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## *News Headlines*

### **HealthyADK Website Adds Helpful New Features**

HealthyADK, a website of key socio-economic indicators created to help improve community health and well-being maintained by Adirondack Health Institute, has added a number of helpful new features. The site now offers more than 500 searchable indicators and metrics, more than double the number previously available, and has expanded its reach from seven to nine counties. In addition, visitors can now access regional community health reports, assessments, and plans, along with evidence-based community health resources.



## HEALTHYADK.ORG

A resource of key socio-economic indicators to improve community health and well-being in Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Fulton, Hamilton, Saratoga, St. Lawrence, Warren, and Washington counties.



**HealthyADK**  
Reaching Communities... Advancing Health

### New and revised site features:

More than double the amount of indicators and metrics previously available, searchable by category or county.

User-friendly navigation.

Now covering nine counties.

Access regional community health reports, assessments, and plans.

Access evidence-based community health resources.

Request data assistance provided by AHI.

Click here to visit  
[HealthyADK.org](https://HealthyADK.org).

## Third and Final Installment of DY4 P4P Funds Flow Released to PPS Partners

The AHI PPS is pleased to announce the third and final distribution of DSRIP Year 4 funds flow to partner organizations. The third distribution will total \$1.4 million, bringing the total DY4 Funds Flow distribution to partners to \$17.9 million. Payments for the final distribution were mailed to eligible partners earlier this week.



As a reminder, to be considered in P4P calculations and receive a payment, a partner must have both returned financial sustainability documents, and be considered a safety-net partner based on the New York State Department of Health (NYS DOH) DSRIP reporting tool.

As with prior P4P funding methodology, a component of a partners' P4P payment will include determinations made by Population Health Network (PHN) Triad leaders in a PHN-level pool. The PHN-level pool payment will be made separately from the partner-level pool to those partners who were allocated a payment.

Additional information regarding the DY4 P4P methodology can be referenced by clicking below and visiting the AHI website. Any questions regarding partner payments should be directed to [dsripahi@ahihealth.org](mailto:dsripahi@ahihealth.org) with "DSRIP P4P Question" in the subject line.

[Click here for DY4 P4P methodology information.](#)

## *Other News*

### **Hats Off to the Last Country Doctor**

Dr. John Rugge, [Hudson Headwaters Health Network](#) founder and 46-year practicing physician, recently penned a letter to his patients announcing he will be starting the next phase in his transition from full-time work by stepping back from clinical practice at the end of October. "I can't bring myself to say retirement," said Dr. Rugge. "I hope you can imagine how much all the caring for so many wonderful people—including you!—has meant to me over the years and through the decades. Likewise, I hope you know how proud I am that Hudson Headwaters is making sure that you will be able to receive the health care you need in the years to come."



Coinciding with the announcement, the [Lake George Mirror](#) published an article, *The Last Country Doctor*, reflecting on the career of the man who maintained a practice "even as he built the nation's leading network of rural health care centers."

In addition to his roles as a physician and founder and leader of HHHN, Dr. Rugge was instrumental in the formation of Adirondack Health Institute in 1987 when it was known as the Upper Hudson Primary Care Consortium. He is a Director Emeritus of the organization and we are eternally grateful for his wise stewardship.

Words cannot express the depths of our gratitude and admiration for Dr. Rugge's decades of compassionate and selfless service to his patients and the Adirondack region. We thank him and wish him well in his future endeavors.



## Glens Falls Hospital and Massachusetts General Hospital Partner for Teleneurology Services



Glens Falls Hospital

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Glens Falls Hospital (GFH) and Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH) have announced a collaborative effort to offer teleneurology as part of the New York State Stroke Center located at GFH.

According to a GFH news release, "MGH is recognized as one of the premiere medical centers in the world. As a result of their clinical experience and research efforts, the physicians at MGH have more than 20 years in the field of teleneurology, diagnosing and managing a spectrum of disease, from the "common" stroke to the rarest of cerebrovascular conditions."

