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Message from NYeC's Executive Director



NYeC Executive Director Valerie Grey shares an update on recent SHIN-NY progress and highlights of the ONC's and HHS' proposed federal rules.

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Final State Budget Supports Health Information Exchange to Advance Healthcare Transformation and Improve Patient Outcomes

In response to the newly adopted 2019-2020 New York State Budget, the New York eHealth Collaborative (NYeC) applauded Governor Cuomo and the Legislature's continued support of transforming New York's healthcare system through health information exchange by providing critical funding for the Statewide Health Information Network for New York (SHIN-NY).

“On behalf of New York’s healthcare providers, care team members, and patients, the New York eHealth Collaborative thanks Governor Cuomo, Senate Majority Leader Stewart-Cousins, and Assembly Speaker Heastie for their continued investment in healthcare information exchange and inclusion in this year’s budget,” said Valerie Grey, Executive Director of NYeC. “As healthcare increasingly focuses on value-based care, the Statewide Health Information Network for New York creates the connection that allows for the sharing of key patient data — resulting in better use of resources, reducing unnecessary duplicative tests and procedures, and helping individuals and communities stay healthier.”

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Federal Updates: Draft Two of TEFCA Released, Comment Period on Interoperability Rules Extended

On April 19, 2019, [draft two of the Trusted Exchange Framework and Common Agreement \(TEFCA\)](#) was released, outlining a common set of principles, terms, and conditions to support the development of a common agreement to help enable nationwide exchange of electronic health information across disparate health information networks. Comments in response to this draft are due **June 17, 2019**.

Additionally, in response “to requests from a variety of stakeholders, including healthcare provider organizations and industry representatives,” [federal officials have extended the comment period regarding federal proposed rules](#) from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC). The extended deadline for comments is now **June 3, 2019**.

NYeC will continue to gather stakeholder feedback on both proposals for our own comprehensive response as a part of advocacy efforts. To share your comments, please email publiccomments@nyehealth.org by **May 24, 2019**.

Healthix Announces New CEO and President



In late March, Healthix’s Board of Directors appointed Todd M. Rogow President and Chief Executive Officer of Healthix. Rogow previously held the position of Senior Vice President and Chief Information Officer at Healthix.

“In appointing Todd, the Board has selected an effective and respected leader to take Healthix into the future,” said Tom Check, who retires as Healthix CEO at the end of April.

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Save the Date: 2019 Gala & Awards



Save November 20, 2019 for the 8th annual NYeC Gala & Awards at the Edison Ballroom in New York City.

Hosted by NYeC’s Board of Directors, our Gala & Awards recognizes and honors those leading the mission to improve healthcare through technology.

The Gala & Awards is attended by executives, leaders, and policymakers from New York State’s largest and most prominent health systems, health plans, associations, and public-sector organizations.

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HealthConnections Physician Feature: David Seeley, MD



“We don’t have several hours in many emergency situations. HealthConnections helps us make quick decisions, give the patient the care that they need, and in many cases, HealthConnections helps us save lives.” – David Seeley, MD.

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Shared Health Records Boost Care for Women’s Health Conditions



There was a time, not too long ago, when a woman might find herself in a paper gown on a gynecologist’s table while the office staff called her primary care provider (PCP) to find out when she had her last Pap test.

“This was frustrating for me, my staff and my patients, who might already have been in the stirrups,” says William Anyaegbunam, M.D., FRCOG, an obstetrician and gynecologist who practices at Complete Women’s Care of Clifton Park. “At times, I would do the test just in case, unintentionally duplicating services and driving up cost.”

No more. Now, Anyaegbunam reviews his patients’ records through the Hixny health information exchange (HIE). Before a woman even enters the exam room, he knows about any relevant tests performed by her PCP—and any observations noted during office visits.

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Attorney General Approves HealtheConnections, HealthlinkNY Merger



In April, the merger between HealtheConnections and HealthlinkNY was approved by the New York State Attorney General. The merger is effective May 1, 2019 and forms a health information exchange (HIE) that serves participants in the Central New York, Southern Tier, and Hudson Valley regions.

HealtheConnections will continue operating and connecting as a Qualified Entity, along with others, that together form the Statewide Health Information Network for New York (SHIN-NY).

The merger aligns with the strategic goals of efficiency and affordability outlined in the [SHIN-NY 2020 Roadmap](#).

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How HIEs and AI Can Work in Tandem to Boost Interoperability ROI



Is the future getting brighter for interoperability and open APIs? Don Woodlock, Vice-President of HealthShare Platforms at Intersystems, believes so.

“We spent all those years adopting EHRs, and now we’re wanting to get the most out of them. Now we have the digital data, so it should be more liquid and in control of patients and put to use in the care process, even if I go to multiple sites for my care.”

Two New York health information exchanges, and members of the Statewide Health Information Network for New York (SHIN-NY), were highlighted by *Healthcare IT News* for their contributions to boosting interoperability. Read on for more on how NYCIG and Healthix are supporting interoperability.

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NYeC Healthcare Advisory Professional Services

Complimentary EP2 Support Services

The 2018 attestation reporting period for the NY Medicaid EHR Incentive Program is fast approaching and the EP2 Program, offering its complimentary support services, can help Eligible Providers (EPs) successfully report on the necessary Promoting Interoperability (formerly known as Meaningful Use) objectives to receive their incentive payment.

The EP2 team can also help EPs prepare for the 2019 payment year updates by offering advice on workflow redesigns and attestations and by providing outreach, including hosting various educational in-person events and webinars.

If you are interested in the complimentary support services offered by the EP2 team and would like additional information, please contact us at EP2Info@nyehealth.org.

Enhancements to the NY Medicaid EHR Incentive Program website include new [video tutorials](#) for the MEIPASS attestation process and [updated webinars](#) for Security Risk Analysis (SRA) and Public Health Reporting objectives.

NYeC to See You!



Odin Erickson (pictured left) and Okechukwu Ogbutor exhibiting at MSSNY in Tarrytown, NY.



Christie Doria (pictured left) and Rachel Eager representing NYeC at the Healthefficient Qual IT Care Alliance Conference in Albany.

Partner Events and Opportunities



Friday, May 17, 2019
8:00 am - 12:00 pm
Sheraton New York Times Square
811 7th Avenue @ 53rd Street
New York, NY, 10019

Crain's Health Care Summit: Empowering Patients – How New York Can Build a Patient- Centered Health System

To look at some of the efforts underway to bring pricing information to patients, *Crain's New York Business* will call on experts from the payer, provider, and patient advocacy communities. The event will include a discussion of the types of information patients need to access high-value care.

Use discount code **NYEC19** for \$25 off individual tickets.

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