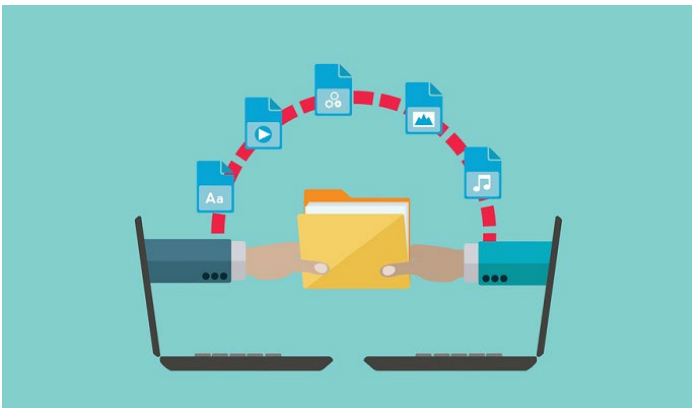


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Statewide Health Information Network for New York Reduces Healthcare Costs by an Estimated \$160 - \$195 Million Annually



The New York Health Collaborative (NYeC) announced that use of the [Statewide Health Information Network for New York \(SHIN-NY\)](#) is reducing unnecessary healthcare spending in New York State by \$160-\$195 million annually – including significant savings to Medicaid and Medicare.

The SHIN-NY is a statewide network that facilitates secure and confidential electronic sharing of patient data across the healthcare system to improve outcomes. It is comprised of and connects regional networks, or Qualified Entities, that allow participating healthcare professionals, with patient consent, to quickly access and share comprehensive patient health information and medical records.

“Numerous studies have already shown the improvement in health care and reduction in unnecessary healthcare spending that can result from the wide and meaningful use of health information exchange,” said Valerie Grey, Executive Director of NYeC. “This statewide estimate for New York gives us a sense of the magnitude of the current impact and what tomorrow could bring as the SHIN-NY continues to grow and evolve.”

Recognizing the potential value to all New Yorkers, New York State has been a leader, investing in public health information exchange through the SHIN-NY enterprise for more than a decade. The SHIN-NY supports the healthcare industry’s continued shift from fee-for-service to value-based care arrangements and is integral to the success of state and federal initiatives in support of improved outcomes, reduced costs, and better patient experience. While the use of health information exchange has long been associated with improved care coordination, quality of care, and patient safety, NYeC’s analysis demonstrates the network’s contribution toward reducing costs.

“As a physician, health plan CEO, ardent supporter of HIE and the SHIN-NY, and on behalf of NYeC, I want to thank the leadership of New York state for its continued investment in the SHIN-NY,” said John Bennett, MD, CEO of Capital District Physicians’ Health Plan, Inc. and Chair of NYeC’s Board of Directors. “The value this enterprise provides to payers, providers, and patients is tremendous, and continues to result in more efficient care and better health outcomes.”

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2019 Gala & Awards Recap



On Wednesday, November 20th, leaders from New York's healthcare community gathered for our 8th annual Gala & Awards at the Edison Ballroom.

Hosted by NYeC's [Board of Directors](#), the Gala & Awards honors the achievements of those improving healthcare through groundbreaking leadership and innovation.

This year, we were thrilled to recognize the extraordinary accomplishments of our three honorees:



These individuals are true healthcare pioneers and have all made extraordinary contributions to the health of New Yorkers.

From all of us at NYeC, we'd like to express our sincere gratitude to all attendees and sponsors for joining us in celebrating our honorees and making the evening a success!

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DOH Medicaid Population Health Symposium Recap



NYeC Executive Director, Valerie Grey, along with Shoshanah Brown & David Shilane of AIRnyc, and Todd Rogow of Healthix, participated in a panel discussion "The Value of CBO Participation in the SHIN-NY: Interoperability for Addressing SDH" at the November 18th New York Medicaid Population Health Symposium.

The discussion featured a case study of a community-based organization (CBO), AIRnyc, a Qualified Entity, Healthix, and NYeC collaboratively working to build capacity and an operational and legal framework for sharing data across silos. The purpose of this case study was to better address the social determinants of health (SDH) of people served by AIRnyc's Community Health Worker-led, home-based interventions. The discussion also highlighted lessons learned and identification of best practices for CBOs to participate in the SHIN-NY across the state. Grey also highlighted current SHIN-NY efforts to prioritize CBO engagement and connection to the SHIN-NY.

Overall, the symposium was successful in providing a platform to share insights and perspectives on the successes, challenges, and future thinking on DSRIP and advancement of value-based payment. Moving keynote presentations by Sandro Galea, MD, MPH, DRPH, Dean and Robert A. Knox Professor, Boston University of Public Health; and Rebecca Onie, JD, Founding Partner, The Health Initiative; highlighted the importance of addressing SDH to improve health outcomes and reduce health disparities.

Event Summary: **Crain's Health Care Summit**

On November 21, 2019, individuals from NYeC attended the Crain's Health Care Summit to hear from healthcare leaders about lessons learned from their Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment (DSRIP) Program experiences and to listen to a discussion about how the future of the New York delivery system should evolve. By the end of November, New York State is expected to formally request an \$8 billion Medicaid waiver amendment seeking a continuation of DSRIP for one year, beginning in March 2020, and a three-year renewal from 2021 to 2024, to the federal government.

