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Important Workforce Funds Updates

The AHI PPS Workforce Funds process has been very successful since first being implemented in DSRIP Year 1. More than 70 percent of workforce spending has been tied directly to the Training Fund and Recruitment and Retention Fund and funding to partners. In addition, we are seeing high retention rates for positions supported by this funding.

As we continue the DSRIP journey, Workforce Funds will be available through DSRIP Year 4 only. To account for all spending by March 31, 2019, applications for the Training Fund and Recruitment and Retention Fund will be accepted through February 8, 2019.

Additionally, the Training and Resources Workgroup will return to reviewing/approving funding monthly. All applications received by the 10th of a given month will be reviewed that same month. "Additional Expenses" will be eligible for reimbursement for trainings occurring before January 8, 2019.

Visit [Workforce Funds](#) for updated applications and guidelines for both types of funding.

If you have any questions, contact Kelly Owens at kowens@ahihealth.org.

Clinton County Mobile Crisis Team Cuts Down ER Mental-Health Visits

The Clinton County Mobile Crisis Team, a shared venture of Behavioral Health Services North and the National Alliance on Mental Illness-Champlain Valley, supported by AHI PPS Innovation Funds, has had a dramatic impact on reducing mental health-related emergency department visits.

During its first six months in operation, beginning in November 2017, the team received 297 referrals. Close to a quarter of those referrals – 76 – required mobile response. "Out of the total mobile calls, we had 14 people brought to emergency rooms and six of those people were admitted," said Clinton County Mobile Crisis Team Coordinator Chris Arnold. "We're feeling pretty good that out of almost 300 contacts, we've only had 14 people, that we know of, that went on to the emergency room."

Read the complete [Press-Republican article](#).

Age-Friendly Health Systems Webinar, June 20

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo's 2018 State of the State book includes a goal for New York to have 50 percent of its health systems "age-friendly" within the next five years. To kickoff this project, the NYS Department of Health, in collaboration with the John A. Hartford Foundation, invites you to participate in a webinar, *Age-Friendly Health Systems*, from 3:30 — 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, June 20.

Age-friendly health systems utilize cost-effective services to provide better outcomes for older patients. The webinar will define and illustrate the importance of an age-friendly health system, share in-depth details about the new initiative, and discuss how organizations can take steps to become more age-friendly.

[Register](#) for the webinar.

If you have any questions, contact the Aging and Long-Term Care (ALTC) team at altcteam@health.ny.gov.

Data for Change: The State of the Nonprofit Sector Survey Webinar, June 21

Results from a survey of nearly 3,400 nonprofit leaders across the country will be reviewed by the Nonprofit Finance Fund during a webinar, *Data for Change: The State of the Nonprofit Sector Survey*, being held from 3:00 — 4:00 p.m., Thursday, June 21.

Learn more and [register](#) for the event.

Value-Based Payment Contracting Pilot “Lessons Learned” Webinar, June 27

The NYS DOH will be hosting the first of its “lessons learned” webinar series on value-based payment (VBP) contracting from 2:00 — 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 27. Select VBP Pilot participants will share their experiences with contracting, covering such topics as target budget calculations, shared saving/loss determinations, and communication strategies. Future webinars will focus on community-based organization collaboration, data sharing, quality measure testing and stakeholder engagement.

[Register](#) for the webinar.

If you have any questions, contact the NYS Supplemental Programs team at vbp_pilot@health.ny.gov.

Investing in Social Services as a Core Strategy for Health Care Organizations Webinar, July 12

Despite the widespread acknowledgment of the importance of addressing social determinants of health (SDOH) to improve outcomes and lower medical costs, observed investments in SDOH tend to be modest in scale and temporary.

The American Public Human Services Association is hosting a webinar, *Investing in Social Services as a Core Strategy for Health Care Organizations: Developing the Business Case*, from 2:00 — 3:00 p.m., Thursday, July 12.

Speakers from KPMG and the Commonwealth Fund will discuss how they worked together to explore approaches to accelerate the uptake of SDOH investments into health care business operations, and provide a guide for how to obtain measurable returns on investment within 12 to 18 months.

[Register](#) for the webinar.

Save the Date – Volume to Value: The Power of Data in Value Based Payment, Sept. 20 in Glens Falls

The AHI PPS, Alliance for Better Health, and Better Health for Northeast New York are hosting the third in a series of value-based payment workshops, *Volume to Value: The Power of Data in Value Based Payment*, Thursday, September 20, at the Queensbury Hotel.

Read the [training flyer](#) for more information and stay tuned for more details to come.

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. The day concluded with breakout sessions for primary care, behavioral health, and community-based organization audiences.

Need help setting up a HealthStream account? Contact Chelsea Truehart at ctruehart@ahihealth.org.

NYS Association for Rural Health Seeks Award Nominations

The NYS Association for Rural Health is seeking nominees for three rural health awards. The awards, given to an outstanding rural health worker, practitioner, and program, will be announced at the Annual Rural Health Conference in September.

Visit the [NYSARH website](#) to read the award descriptions and submit a nomination form.

If you have any questions, contact Jackie Leaf at jackie@nysarh.org.

Blog Highlights New York's Plan to Address the Social Determinants of Health Through Value-Based Payment

The National Academy for State Health Policy (NASHP) recently published a blog that highlights New York's plan to address the social determinants of health through value-based payment (VBP). The blog explains how New York's Medicaid program is moving to a VBP model that not only promotes high-quality, coordinated care, but also rewards providers who address the social determinants of health.

Read [The Roadmap Ahead: New York's Value-Based Payments Reward Communities and Providers for Addressing the Social Determinants of Health](#).



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