



Adirondack Health Institute

Partnership Opportunities for Medical Practitioners

Working with community-based organizations to address social determinants of health

Do you struggle to deliver optimal care because patients' **unmet social needs stand in the way?**

Below is a list of common ways medical practitioners and community-based organizations (CBOs) have partnered to remove these barriers, **freeing practitioners to provide the medical care their patients need.**

Contact us at AdkWellConnects@ahihealth.org for help facilitating a partnership for your practice.

Common Partnership Opportunities:

Emergency Department Navigation



A navigator employed by a CBO connected to social services in the community is stationed in the emergency department. The navigator sees patients after they have received medical attention, identifies unmet social and medical needs, then coordinates services to address those needs.

Nutrition Prescription Fulfillment



Medical practitioners refer patients struggling to access or maintain a healthy diet to a CBO that can provide healthy food and guidance specific to the patient's condition (for example, diabetes).

Peer Support Services



Peer support specialists accompany patients to their medical appointments to assist in communicating complex or sensitive medical information, helping practitioners and patients

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more easily engage with each other. Peer support specialists also provide out-of-office support to patients to promote compliance with medical recommendations and ongoing feedback to the practitioner.

Medication Delivery



CBO staff coordinate delivery of medication to patients and provide in-home counseling and monitoring of compliance with the medication regimen.

Appointment Management and Transportation



CBO staff manage patients' calendar of medical appointments, including scheduling, providing reminders and transporting patients to the practitioner's office.

Advance Directives Facilitation



CBO staff prompt and assist patients in completing advance directives and facilitate discussions between the patient, family members and medical practitioners.

This is only a sample of common partnerships forged throughout the AHI network.

Our team is happy to help you think of new ways to address the challenges you encounter caring for patients with unmet social needs.