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A news update from Adirondack Health Institute

March 5, 2020

News Headlines

DSRIP Wind Down and Continuing Partner Obligations

A Message from AHI Chief Executive Officer Eric Burton

Dear AHI PPS Participant:

As you may know, the federal government recently announced that it will not be extending New York State's Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment (DSRIP) program beyond its scheduled termination date of March 31, 2020. However, AHI's DSRIP program award letter remains in effect until December 31, 2020, and AHI and its participants will continue to have certain obligations with respect to the DSRIP program through the remainder of the year.

The New York State Department of Health (NYS DOH) has provided the following table which outlines the activities and timeline for the wind-down of the DSRIP program:

2020 Estimated Timeframes	Activity
January	Request issued for PPS Sustainability and Funds Flow Plans due March 31, 2020
February	DY5 Payment 1 to be issued to PPS
February	PPS Profile report instructions to be issued
March 30	Due Date for PPS Sustainability and Funds Flow plans
Early April	MAX Workshop Series begin
April 30	PPS Quarterly Report for DY5Q4 due to the Independent Assessor
April 30	PPS to submit draft PPS Program Profile Report to AST
May	Data Retention/Deletion Guidance to be issued
May 30-June 14	PPS/IA Remediation Period for DY5Q4 report
Early July	Final MY5 performance measures adjudication and AV determination
August	DSRIP PPS Program Profile Report completed
August	DY5 Payment 2 to be issued to PPS
October	Final monthly PPS MCD files for available service dates through DY5*
Late November	DUA Addendum for continued access to data effective Jan 2021
December	Final Report on all PPS Transition activities due
December/January	Data Retention and Destruction Attestations due

*To be finalized

In addition to seeking assistance from partners where needed to complete the above outlines activities, AHI will be receiving and distributing DSRIP payments after March 31, 2020. Accordingly, the Participation Agreement between your organization and Adirondack Health Institute (AHI) will remain in effect in accordance with its terms until the wind-down of the DSRIP program has been completed.

We thank you for all your efforts in working to transform the delivery of care in the North Country, and we are proud of the accomplishments we have achieved collectively during the DSRIP program. We also look forward to continuing to work with you as the DSRIP program winds down.

If you have any questions, please reach out to your Population Health Network (PHN) leader or to the AHI DSRIP mailbox at dsripahi@ahihealth.org.

The AHI PPS in Action

As part of a [New York State Department of Health](#) effort to showcase the work of Performing Provider Systems (PPS) across the state during the five-year Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment (DSRIP) Program, the AHI PPS recently shared our story of collaboration, promising practices, and success stories on a new web page titled *AHI PPS in Action: Collaborating to Transform Health Care Delivery and Advance Population Health in the Greater Adirondack Region*. The page provides details on our partnership of more than 120 organizations, our key initiatives and focus areas, our collective accomplishments, and more. The page serves as a precursor to a comprehensive executive summary highlighting our achievements in improving health and wellness in our nine-county region the PPS is presently compiling for publication in the near future.



Visit our website to read the full story.

Final AHI PPS Workforce Impact Analysis Due by April 8

The final AHI PPS Workforce Impact Analysis is due for DY5 Q4. Thank you to all who have helped us achieve this milestone throughout the course of DSRIP. Your time and attention to this matter has been much appreciated.

Every six months, each PPS is required to submit workforce impact analysis information to the [NYS Department of Health](#) – information on the hiring, retraining, and redeployment of staff. This milestone has also had attached achievement values and completion is required by all partners. The final reporting time frame is October 1, 2019 – March 31, 2020. Documents are scheduled to be sent to partners today and will be due back to [Blue Fox-Fire](#) by April 8.

