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A Record Month: PPS Partners Earn More Than \$6.5 Million in May

The AHI PPS processed more than \$6.5 million in payments to partner organizations for funds flow efforts in May, our most successful month to date. Included in the earned payments:

- Pay-for-Reporting (P4R) Cycle 8.0: The PPS completed the final P4R payment cycle. Over the past two years, PPS partners have earned payments based on meeting reporting addenda requirements. Cycle 8.0 included \$2.6 million in payments to 102 organizations. The total amount distributed during the entire P4R period stands at slightly more than \$15.2 million.
- Pay-for-Performance (P4P) Payments: In March, the PPS finalized the P4P methodology for DSRIP Year 2. The PPS plans to flow \$9.2 million total to partners using this methodology. As of this week, 96 P4P contracts have been signed, resulting in \$8.3 million in funds flowed to partners. The PPS hopes to distribute remaining payments by June 30. Please return your contract to AHI if you have yet to receive your P4P DY2 payment.
- Additional Payments: The PPS has utilized additional funds flow measures to support partners. Approved payments for innovation and transformation awards, financial sustainability, and P4R downstream arrangements were also processed this month.

The AHI PPS is pleased to award and recognize our partners for their continued diligence and hard work in meeting and exceeding requirements to transform the regional health care delivery system.

AHI PPS Building Powerful, Centrally-Connected Care Coordination Network

The AHI PPS will be implementing a community care coordination software platform, Unite Us, to build a powerful, centrally-connected network to better integrate care and improve health outcomes for Medicaid recipients in the region. The network will be utilized to support care coordination, referrals and the collection of social determinants of health outcomes data among participating partner organizations.

Using the platform, connected partners will have the ability to:

- Electronically connect patients to both clinical and social service providers;
- Track patient progress and receive automated feedback from other partners to ensure care and services are properly provided;
- Collaborate with community-wide "care teams," ensuring providers are on the same page regarding their shared patients' progress;
- Collect data, including structured patient outcomes, to measure the network's impact, including time-to-service and effectiveness of care.

[Learn more](#) about the initiative.

Workforce Fund Updates

Effective tomorrow, Friday, June 1, all applications for the Training Fund must be for training sessions that occurred April 1, 2018, or later. Also, effective tomorrow, applications for the Recruitment and Retention Fund must be for staff who started employment after April 1, 2018.

Visit [Workforce Funds](#) for complete funding guidelines.

AHI's Redesigned Website Easier to Navigate, Chock Full of Resources for Partners and Community Members

Adirondack Health Institute has launched a new, cleaner-looking, easier-to-navigate version of our website. The revamped site has two targeted portals on our home page – one for organizational partners and one for community members – making it easier for our visitors to locate essential program information and resources. A new interactive calendar is in place to promote AHI and partner events at a glance. We've also increased website speed and performance for a better user experience.

Visit our [new website](#) today. If you have any feedback or content you'd like us to consider adding to the site, please email us at communications@ahihealth.org.

Adirondack Rural Health Network Seeks Rural Health Champions of the Year Nominations

The Adirondack Rural Health Network (ARHN), a program of Adirondack Health Institute, is seeking nominations for Rural Health Champions of the Year to recognize individuals who have made significant contributions to the health of rural residents in the region.

Rural Health Champions are individuals, such as health care providers, patient advocates, public health officials, human services personnel and community-based organization program staff, who demonstrate leadership and provide exceptional care and service to rural community members.

Nominations are being accepted for individuals in Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Fulton, Hamilton, Warren and Washington counties through Friday, July 27. Champions will be announced at [AHI's 10th Annual Summit](#), Thursday, September 27, in Lake Placid.

Visit [Adirondack Rural Health Network](#) for specific award criteria and to download and complete a nomination form.

If you have any questions, contact Sara Anostario at sanostario@ahihealth.org.

Volume to Value: Keys to Success in Value Based Payment Contracting Event Available for Viewing in HealthStream

More than 200 individuals attended the second installment of the Volume to Value training series, *Keys to Success in Value Based Payment Contracting*, on March 21.

If you missed this valuable event or you would like to watch it again, the videos for each session are now available in HealthStream.

The day included a keynote address by Anesa Brkanovic, Deputy Director, Division of Health Plan Contracting and Oversight, Office of Health Insurance Programs, NYS DOH, followed by a panel presentation facilitated by Ms. Brkanovic and Ryan Ashe, Director of Medicaid Payment Reform, NYS DOH, on a regional perspective of value based payment. Panelists included Dr. Cupid Gascon, MVP Healthcare, Todd Moore, Adirondacks ACO and OneCare Vermont, and Toni Vazquez, Greater Buffalo ACO. The day concluded with breakout sessions for primary care, behavioral health and community-based organizations.

Don't have a HealthStream account? Contact Chelsea Truehart at ctruehart@ahihealth.org.

NYS Patient-Centered Medical Home Webinar Recording Available

On May 10, NCQA held a question and answer webinar session for New York State practices related to the new NYS Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH) recognition program. The recording has been posted online.

Watch the [webinar](#).

In addition to the webinar, NYS PCMH-related resources are available on the [DOH website](#).

AHI PPS Population Health Network Leader Cruikshank Receives Senior Care Leadership Award

Kudos to Andy Cruikshank, CEO of AHI PPS partner Fort Hudson Health System and one of the leaders of the Glens Falls Area Population Health Network (PHN), for recently receiving the 2018 Lawrence E. Larson Memorial Award of Honor from LeadingAge New York. The award is given to individuals for excellence in senior care leadership.

Read the complete [article](#).

Clinton County Health Department Lauded by NYSHealth for Improving Healthy Food Access

The Clinton County Health Department (CCHD) was lauded by NYSHealth in its *Best of 2017 Annual Report* for building on its efforts to improve healthy food access and the built environment. CCHD has assisted 15 local convenience stores to date in implementing the Better Choice Retailers initiative, a healthy food certification program connecting retailers and local farmers.

CCHD was also recognized for developing and extending trails so community members have more physical activity and outdoor recreation opportunities.

Read the [report](#).

Open Door Mission Receives Certificate of Occupancy for Glens Falls Homeless Shelter

Congratulations to our AHI PPS partners in Glens Falls, Open Door Mission, for receiving a certificate of occupancy for its men's homeless shelter. A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held last week to celebrate the new eight-bed, year-round shelter.

Read the complete [article](#).



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