"Collaborative efforts such as these are a crucial way to leverage the latest advancements in virtual care," said Anand Viswanathan, MD, PhD, Director of MGH TeleStroke Services, and Associate Professor of Neurology at Harvard Medical School. "We are proud to join together in making expert neurovascular care available to patients in New York's Capital and Eastern Adirondacks regions."

Glens Falls Hospital recently received the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association's Get with the Guidelines<sup>®</sup> Target: Stroke Honor Roll Silver Plus Quality Achievement Award. In addition, the hospital's stroke program received Specialty Certification through accrediting agency DNV Healthcare.

"Glens Falls Hospital is dedicated to improving the quality of care for our stroke patients," said Cassandra Moore, Director of the Neurology and Stroke Program at Glens Falls Hospital. "Now, with our MGH teleneurology partnership, stroke patients and their families can be even more confident of the diagnosis, treatment, and after care should a stroke affect their lives."

### *Training Sessions, Meetings, and Events*



## ADK Wellness Connections Network Partner Forum



Please join us in **celebrating two years** since the launch of ADK Wellness Connections during our next Network Partner Forum. The forum will take place at **11:00 a.m., Thursday, October 15, 2020**. This will be a great opportunity to see how much the network has grown, hear from your peers who are using the platform across our nine counties, listen to your local representatives from our three regional Coordination Centers, and receive updates from the Unite Us team.



[Click here to register.](#)



# Community Health Worker Virtual Training

## Join Us!

**October  
26, 28, 30**

**November  
2, 4, 6, 9, 13, 16, 18  
9:00am-11:30am daily**

This **FREE** training is offered to care coordinators, community health workers, service navigators and health support staff who work in Albany, Clinton, Essex, Fulton, Greene, Montgomery, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady, Schoharie, Warren or Washington counties.

The Community Health Worker virtual training provides new community health worker staff with the necessary theoretical and practical knowledge to address a number of health needs in the community. Through ten training modules, participants will gain necessary core competencies and knowledge of the communities and populations they support.

This **free** training is offered online over the course of 10 days, offering a unique training session each day.

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*Hudson Mohawk AHEC aims to develop and strengthen the healthcare workforce in underserved communities. We achieve our mission through myriad career exposure and workforce initiatives. Learn more at [www.hmahec.org](http://www.hmahec.org).*

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This training is provided in part by support from the New York State Department of Health, Office of Primary Care and Health Systems Management, Center for Health Care Policy and Resource Development, Division of Workforce Transformation through the Health Workforce Retraining Program/Initiative. The opinions, results, findings and/or interpretations of data contained therein are the responsibility of the Contractor and do not necessarily represent the opinions, interpretations or policy of the New York State.

Register for this **FREE** training!



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*Important Information*

**Health Insurance Special Enrollment Period  
Extended Through the End of the Year**



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Explore your health insurance options today.**

**Medicaid:** Expanded income guidelines for 2020. You may qualify if you are an individual making less than \$17,609 annually.



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**Essential Plan:** Available for lower income individuals and families who don't qualify for Medicaid. Medical-only coverage has a monthly premium of \$20. Medical/Dental/Vision coverage has a premium of \$40. Depending on income, there may be zero premium/zero copays!

*Essential Plan Guidelines:*

Family of 1.... Max Household Income = \$25,520

Family of 2.... Max Household Income = \$34,480

Family of 3.... Max Household Income = \$43,440

Family of 4.... Max Household Income = \$52,400

Family of 5.... Max Household Income = \$61,360

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## FEMA Releases Plain Language Writing Webinars

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) recently made available a series of webinars focused on plain language writing, basic principles of writing clear communications with accessibility considerations. While these webinars were produced around emergency management, using plain language to ensure messages are understood by the intended audience is a universal concept.

**Click here to access the  
webinars.**

## 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](mailto:communications@ahihealth.org) to be considered for inclusion in *AHI Informer*.

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