

# NYeCNews

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## You're Invited to Our 2019 NYeC Gala & Awards



Excitement is growing here at NYeC as we near our 8th annual Gala & Awards in just over two weeks!

This event means so much to us — getting together to celebrate those improving healthcare through leadership and innovation is an inspiration to all who attend. We hope you can join us this year.

Get a feel for the evening by watching our [2018 highlight reel](#), then register to save your seat for this year's event!

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## NYeC Welcomes New Board Chair

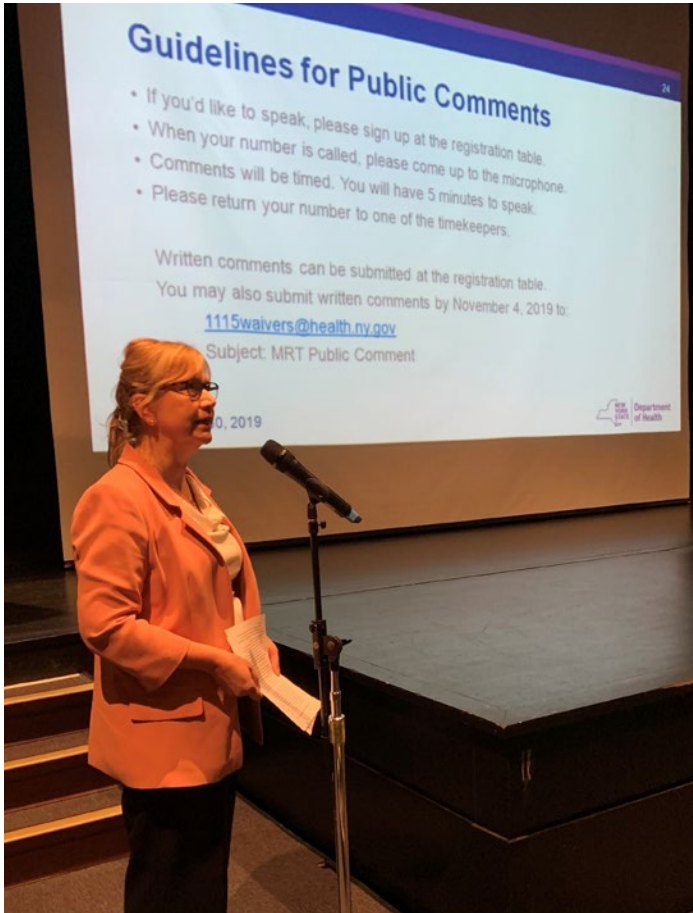


John Bennett, MD announced as NYeC board chair

NYeC is proud to announce the appointment of John Bennett, MD, President & CEO of Capital District Physicians' Health Plan (CDPHP), as chair of our Board of Directors. Dr. Bennett has served as a member of the NYeC board since 2012. Dr. Bennett's nomination and election as chair came into effect on September 24, 2019. We are thrilled to welcome Dr. Bennett in this role.

NYeC's outgoing board chair, David Klein, will remain on the NYeC board as a member. Klein served as chair since 2014 and has been a member since 2009. We are grateful to Mr. Klein for his years of leadership and support and we look forward to his continued engagement as a board member.

## NYSDOH Releases DSRIP 2.0 Proposal, Seeks Public Input



NYeC Executive Director Valerie Grey speaking at NYSDOH Public Comment Day for 1115 waiver programs on Oct. 30.

The New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) announced in mid-September that it had released for public comment a proposal to extend New York’s Medicaid Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment (DSRIP) waiver for an additional period of four years and seek an additional \$8 billion in federal funding for continued support of health care transformation in the state.

“Transforming Medicaid to improve health outcomes and make it more cost-effective has been a priority in New York State under Governor Cuomo’s leadership,” said NYSDOH Commissioner Dr. Howard Zucker. “Extending our Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment waiver is vital to building upon our success.”

Public comments were gathered up until November 4, 2019. [The NYeC comment letter is available here.](#)

## Event Alert: NY Medicaid Population Health Symposium



The symposium will provide a forum to share the perspectives and insight of the Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment Program (DSRIP) Performing Providers Systems, Physical and Behavioral Health Providers, Managed Care Organizations, and community organizations addressing the Social Determinants of Health. The goal of the summit is to provide a platform for these perspectives on advancing VBP and gain understanding for further discussion.