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

Warren County 'Healthiest' in New York

Warren County is ranked as the "No. 1 healthiest county" in New York, according to a new study released by voro.com, a website that refers people to doctors and publishes articles on health. The enterprise ranks Warren County's "health index" as 18 percent higher than the state average, and within the 98th percentile among all counties in the United States. Factors examined include rates of activity and exercise, smoking, life expectancy, obesity, health insurance coverage, and access to medical care. The new ranking contrasts dramatically with a cancer study released by the [New York State Department of Health](http://www.health.ny.gov) which reported the county had the highest rate in the state of all common cancers combined, based on data reported by health care facilities from 2011 to 2015.



[Click here to read the full Sun Community News article.](#)

Training Sessions, Meetings, and Events

MAX Registration Deadline is Tomorrow, March 6

The deadline for AHI PPS hospital partners to express interest in participating in the upcoming Medicaid Accelerated eXchange (MAX) series is tomorrow, Friday, March 6. View an [informational webinar slide deck](#) to learn more about the series and click below to express interest in participating. Contact the MAX Program Team at ckazdan@ipro.org with questions.

[Click here to express interest.](#)

Telehealth Learning Collaborative hosted by:



Monday, March 16, 2020

2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Meeting Agenda

- I. **Speaker:** Michelle Hager, Managing Partner at Blue Cirrus Consulting – *Telehealth Program Maturity: Age Does Not Define Maturity*. Michelle will discuss a tool called the maturity model which will help organizations assess the pre-, post-, and current effectiveness of their telehealth service line(s). Participants will gain an understanding of where they are in the maturity model and the path to get to a higher level.
- II. **eMOLST:** Katie Orem, Geriatrics and Palliative Care Program Manager, eMOLST Admin. For NYS. Katie will provide an overview of eMOLST as a telehealth opportunity focused on advance care planning, end-of-life care, and palliative care.
- III. **Update on the North Country Telehealth Partnership** – Katy Cook and Robert Hunt.

Click below to register. The event number is 641120921 and the password is telehealth1.

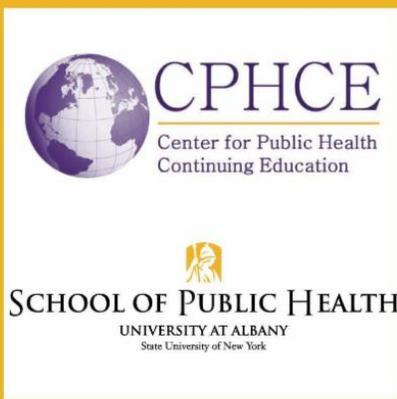
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 Adirondack Health Institute **Preparing for Success
in a Value-Based Care Environment**
A Learning Series for Community-Based Organizations

In collaboration with the AHI Performing Provider System (AHI PPS) and North Country Population Health Improvement Program (NC PHIP), this in-person learning series is tailored for community-based organizations in Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Fulton, Hamilton, Saratoga, St. Lawrence, Warren, and Washington counties. The target audience for these sessions are executive directors, finance managers, and key staff involved in direct contracting. Please visit the registration links for additional criteria.

Value-Based Contracting from a Position of Strength!

Many Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) would like to partner with health care and managed care organizations to address social determinants of health (SDoH) under value-based payment (VBP) arrangements. One of the most significant challenges to forming effective partnerships is the time and expense involved with contracting. The purpose of this training is to assist CBOs with developing the infrastructure and negotiation strategies to support VBP contracting arrangement. The training will address preparing for contract negotiations, evaluating contracts, negotiating strategies and contracting indirectly with Managed Care Organizations (MCOs). Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. Attendees are highly encouraged to bring a laptop.



Thursday, March 12, 2020, 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

SUNY Adirondack, 640 Bay Road, Queensbury, NY

Facilitator: Adam Falcone, Feldesman Tucker Leifer Fidell LLP

Register at: <https://contracting-strength-queensbury.eventbrite.com>. **Registration closes on March 6.**

Friday, March 20, 2020, 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

NYM HAB Life Skills Campus, 14 Dormitory Dr., Plattsburgh, NY

Facilitator: Adam Falcone, Feldesman Tucker Leifer Fidell LLP

Register at: <https://contracting-strength-plattsburgh.eventbrite.com>. **Registration closes on March 16.**

Digital toolkits containing resources and helpful information will be made available to participants after the session.

