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A news update from Adirondack Health Institute

November 24, 2022

News Headlines



AHI will be closed on November 24 and 25 in observance of Thanksgiving.

We are thankful for the hard work and dedication of our employees, regional health care providers, community-based organizations, and others with whom we partner with in our mission to transform health care and improve population health.

With gratitude, Happy Thanksgiving from all of us at AHI!

AHI's Rural Communities Opioid Response Program Launches Narcan Emergency Box Initiative Across Northern New York

Adirondack Health Institute's Rural Communities Opioid Response Program has provided 125 Narcan Emergency Boxes across five counties in Upstate New

Narcan emergency boxes are part of an initiative with Hudson Mohawk Area Health Education Center to provide communities with

York, including Clinton, Franklin, Essex, Warren, and Washington counties. A Narcan Emergency Box is an opioid overdose kit attached to the wall of a public building. Each box contains four doses of Narcan nasal spray, provided by the Alliance for Positive Health, that can be used for emergency treatment of a known or suspected overdose. The Alliance for Positive Health will provide replenishment of the Narcan as it is used. To find out more about their services, visit

<https://www.allianceforpositivehealth.org/>.

Sabrina Herlick, Director, RCORP Implementation commented, "I was thrilled that each business we reached out to was more than happy to host a Narcan Emergency Box. I am really grateful that our local businesses have a supportive harm-reduction approach to substance use in Northern New York. The more Narcan we can have accessible during an emergency, or available to those who need it, the higher the chances we have to save a life."

more public access to Narcan. To find where Narcan Emergency Boxes are located, scan the QR code or visit www.ahihealth.org/rcorp.

For agencies interested in joining the initiative, a limited number of boxes are still available upon request. Please contact Sabrina Herlick at sherlick@ahihealth.org.



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OMH Community Mental Health Loan Repayment Program

The FY 2022-23 Office of Mental Health Budget includes \$9 million annually to support a new program to support licensed community mental health programs in the recruitment and retention of psychiatrists and psychiatric nurse practitioners (NPs). The Office of Mental Health (OMH) is establishing: **The OMH Community Mental Health Loan Repayment Program (OMH CMHLRP)** to support designated community programs in this effort.

For eligible programs, the OMH CMHLRP is awarding State Aid grants for loan repayment for both eligible existing or newly hired psychiatrists and psychiatric NPs in designated community mental health settings throughout New York State as follows:

- For psychiatrists, the OMH CMHLRP provides up to \$120,000 in loan repayment over a three-year period.
- For psychiatric NPs, the OMH CMHLRP provides up to \$30,000 in loan repayment over a three-year period.

A total of \$9 million annually is available to fund the OMH CMHLRP during FY 2022-23. These funds will support a minimum of 360 awards (180 psychiatrists/180 psychiatric NPs).

Providers of licensed community mental health programs in one of the two below specified program categories may apply on behalf of eligible staff.

- Inpatient/CPEP: Licensed providers of Article 28 hospital inpatient psychiatric units, Article 31 freestanding inpatient hospital programs and Comprehensive Psychiatric Emergency Programs (CPEPs).
- Outpatient: Licensed providers of Article 31 outpatient programs including Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) teams, Continuing Day Treatment (CDT), Children's Day Treatment, Partial Hospitalization (PH), Personalized Recover Oriented Services (PROS), and Mental Health Outpatient Treatment and Rehabilitative Services (MHOTRS).

OMH has assigned an Issuing Officer for this project. The Issuing Officer or a designee shall be the sole point of contact regarding the RFA from the date of issuance of the RFA until the issuance of the Notice of Conditional Award. To avoid being deemed non-responsive, an applicant is restricted from making contact with any other personnel of OMH regarding the RFA. Certain findings of non-responsibility can result in rejection for a contract award. The Issuing Officer for this RFP is:

Carol Swiderski
Contract Management Specialist 2
New York State Office of Mental Health
Contracts and Claims
44 Holland Avenue, 7th Floor

For additional information and requirements please refer to the Request for Application (RFA) Office of Mental Health Community Mental Health Loan Repayment Program (OMH CMHLRP) issued by the New York State Office of Mental Health. The OMH CMHLRP RFA can be found at:
<https://omh.ny.gov/omhweb/rfp/2022/cmhlrp/index.html>.

*The holidays can be a joyous season, however, many individuals struggle this time of year. There is help available. The **988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline** – previously known as the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline – is a national network of more than 200 crisis centers that helps thousands of people overcome crisis situations every day.*

*If you or someone you know is struggling and needs support now, **call or text 988** or chat 988lifeline.org.*

Information for providers, professionals, and how to get involved can also be found by visiting 988lifeline.org.

A new publication is available from **Moreau Community Center**. Click [here](#) to read!

Free, On-Demand Training: Screen & Intervene: Addressing Food Insecurity Among Older Adults

Screen & Intervene: Addressing Food Insecurity Among Older Adults” is a course designed for health care providers who work with adults ages 50 and over. The course also is useful for those interested in learning more about food insecurity and how to address this serious health issue facing millions of older Americans.

The course is offered free of charge. The full course takes an hour but does not have to be completed in one seating. Participants can receive 1 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit of Continuing Medical Education (CME) for MDs and DOs as well as other professional groups. A certificate of completion is also available.

Click [here](#) for more information!