NYeC’s Valerie Grey, Healthix’s Todd Rogow, and AIRnyc’s David Shilane, will participate on a panel led by AIRnyc CEO, Shoshannah Brown, “The Value of CBO Participation in the SHIN-NY/Healthix: Interoperability for Addressing SDH.” AIRnyc is a community-based organization whose Community Health Workers meet people where they live to improve health, connect families to social care and build health equity at the community level.

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## SHIN-NY Learning Collaborative Meets

On October 23rd, a Statewide Health Information Network of New York (SHIN-NY) Learning Collaborative was convened. The purpose of the meeting was to share project interim findings and best practices for the New York State Innovation Model QE Quality Measurement pilots and QEs projects with the Bureau of Community Chronic Disease Prevention.

Moving forward, this group will continue to collaborate and discuss lessons learned from each of their projects to inform future Quality Measurement activities across New York State.

## HITAC Updates, Recommendations

The Health Information Technology Advisory Committee (HITAC) held its final meeting of 2019, approving recommendations to be submitted to the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC) on priority uses of health information technology (HIT) in the areas of orders and results, closed loop referrals and care coordination, as well as medication and pharmacy data.

The group also finalized recommendations to refine the public process for submission and review of new data elements for inclusion in the U.S. Core Data for Interoperability (USCDI). As currently proposed, the ONC would require that all certified HIT products support the USCDI standard which would evolve over time. The HITAC committee then turned their attention toward the year ahead and explored potential areas of focus including data privacy and secondary uses, price transparency, prior authorization, the EHR reporting program, Trusted Exchange Framework and Common Agreement and information blocking implementation.

[More about HITAC can be found here.](#)

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## The Data is Available – Now What?



The transition to value-based care (VBC) is a process, not a decision—one that requires long-term thinking, and integration into everyday work. Hixny CEO Mark McKinney reflects on how providers have been successful in adopting VBC into their workflows to improve patient care:

*“I liken it to someone who says they want to get fit, so they buy a home gym. If they begin using that equipment regularly, making it part of their daily life, then they’ll almost certainly improve their fitness. If they don’t use it – or only lift a weight occasionally—then they’ll still be saying they want to get fit next year.”*

[FULL STORY](#)

## HealthConnections Honored with the Onondaga County Medical Society’s Highest Distinction



On its 10th anniversary of operation, HealthConnections was recognized by the Onondaga County Medical Society (OCMS) with the OCMS’s Distinguished Service Award for 2019. The award recognizes distinguished service to area patients, physicians, hospitals and the general public. HealthConnections has worked closely with the OCMS to improve interoperability and connectivity for providers in the region to help them better coordinate and deliver patient care.

**Congratulations, HealthConnections!**

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## Healthix Delivering ‘Smart Alerts’ to Clinicians

Coordinating patient care across multiple providers requires the ability to track changes in their conditions at a moment’s notice. Clinical event notifications can be a major boon to know when a patient is admitted, discharged, or transferred from medical facilities. Healthix is taking that one step further with new “smart alerts.”

Pulling data from across New York State through its connection to the SHIN-NY, Healthix is now generating alerts to notify providers when there are significant changes to a patient’s clinical record. This includes diagnoses, significant changes in lab values, and frequent visits to the emergency department.

Clinicians have the option to receive these alerts through multiple channels, allowing them to integrate the latest patient updates into their workflow.

[FULL STORY](#)

## Medical Director's Corner: Just So YOU Know



In the conversation of how community health information exchanges (HIEs) can improve patient care, one element is often overlooked: how they can also support providers. Far from being a one-audience solution, community HIEs offer solutions to both patients and providers in the form of improved value.

Rochester RHIO Medical Director Tarun Kothari, MD, explores four ways that physician practices can leverage community HIEs to support revenues — including alerts, following data-based trends, and meeting compliance requirements.

“As practices face decreased federal and commercial reimbursement, exploring the potential to enhance both quality of care and revenue with the support of a community HIE, like Rochester RHIO, is an important step toward protecting a physician practice’s long-term financial health.”

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## Join Our Team!

Healthcare is undergoing an unprecedented transformation through digital health — do you want to be at the center of it in New York State?

### Albany Opportunities

Please see below listing posted in both Albany or NYC.