For more information, contact Kelly Owens at kowens@ahihealth.org.

A portion of this series is made possible by a grant from the New York State Department of Health.

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20/20 Vision Towards Population Health

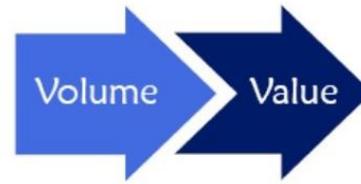
March 26, 2020

9:30am - 3:00pm

Registration will begin at 8:30am

The Queensbury Hotel
88 Ridge Street • Glens Falls, NY

****Registration ends March 18th**



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

Featuring:

- ◆ Keynote: **Dorcey L. Applys, DrPH, MPH, Chief Auditor, City of Albany**
- ◆ General Session: **Representatives from the New York State Department of Health and managed care organizations will provide updates on VBP and the vision for the future**
- ◆ Feature Presentation: **Will include past presenters who will share updates on value based payment arrangements**

Click Here to Register or visit:
<https://v2v-2020-vision-towards-pop-health.eventbrite.com>

Sponsored by DSRIP PPS:
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Hotel rooms are available at a reduced price of \$89/night. Please call 518.792.1121 to make your reservation.

Parking is available at The Queensbury Hotel and the Public Parking Lot located on East Washington Street (adjacent to The Queensbury Hotel lot, behind the bank).

New York State aims to have 80-90% of Medicaid payments within a value based arrangement by 2020. These collaborative forums are aimed to inform and assist your organization during this transition.



[Click here to register.](#)

Planning for the Future of Telehealth Workshop, April 9, Telehealth Listening Tour Report Published, Telehealth Program Development Funding Opportunity Available

AHI and the [Center for Technology in Government at the University at Albany](#) are hosting *Planning for the Future of Telehealth: A Strategic Planning Workshop*, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Thursday, April 9, at the Crowne

Plaza in Lake Placid. The workshop will bring together collaborative partners to develop a strategic plan for the future implementation of telehealth in the North Country region.

An AHI Telehealth Listening Tour report, *The State of Telehealth in the North Country*, compiled by AHI with funding support from the [Charles R. Wood Foundation](#), will shape the workshop discussion. Stakeholders across the region are encouraged to review the report and then attend the workshop in support of prioritizing needs and actions that address barriers to telehealth adoption, implementation, and expansion.



Additionally, to support telehealth development in the North Country, AHI, with support from the Charles R. Wood Foundation, has released a [funding application](#) for telehealth projects that will improve access to health outcomes in the region. To be eligible for this opportunity, an organization must be located in Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Fulton, Hamilton, Saratoga, St. Lawrence, Warren, or Washington counties. Applications are due by Monday, March 30.

Contact Nancy DelMastro at ndelmastro@ahihealth.org, or Katy Cook at kcook@ahihealth.org with any workshop, report, or application questions.

[Click here to register.](#)

NCBHN Annual Spring Conference, May 6 in Lake Placid



Education.

The [North Country Behavioral Healthcare Network \(NCBHN\)](#) is holding its Annual Spring Conference, *Behavioral Health Across a Lifetime: A Rural Perspective for New York's North Country*, Wednesday, May 6, at the Crowne Plaza in Lake Placid. The event features plenary session speakers Harvey Rosenthal, [NYAPRS](#), and Karen Boliver, [NRCIL](#), presenting *Peer Services Across the Behavioral Health Spectrum*, and Glenn Liebman, [MHANYS](#), presenting *Mental Health*

[Click here to register.](#)

Share Your Updates

AHI partners in Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Fulton, Hamilton, Saratoga, St. Lawrence, Warren, and Washington counties are encouraged to send news items to Phil Kahn at communications@ahihealth.org to be considered for inclusion in *AHI Informer*.

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