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A news update from Adirondack Health Institute

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News Headlines

Save The Date

AHI Leadership Summit

Uniting the Future of Population Health and Virtual Care

A Two-Day Learning Symposium

Thursday, September 24 - Friday, September 25, 2020

Lake Placid Conference Center



We are keeping a close eye on guidance from New York State and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, with the health of our attendees, speakers, sponsors, and staff guiding all decisions. We recognize the uncertainty of the situation and will remain flexible to transition to a virtual conference format if necessary.

Adirondack Health Institute is excited to offer a new conference format for 2020, with the **AHI Leadership Summit** joining forces with the North Country Telehealth Conference for a two-day learning symposium, *Uniting the Future of Population Health and Virtual Care*.

A conference that brings together leaders from New York's North Country and beyond, this event will provide an opportunity to learn from experts on both population health and telehealth. The 2020 AHI Leadership Summit will offer a range of sessions over its two days, with an emphasis on whole-person care, telehealth, health care delivery, value-based contracting, social determinants of health, and cross-sector collaboration. This event will attract hundreds of leaders and stakeholders from around the state to collaborate and network Thursday, September 24 - Friday, September 25, in Lake Placid.

If you have any questions, or would like to receive more information on sponsorship

State Ban on Flavored E-Cigarette Sales Takes Effect

New York's historic law prohibiting the sale of all flavored e-cigarettes took effect on Monday, May 18. The legislation's intent is to reverse skyrocketing youth use of e-cigarettes and comes at a time when health experts are warning that smoking and vaping can worsen the effects of COVID-19. A statewide ban on the sale of all tobacco products at pharmacies also went into effect that day.

AHI's Chief Executive Officer Eric Burton, and Kelly Owens, Program Manager of AHI's Clearing the Air in the Southern Adirondacks initiative, shared their thoughts about this development in a recent article published by *Saratoga TODAY Newspaper*.

[Click here to read the Saratoga TODAY article.](#)

Other News

Hixny Broadens Availability of Enhanced Reporting to Support Value-Based Care

[Hixny](#) has enhanced the reporting it offers and broadened its availability to help more providers move toward a value-based model of care, which improves patient health, lowers costs, and meets quality measurement standards.

Until now, the reports have focused on a handful of conditions and recommended screenings. With the enhanced capabilities, new conditions and categories have been added, including COVID-19. Reports can be searched, sorted, and downloaded through the Hixny provider portal.

Hixny's reporting pulls near real-time data from the entire health care community and then uses that to filter each provider's patient population. Patients who've given permission to view their medical records through Hixny are then categorized based upon medical history, known conditions, and recommended standards of care. By doing this, providers can quickly identify next steps for higher-risk patients based on up-to-date accurate information.

In addition to the reports, related resources are available for providers in [Hixny Academy](#).

CMS Announces Lower Out-of-Pocket Insulin Costs for Medicare Recipients Through the Part D Senior Savings Model

The [Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services \(CMS\)](#) has announced that more than 1,750 standalone Medicare Part D prescription drug plans and Medicare Advantage plans with prescription drug coverage have applied to offer lower insulin costs through the Part D Senior Savings Model for the 2021 plan year. Across the nation, participating enhanced Part D prescription drug plans will provide Medicare beneficiaries access to a broad set of insulins at a maximum \$35 copay for a month's

supply, from the beginning of the year through the Part D coverage gap.

[Click here to learn more.](#)

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Did You Know?



HRSA National Health Services Corps Rural Community Loan Repayment Program recipients can get additional loan benefits if they complete the Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) waiver training. Once you complete the initial three-year service contract, you may be eligible to apply for additional loan repayment funds if you receive the DATA 2000 Waiver.

The ultimate goal of MAT is full recovery:

- *Improve patient survival*
- *Increase retention in treatment*
- *Decrease illicit opiate use and other criminal activity among people with substance use disorders*
- *Increase patients' ability to gain and maintain employment*

Q: What is the Data 2000 Waiver?

A: The Drug Addiction Treatment Act of 2000 (DATA 2000) Waiver allows clinicians to dispense or prescribe approved Schedule III, IV, and V narcotic medications (e.g. buprenorphine) in settings other than an opioid treatment program (OTP).

Q: How do I find a training?

A: Contact Hudson Mohawk AHEC to sign up for our 4 hour in person and 4 hour online waiver training.

Q: How do I apply for the extension?

A: 1. Log into the Bureau of Health Workforce (BHW) Customer Service Portal.
2. Select Apply for a Continuation Contract under the "I Need To..." section.
3. Gather documentation showing you applied all previous NHSC LRP award funds to reducing your qualifying educational loan(s).

Q: How much can I get in loan repayment funds?

A: You may be eligible for an extra \$5,000 in loan repayment funds if you are in your 3rd, 4th or 5th year of NHSC Service and meet all eligibility requirements. For more information, visit: <https://nhsc.hrsa.gov/loan-repayment/continuation-contract.html> .

Upcoming Trainings:

**June 19th
Indian Lake**

Registration Details to Come

For more information,
contact:

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Training Sessions, Meetings, and Events

ENHANCING THE PATIENT EXPERIENCE WEBINAR LEARNING SERIES



The Enhancing the Patient Experience Webinar Learning Series will provide participants with frameworks for the practical application of strategies to address social needs, promote cultural competency and health literacy, and improve patient engagement and satisfaction in clinical practice settings. Each webinar will take place at 12pm on the first and third Thursdays of each month, beginning in February 2020. **Please note rescheduled dates below.**

Improving Interpersonal Communications with Patients

New date: Thursday, June 4, 2020, 12pm-12:30pm

Please note webinars are now being held via Microsoft Teams.

