrative burden and move beyond the three stages of Meaningful Use. The proposed changes will initially be applied to hospitals and critical access hospitals participating in the Medicare Program. CMS is seeking feedback on if the proposed changes should also apply to eligible professionals and hospitals that only participate in the Medicaid Program. CMS is seeking additional input on the proposed rule, specifically asking for ways to further promote interoperability.

CMS has requested feedback on the proposed rule by June 25th. NYeC is interested in stakeholder feedback to inform a comprehensive and coordinated comment as a part of our advocacy efforts. To share your comments, please submit them by Monday, June 11th to publiccomments@nyehealth.org.

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HIE Adoption Incentives Available Through Data Exchange Incentive Program (DEIP)

The New York State Department of Health (DOH), with support from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, established the [Data Exchange Incentive Program \(DEIP\)](#) to increase health information exchange (HIE) adoption across the state by building electronic health record (EHR) interfaces to New York State's HIE, the [Statewide Health Information Network for New York \(SHIN-NY\)](#). The SHIN-NY connects eight regional networks, or Qualified Entities (QEs), and participating organizations are incentivized to contribute a pre-defined set of data elements to the SHIN-NY through a QE.

Eligible practices may receive up to \$13,000 in incentives to offset the cost and efforts of connecting to a QE. NYeC administers the program and incentive payments on behalf of the DOH. Limited funding is available and this program is operated on a first-come, first-served basis.

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A Decade of Developments in Health IT

In a recent interview posted on the AHRQ Patient Safety Network website, Robert Wachter, MD, Chair of the Department of Medicine at the University of California, San Francisco and Commonwealth Fund President David Blumenthal, MD discuss the decade since the passage of the HITECH (Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health) Act and Dr. Blumenthal's time serving as National Coordinator for Health Information Technology.

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(Source: [Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality Patient Safety Network](#))

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Telehealth and HealthConnections



HealthConnections recently announced a partnership and data sharing agreement with the Oswego Health Tele-Health Urgent Care. This telehealth program is innovative in the Central NY region, helping patients by delivering affordable, efficient care wherever they are.

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(Source: HealthConnections)

Next-Gen Analytics: Here's What's Coming

Given the need to achieve the Triple Aim, along with the rise of precision medicine and the move toward value-based care, data analytics have never been more important to healthcare provider organizations.

Healthcare IT News asked industry experts about major shifts on the horizon as analytics tools continue to evolve and what healthcare decision-makers should be tracking now.

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HEALTHeLINK Medical Minute: Buffalo MRI



HEALTHeLINK has solved a huge problem in radiology according to Buffalo MRI. Learn how radiologists are able to compare images and see a patient's entire history.

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(Source: HEALTHeLINK)

State Medicaid Programs Are Seeing the Value of Telehealth at Home

State lawmakers are coming around to the concept of allowing Medicaid members to access telehealth and telemedicine services from their own homes. In its spring 2018 update of the State Telehealth Laws and Reimbursement Policies Report, the Center for Connected Health Policy reports that 10 states have amended their telehealth policies since August 2016 to specifically make the patient's home an originating site for Medicaid-accepted telehealth and telemedicine programs. Those states are Delaware, Colorado, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New York, Texas, Washington, and Wyoming.

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(Source: *mHealth Intelligence*)

Patient Engagement, Care Coordination Company CipherHealth Raises \$37.6M Investment

New York Digital Health Innovation Lab alumni CipherHealth has raised approximately \$37.6 million in funding, according to a recent SEC filing. Founded in 2009, CipherHealth offers healthcare organizations a slew of technology offerings designed to improve outcomes, streamline workflows, and connect with patients. The company's voice-automated patient outreach, for instance, delivers call and text support for pre-op and post-discharge patients while identifying potential issues and providing patient education. Its Orchid product supports clinicians with digital rounding, care checklists, and patient-facing surveys, while the View care coordination platform includes various population health management tools.

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Medicaid Eligible Professionals Program (EP2) Update

While the proposed changes to CMS's Promoting Interoperability Programs (formerly known as Medicare and Medicaid Electronic Health Record Incentive Programs, or Meaningful Use) will be initially applied to hospitals participating in the Medicare Program, changes may be coming to eligible professionals. Updates to our [Medicare Eligible Professionals Program \(EP2\)](#), in conjunction with the NYS Department of Health, will be highlighted via outreach and education.

Please stay tuned for further information and updates regarding the updated Promoting Interoperability Program (formerly known as Meaningful Use).

Please contact the EP2 Team at EP2Info@nyehealth.org for more information.

New York State Patient-Centered Medical Home (NYS PCMH) Recognition Program

The National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA), the accrediting organization of the nation's leading patient-centered medical home (PCMH) program, worked with the New York State Department of Health to develop a customized PCMH Recognition Program that supports the state's initiative to improve primary care through the medical home model and promote the Triple Aim: better health, lower costs, and better patient experience.

The PCMH model emphasizes care coordination, population health, evidence-based guidelines, and effective use of health information technology to meet patient needs. New York State PCMH (NYS PCMH) Recognition Program helps practices put in place the structure, systems and processes to be effective in this model.

Focused on practices who are struggling to navigate the changing landscape, NYeC's NYS PCMH services help practices deliver high-quality, coordinated care, earn payment incentives, prepare to thrive under value-based payment arrangements, and achieve New York State Patient-Centered Medical Home recognition. NYeC supports practices in Western New York, Westchester, Rockland, New York City, and Long Island.

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Feedback Requested: BHIT Close-Out Survey

NYeC's [BHIT team](#) has created a program close-out survey to assess how electronic health records (EHRs) have impacted behavioral health provider organizations and their ability to promote health and wellness across their patient populations. The survey should take about 5 minutes to complete and your feedback would be greatly appreciated.

[TAKE THE SURVEY](#)

Partner Events and Opportunities



June 11 - 12 | Albany, New York

CHCANY Opioid Summit

The Community Health Care Association of New York State (CHCANY) is excited to bring together New York State FQHCs at this two-day, in-person summit to support their development and expansion of opioid addiction treatment and prevention services.

In addition to the expert panels, CHCANY is pleased to offer a free in-person Buprenorphine Waiver Training on site in partnership with the New York State Department of Health AIDS Institute and the New York City Department of Health & Mental Hygiene.

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June 13 | New York, New York

NYS HIMSS Chapter Conference

Beyond our Reach is Now Healthcare on Broadway

The NYS HIMSS Annual Conference will include comprehensive discussions on healthcare now & in the future. Keynote Speaker: Peter Fleischut, MD, Chief Transformation Officer, NewYork-Presbyterian

ACT I: Interactive debate with New York State healthcare leaders on the current regulatory environment and the impact on improving care statewide.

ACT II: Interactive debate with some of the top state leaders with regards to the challenges of interoperability, security, and the leveraging of innovation to position New York as a best-in-class environment.

ACT III: A dynamic debate of the real applicability of technologies (e.g. AI, telehealth, predictive modeling & mobility solutions) and where they can make or have made a difference.

ACT IV: The last debate features both state and national leaders discussing the future of healthcare and the role innovation will play.

Featured speakers include Valerie Grey, Vicki Tiase, and Jon Halamka among others.

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June 13 | New York, New York

Health & Biotechnology Summit

Join the Executive Council & the New York Venture Capital Association for their 5th Annual Health & Biotechnology Summit. Speakers will include the CEOs of EmblemHealth, Tivity, Prognos, AiCure, among others! Plus, execs from Merck, Pfizer, PAIGE.AI, and more.

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