Events

Scott
Lesnick



Global Leadership
Keynote Speaker,
Certified Speaking
Professional,
Certified Virtual
Presenter,
and Author

> REGISTER NOW



Join Us for a *Live Webinar*

December 6th 10:00AM - 12:30PM

The Future of the Healthcare Workplace: How to Attract, Engage & Retain a Five Generation Workforce

Successfully blending the five generations in today's workplace can be a tall order for any leader. Understanding the future of our workplace creates opportunities for business growth, higher retention, and better communications between staff/departments.

Talent, HR, Resilience:

Engage the Never Give Up Mindset

Develop agile approaches to long-term challenges, increase leadership abilities through more effective relationship building, and improve communication effectiveness with management, clients and staff. Based on Scott's critically acclaimed book, *Kidjacked - A Father's Story*, this keynote offers motivation and inspiration!

Continuing Education Credits Offered!

This session has been approved for 2.25 Continuing Education Credits (CEC) for Social Workers and Physical Therapists. Western New York Rural Area Health Education Center, Inc. is recognized by the New York State Education Department's State Board for Social Work as an approved provider of continuing education for licensed social workers #SW-0685 and for Physical Therapy as an approved provider of physical therapy and physical therapist assistant continuing education.



Adirondack Health Institute



Documentation, Coding, and Billing for
SUD/OD via Medication Assisted Treatment:

A Focus on Rural and Community Health

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JOIN US FOR A TRAINING COURSE on clinical documentation, professional coding, and compliant medical billing for substance use disorder/opioid use disorder (SUD/OD) treatment services with a focus on medication-assisted treatment (MAT).

This educational session will focus on how grantees can ensure their financial sustainability and continued service provision by maximizing reimbursement for SUD/OD treatment and primary care and mental and behavioral health encounters.

Sign up via Eventbrite
by December 6, 2022 by visiting:

bit.ly/3FBBGA2

DATE + TIME

December 14, 2022 •
10AM-2PM

REQUIREMENTS

No requirements

CREDITS/ CERTIFICATES

4 CEU credits
received upon completion

INSTRUCTOR

Gary Lucas at ArchProCoding

QUESTIONS?

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This training is provided on behalf of Adirondack Health Institute through a partnership between JBS International and ArchProCoding under HRSA's Federal Office of Rural Health Policy Rural Communities Opioid Response Program (RCORP), Grant No. U6BRH32364.

Fidelis Care Webinar Series

Last month, Fidelis Care kicked off a **three-part webinar series** about their unique case management program offerings aimed at improving the physical and behavioral outcomes of their memberships. The series is delivered by an integrated panel of care management experts from their Population Health and Clinical Operations Department.

Look for more information in the coming months about the other two webinar sessions in this series, one of which will be focused on adult-centered behavioral health care management programs and the other on child-centered care management programs. Dates and registration links will be included in this future communication.

For an overview of the Fidelis Care case management programs that will be covered in the webinar series, click [here](#).

If you have questions, reach out to VBP@fideliscare.org.

Other Information and Resources

Career Opportunities at AHI

Adirondack Health Institute (AHI) is hiring! We are actively recruiting for the following positions:

- **Enrollment Specialist**
- **Program Performance Analyst**
- **Regional Care Coordination Specialist (Children)**

To learn more or apply online, visit our [Career Center](#)!

Addiction and Mental Healthcare Access Assistance

AHI's **CHAMP (Community Health Access to Addiction and Mental Healthcare Project)** program assists individuals and their families with accessing substance use disorder and mental health treatment services. We can help by breaking down barriers to care, including provider network and other health insurance related issues. We serve nine counties: Clinton, Essex, Franklin, St. Lawrence, Fulton, Hamilton, Saratoga, Warren, and Washington.

CHAMP is a FREE and CONFIDENTIAL service available to everyone, regardless of insurance coverage, including the uninsured.

Call us at **1.866.872.3740** or visit our [website](#) to for more information.

Information sessions can be scheduled and materials made available upon request – contact us for more details!

Health Insurance Enrollment Assistance

AHI's **EASE (Enrollment Assistance Services and Education)** program assists individuals, families and small business owners enroll in health insurance coverage through the NY State of Health Marketplace. We serve eight counties: Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Fulton, Hamilton, Saratoga, Warren, and Washington.

We don't charge and we're not an insurance company. We help clients look at available insurance plans and find out if they're eligible for financial assistance.

[Request an appointment online](#) or call toll-free, **1.866.872.3740**, to make an appointment with a certified enrollment specialist. We'll help to review health insurance choices via phone, for free. To learn more, click [here](#).

AHI also provides assistance with helping individuals and families resolve issues in accessing substance use disorder and mental health services, as well as care management services.

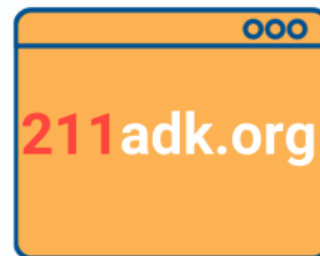
Need help? Not sure where to go?

2-1-1

ADIRONDACK REGION

Serving: Clinton, Essex & Franklin Counties

2-1-1 is a number to call for free and confidential community referral that connects callers with resources providing food, shelter, rent assistance, child care options and other types of community assistance. Trained referral specialists are multi-lingual and available to help individuals find the help they need.



Call, text, or log on

Whatever the need, our **2-1-1** Call Center has the information and expertise to make the right connections.
Trained specialists are standing by!



Toll Free: 1-888-774-0289

COVID-19 Resources

For links to various COVID-19 resources for community partners, please visit [AHI's website](#).

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 communications@ahihealth.org to be considered for inclusion in the AHIInformer.

This edition and past issues of the newsletter are available at <https://ahihealth.org/ahi-news/ahinformer/>.

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