Reducing Unconscious Bias

New date: Thursday, June 18, 2020 12pm-1pm

(Link, phone numbers, and conference ID will be the same for all meetings).

For more information contact:

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Conference ID: 746 361 068#

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10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's

- June 3, 2020 | 10 a.m.
- June 15, 2020 | 1:30 p.m.

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Tips for Dementia Caregivers

- June 5, 2020 | 10 a.m.

Understanding Dementia Related Behaviors

- June 8, 2020 | 3 p.m.

Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia

- June 10, 2020 | 2 p.m.
- June 15, 2020 | 6 p.m.

Legal and Financial

- June 11, 2020 | 4:30 p.m. presented by Herzog Law Firm

Effective Communication Strategies

- June 16, 2020 | 2 p.m.

Research Update & Understanding Alzheimer's Disease

- June 18, 2020 | 4 p.m.

Coffee with a Consultant: 1:1 Conversation

- June 22, 2020 | 10:30 a.m.

Care Options

- June 22, 2020 | 3:30 p.m. presented in partnership with Eddy Alzheimer's Services

Healthy Living for Your Brain and Body: Practical Strategies to Live Well

- June 25, 2020 | 4 p.m. presented in partnership with Albany Med Center for Excellence

Stress Management and Self-Care

- June 30, 2020 | 3 p.m. presented in partnership with Eddy Alzheimer's Services

Registration is Required. You will receive a video conference link to access and can sign in as a guest to enter the virtual program.

RSVP at alz.org/CRF, via our 24/7 Helpline at 800.272.3900, or by contacting Jon Weaver at 518.675.7216.

This program is supported in part by a grant from the New York State Department of Health.

Buprenorphine Waiver Eligibility Training for Clinical Providers: Indain Lake NY (Online)

**Thursday, June 11, 2020
12:00 PM-5:00 PM**

The NYSDOH, AIDS Institute in partnership with Hudson Mohawk Area Health Education Center and Hamilton County Community Services, is sponsoring a [free buprenorphine waiver eligibility training for clinical providers](#). In response to the opioid overdose deaths in New York State, increased access to buprenorphine treatment for opioid overdose disorder is urgently needed. [Physicians, Nurse Practitioners, Physician Assistants, Medical Residents, Clinical Nurse Specialists, Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists, and Certified Nurse Midwives](#) are welcome and highly encouraged to attend this training.

Under current regulations, authorized practitioners (MDs, DOs, NPs, PAs, CNSs, CRNAs, and CNMs) are required to obtain a 'waiver' to prescribe buprenorphine. To acquire this waiver, physicians are required to complete a standardized buprenorphine waiver 8-hour training. Nurse Practitioners (NP), Physician Assistants (PA), Clinical Nurse Specialists (CNS), Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNA), and Certified Nurse Midwives (CNM), are required to complete the standardized buprenorphine waiver 8-hour training as well as an additional 16 hours of online training as established by the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (CARA). Residents may also take the course and apply for their waiver once they receive their DEA license. The buprenorphine waiver 8-hour training is offered in a 'half and-half' format [4.5 hours of in-person training followed up by 3.5 hours of online training]. Upon completion of the required training, providers will meet the requirement of the DATA 2000 to apply for a waiver to prescribe buprenorphine for opioid-dependent patients. Please contact us for further information.

CME CREDITS: There are no CME credits for this training

Trainer: Kevin P. Cope, MD, St. Mary's Healthcare, Amsterdam, NY

Location: Zoom

Online Registration: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_h_PzPozKQHhW5r0yOc2vbw

Questions: Contact James Norton, Email: jnorton@hmahec.org

ACCREDITATION: This activity has been planned and implemented by NYSDOH, AIDS Institute in accordance with the accreditation requirements and policies of the American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry (AAAP), and in partnership with Hudson Mohawk Area Health Education Center, HRSA, and Hamilton County Community Services. AAAP is the DATA 2000 sponsor for this training. Contact pcss@aaap.org or the www.pcssNOW.org web page

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Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health (IECMH) Basics Course

presented by the New York State Association for Infant Mental Health

*A Web-based Course for Programs, Organizations, and Communities of Practice in
the Adirondack Region*

July 13 & 14, 2020

The First Day and a Half is devoted to all who work with young children and their families.

We will explore:

- What we mean when we say Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health.
- What we know about infant development
- The power of relationships
- Best practices in IECMH and IMH (Infant Mental Health) Endorsement
- The way trauma can influence outcomes
- What IECMH practice means for practitioners

The Afternoon of Day Two is devoted to those who serve as coaches, consultants, supervisors, or administrators.

We will explore:

- Ways we can build resilience
- Ways we can all strengthen and transform our work and programs.

The "Four Weeks Out" Call

A group call for coaches, consultants, supervisors, and administrators to discuss successes and challenges and what we need to continue to grow as Infant Mental Health-informed practitioners and programs.

Registration fee is \$115

Register here <https://forms.gle/9F1MpzM6Zmm17AoSA>
or contact Courtney St. Pierre at cstpierre@cccnc.org, 518-566-3464
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