### New York City Opportunities

- [IT Support Technician](#)

### Opportunities available in either Albany or NYC offices:

- [Director of Infrastructure & Operations](#)

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## Get Help Getting Connected

### The Data Exchange Incentive Program (DEIP) — It is Exactly What it Sounds Like

With the DEIP, eligible organizations like yours can receive a financial incentive to help offset the cost of connecting and contributing data to the SHIN-NY through a QE.

### The program is available to Medicaid Providers in New York State at the following facilities:

- Article 28 Skilled Nursing Facility
- Article 28 Diagnostic and Treatment Center
- Article 36 Home Care Agency
- Article 40 Hospice
- Behavioral Health Organization (OMH, OASAS or HCBS)
- Organizations with at least one provider that has attested to and been paid under the Medicare or Medicaid MU program (any year, any stage)

Learn how the Data Exchange Incentive Program can help you with HIE adoption today!

[Find more information about DEIP eligibility and requirements here.](#)

## Improve Healthcare Delivery Through Promoting Interoperability Program

**Eligible Providers can qualify for financial incentives by achieving care quality milestones.**

The Medicaid Eligible Professional Program (EP2) would like to congratulate the many providers who are now celebrating their completed attestations for the Promoting Interoperability 2018 Program Year. The work being accomplished across New York State to realize transformational objectives and advance patient care is exemplary.

As Eligible Providers (EPs) move forward confidently into Program Year 2019, there are items that the EP2 Technical Agents recommend be addressed sooner, rather than later:

1. Security Risk Assessment (SRA) - Eligible professionals must attest to a security risk analysis being conducted for each EHR reporting period to ensure the privacy and security of their patients' protected health information.
2. If you have not done so already, run 2019 Stage 3 reports. These will assist in identifying a 90-day period suitable for attestation purposes, as well as identify area(s) in which reinforcement is required.
3. Register with the Meaningful Use Registration for Public Health (MURPH). The final day to do this is December 1, 2019. Note: If you previously completed your registration in MURPH, then you do not need to submit a new registration. You may edit an existing registration if necessary.
4. Recertify Electronic Transmitter Identification Number (ETIN). ETIN numbers must be recertified on an annual basis, and lapsed ETINs will cause delays in payment.

Most importantly, Eligible Providers/organizations are encouraged to access the complimentary, personalized support services provided through the New York eHealth Collaborative EP2 Program. We are currently scheduling visits across New York State to prepare providers for successful Stage 3 attestations.

Contact us at [EP2info@nyehealth.org](mailto:EP2info@nyehealth.org) for more information or to schedule your session.

## Upcoming Learning Opportunities:

### **WEBINAR: Preparing for NY Medicaid EHR Incentive Program Audits**

**DATE:** November 14, 2019 • 12:00 p.m.

**DESCRIPTION:** This webinar will highlight everything you need to know about audits for the NY Medicaid EHR Incentive Program, a CMS Promoting Interoperability program so you can feel confident and prepared throughout the attestation and audit process.

**REGISTER TODAY**

### **WEBINAR: Pre-Attestation Administrative Process**

**DATE:** December 4, 2019 • 11:00 a.m.

**DESCRIPTION:** During this presentation we will be reviewing program eligibility and prerequisite requirements and guidelines, as well as discussing strategies and best practices for preparing to attest.

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## Partner Events and Opportunities



**Thursday, November 21, 2019**  
**8:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

**Sheraton New York Times Square**  
**811 7th Avenue**  
**New York, New York**

## New York After DSRIP — What Comes Next?

After five years and over \$8 billion of dedicated Medicaid reform in New York State (NYS), the Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment (DSRIP) program will end on March 31st. The end of DSRIP signals a potential change in how NYS medical providers collaborate in the future.

Crain's New York Business is bringing together local healthcare leaders to reflect on how the program has affected statewide healthcare, and to explore next steps for continuing the accomplishments made in improving patient care.

Register for Crain's Health Care Summit on November 21st to follow the dialogue taking place across NYS.

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## NYeC to See You!



HHS Social Determinants of Health Data 2019 Roundtable, including our own Nathan Donnelly, Senior VP, Policy & Analysis.



NYeC staff Carianne and Ok at CHCANYS19 on Oct. 28.



HAPS team members Mike, Maegan, and Christie at NYSSPA CME Conference on Oct. 25.



Maegan and Rachel represent NYeC at the NYACP Annual Scientific Meeting on Oct. 12.

