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A news update from Adirondack Health Institute

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OBESITY IN THE NORTH COUNTRY

Prevalence of Obesity Among Adults and Youth



Read the report.

AHI's Population Health Improvement Program Publishes North Country Obesity Report

AHI's Population Health Improvement Program has published a report, *Obesity in the North Country*. The report presents national, state, and North Country data regarding the prevalence of and socioeconomic, cultural, and behavioral factors associated with obesity. It includes maps depicting North Country communities that have higher percentages of residents who have been diagnosed and treated for conditions related to obesity, such as type 2 diabetes and hypertension. The report is intended to help inform discussions and strategies to address and reverse the obesity epidemic in the region.

If you would like to request a hard copy of the report, email phip@ahihealth.org.

Introducing ADK Wellness Connections



AHI is making great progress implementing a coordinated, multi-sector referral network to be used in our nine-county service area, built on the Unite Us technology platform. We are pleased to announce the results of our "name the network" poll and introduce ADK Wellness Connections. Visit the [AHI website](#) for more information about the network, including details about an RFP for organizations to serve as Coordination Centers in three geographic areas and our new anticipated October launch date.

Munger Earns NCQA PCMH Content Expert Certification

Congratulations to Jolene Munger, AHI's Provider Engagement Manager - Practice Transformation, for earning the Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH) Content Expert Certification™ credential from NCQA.

Certified NCQA PCMH Content Experts receive thorough training and

demonstrate in-depth knowledge to assist organizations applying for PCMH recognition. If your organization is considering pursuing such recognition, visit the [AHI website](#) for more information and contact Munger for no-cost assistance at jmunger@ahihealth.org, or 518.480.0111, ext. 421.



Post-Star Selects Chanese as 20 Under 40 Honoree



Kudos to Jessica Chanese, AHI's Community Engagement Manager, selected this week as one of the Post-Star's 20 Under 40 award recipients. The newspaper annually recognizes people younger than 40 who have demonstrated success and dedication to their careers and are role models in their communities. At AHI, Chanese and Community Engagement team members lead initiatives to advance the role of individual community members and community-based organizations in health system transformation, and promote collaborative efforts to address social needs that impact health outcomes.

Read the [Post-Star article](#).

Health Insurance Enrollment Success Story



Youhwan Heo and Laura Scoville of Schroon Lake are expecting a child. The young couple was worried because they lacked health insurance until they connected with AHI's Enrollment Assistance Services and Education (EASE) program and Enrollment Specialist, Janet Littlefield, who provided them with free help to select coverage. Laura said, "We were really struggling to figure this all out. It was so important to get insured. We've now been seen by doctors and treated. What a wonderful experience and such a life-saving service!"

If you lack health insurance or know someone who does, AHI provides free enrollment assistance. Call 1.866.872.3740 to schedule an appointment.

Medicaid Accelerated eXchange (MAX) Series Video

Introduced in 2016, the Medicaid Accelerated eXchange (MAX) training program has since graduated 77 qualified MAX New York (MAXny) Series Leads, including three from the AHI PPS (Performing Provider System) - Jessica Chanese, Deborah LaRose, and Kelly Owens - who are scaling and sustaining process improvement work across the region and state. Watch this new video from the New York State

Department of Health to learn more about the initiative, including what's next for the program.



The New York State Health Foundation has released a Request for Proposal for community-based organizations, health departments, and other low-resource agencies to attend and present at local, state, and national conferences on topics such as building healthy communities, empowering health care consumers, and veterans' health. Applications are being accepted on a rolling basis.

Learn more and download the [RFP](#).



Department of Health

Social Determinants of Health are defined as the conditions under which people are born, live, grow, work, and age. The New York State Department of Health has created a resource web page for health systems and community-based organizations related to the DSRIP Value-Based Payment (Roadmap requirements for level 2 and 3 arrangements).

Visit [Social Determinants of Health and Community-Based Organizations](#).

4th Annual North Country Telehealth Conference
Virtual Care in a Value Based World

Pre-Conference: Wednesday, November 7, 2018
Full Conference: Thursday, November 8, 2018

The Queensbury Hotel, Glens Falls

[Click here to register.](#)

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Thursday, September 27, 2018
Conference Center at Lake Placid

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Save the Date

Volume to Value:

The Power of Data in Value Based Payment

Thursday, September 20, 2018
The Queensbury Hotel, Glens Falls, NY

Featuring Keynote Speaker: Joseph Conte, PhD, CPHQ, Staten Island PPS Executive Director

*Please note that each organization may send a maximum of 3 attendees.



CARE FOR KIDS 5K Run & Fitness Walk



Sunday, July 29, 2018
9:00—11:00 a.m.
Chestertown, NY

\$25.00 race fee +
\$2.50 sign-up fee

SIGN UP

DOH Launches VBP University Sophomore Year

The New York State Department of Health has launched VBP University Sophomore Year. VBP University is an online educational resource created to raise awareness, knowledge and expertise in the move to value-based payment. Visit [VBP University](#) to learn more.



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- Tracking of training for all enrolled
- Ability to complete an array of trainings for free; many of which offer CE credits
- Viewing and printing your record of professional training and continuing education credits

Current AHI PPS-specific Courses:

- AHI PPS DSRIP 101
- Clinical Integration & IDS Education
- Building a Foundation for VBP
- Community Engagement: Collaboration between Area Agencies on Aging, Healthcare, & Community Members to Improve Population Health
- Introduction to Telehealth: Definitions, FAQ's, Billing, & Reimbursement
- Strategies to Aide in your 'Recruitment for Retention'



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