Cindy Mann, a partner at Manatt Health and a former Deputy Administrator at the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), served as keynote speaker and advised the attendees to focus on health system redesign rather than the Medicaid waiver renewal request. She said that the redesign efforts should include addressing social determinants of health, supporting workforce development, and assisting financially distressed hospitals.

During the initial panel session, Shoshanah Brown, CEO of AirNYC, expressed that community organizations did not have much negotiating power in DSRIP 1.0, and that Performing Provider Systems (PPS) dictated most contract terms. Brown noted that care coordination work proliferated but was underfunded and could have benefited by including input by additional stakeholders.

During the final panel session, Dr. Neil Calman, CEO of the Institute for Family Health, former State Medicaid Director Jason Helgerson, and Allison McGuire, Executive Director of the Montefiore Hudson Valley Collaborative, discussed the State's proposal to create coalitions called value-driving entities, or VDEs, that would combine existing PPSs (or some subset thereof), managed-care plans, and community organizations. This discussion included views on whether it would be best for VDEs to be led by hospitals or managed care plans, or a combination of both.

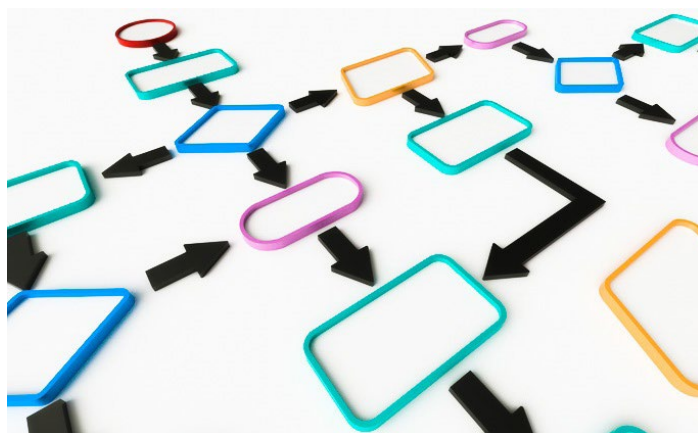
DEIP Program Helps Healthcare Providers Connect to Qualified Entities, Improving Electronic Records and Care

New York State's Data Exchange Incentive Program (DEIP) has helped healthcare organizations across New York State securely connect to their local Qualified Entities to exchange patient health records in their region and across the state. Through the NYeC-led DEIP program, the New York State's QEs that connect to the SHIN-NY have expanded their participants and data sources to include groups such as skilled nursing facilities and diagnostic treatment centers. Since the program's launch in 2017, 7,000 providers or practices have signed up for the program.

[To learn more about DEIP, visit the NYeC DEIP webpage.](#)

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How a Clinical Decision Support Tool Could Increase Pediatric



Acute Kidney Injury Testing

A recent study posted in *Pediatric Research* found that blood testing for acute kidney injury (AKI) increased by nine percent among pediatric patients during the electronic order entry process.

AKI is an abrupt loss of kidney function and is associated with the subsequent increased risk of chronic kidney disease. The incidence of AKI in large pediatric intensive care units is estimated at 27-42 percent, while the rate of AKI for non-ICU pediatric admissions is an estimated five percent.

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HEALTHeLINK Medical Minute: ConnectLife



“Our partnership with HEALTHeLINK has had a tremendously positive impact on our ability to continue to provide healthy, safe organs and tissues.” –Jason Bridge, VP of Eye and Tissue Services at ConnectLife.

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Is Stage 3 of Promoting Interoperability a Struggle? We're here to Help!

The Promoting Interoperability (formerly known as Meaningful Use) Certified Electronic Health Record Technology initiative continues to transform healthcare across New York State by improving the efficiency, quality, and safety of care provided to patients. As an additional benefit, aligning with Promoting Interoperability objectives, is helping providers prepare for the shift to payment reform programs that reward high quality, cost-effective care.

The Promoting Interoperability Program was intentionally developed in stages to ease this transition and directly align with value-based payment models by identifying opportunities for improvement in:

- clinical quality, efficiency, and patient experience
- track and monitor performance across important services and conditions
- track overutilization and other drivers of cost

We are now in Stage 3 of Promoting Interoperability, the final stage, which requires achieving eight objectives. Many objective thresholds have increased from Stage 2; challenging established provider workflows. If you find meeting these increased thresholds a struggle, we can use 2019 as a learning year! The NYeC HAPS team is available to provide expert, hands-on support to relieve your frustration and successfully institute the workflows needed to resume attesting in 2020.

We're ready to help and encourage you to take advantage of the free resources available to you through the Promoting Interoperability Program.

Contact us at ep2info@nyehealth.org.

Upcoming Learning Opportunities:

WEBINAR: Pre-Attestation Administrative Process

DATE: December 4, 2019 • 11:00 a.m.

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

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NYeC to See You!



NYeC's staff was very festive this Halloween, including Cindy, who dressed up as Fast Healthcare Interoperability Resources (FHIR) this year.



The success of our gala would not be possible without the NYeC staff volunteers who ensure it is a success! Thank you Sash, Hiral, Ryan, Blerina, Alicia, Tijuana, Rachel, Zoe, Kayla, Martha, and Jesse.