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A news update from Adirondack Health Institute

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News Headlines

Making Care Primary (MCP) Factsheets and June 27 MCP Overview Webinar Materials Now Available

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has published a Making Care Primary (MCP) Overview Factsheet, a MCP Payer Partner Factsheet, and materials corresponding to the recent June 27th MCP Overview Webinar. All Items can be found in the “Additional Information” section of the [MCP Model webpage](#), or directly through the following links:

- [MCP Overview Factsheet](#)
- [MCP Payer Partner Factsheet](#)
- MCP Overview Webinar Recording [Part 1](#), [Part 2](#), [Part 3](#)
- [MCP Overview Webinar Transcript](#)
- [MCP Overview Webinar Slides](#)

Making Care Primary is a 10.5-year, multi-payer model which will run from July 2024 to December 2034 to provide participating organizations with various levels of experience in value-based care (VBC) a pathway from Fee-for-Service (FFS) towards a prospective, population-based payment that supports comprehensive primary care to improve quality, patient experience, and population health outcomes. MCP will strive to positively impact health equity and care integration, while providing incentives to control costs.

CMS will begin accepting applications for the model in late summer 2023. If your organization is interested in applying for Making Care Primary, please submit a non-binding Letter of Intent [here](#).

Please contact the MCP Help Desk at MCP@cms.hhs.gov with questions. To stay up to date on upcoming model announcements, events, and resources, join our MCP Listserv via the CMS.gov Email Updates subscription page: <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/USCMS/subscriber/new>.

New York State Department of Health Reminds New Yorkers to Update Public Health Insurance Following the Release of Enrollment Report

The New York State Department of Health today released the first issue of New York's Public Health Emergency Unwind Dashboard, a monthly report reflecting data on renewal status, demographics, and program transitions for public health insurance enrollees, which shows renewal outreach strategies are working. The report indicates that roughly 72 percent of New Yorkers enrolled in Medicaid, Child Health Plus or the Essential Plan renewed their coverage before their June deadline to re-enroll and those who haven't still have time to act to avoid potential lapses in coverage. As [reported](#) by KFF, the national renewal rate for states reporting data is 59 percent.

"Throughout the pandemic, and since the end of the public health emergency, we have enrolled

millions of New Yorkers into these safety net health insurance programs," State Health Commissioner Dr. James McDonald said. "As we continue redeterminations, we seek to maintain these coverage gains and strengthen the positive progress we've made on health equity in New York. The Public Health Emergency Unwind Dashboard highlights critical indicators we can monitor to ensure our renewal strategies continue to be effective."

Data in the first issue of the Unwind Dashboard provides a point-in-time snapshot as of June 30, 2023, following the first wave of eligibility redeterminations. New Yorkers with Medicaid, Child Health Plus (CHPlus) and the Essential Plan (EP) are required to renew their health insurance by spring 2024, after the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE) continuous coverage rules ended in March 2023.

"This is a crucial time for public health in New York. With redeterminations officially underway, enrollees are taking action to avoid gaps in their health insurance," said Amir Bassiri, Director of the New York State Medicaid Program. "The Public Health Emergency Unwind Dashboard continues our commitment to transparency during this process, so we may effectively collaborate with stakeholders, agencies and communities, to troubleshoot any challenges and make corrective actions if necessary."

The Public Health Emergency Unwind Dashboard can be found on the [Department of Health's Medicaid website](#). Combined, more than 9 million New Yorkers are enrolled in Medicaid, Child Health Plus (CHPlus) and the Essential Plan (EP).

New York sent renewal notices in the early spring to its first cohort of Medicaid, CHPlus, and EP enrollees with June 30 coverage end dates, a process that will continue each month until all enrollees have been redetermined. Notices include deadlines for members to take action to renew their insurance or risk having a gap in coverage. Every month, the Unwind Dashboard will be updated and issued, based on data collected from the most recent cohort. The report does not include information on former enrollees who found coverage through non-public sources, such as employer-based insurance.

"As New York transitions our public health programs out of continuous coverage, NY State of Health remains determined in our efforts to keep enrollees covered," said NY State of Health Executive Director Danielle Holahan. "The Public Health Emergency Unwind Dashboard provides a concise visual that identifies significant factors and trends during the renewal process, allowing us to monitor progress and establish best practices going forward."

Throughout the renewal process, New York continues to offer free or low-cost health insurance options through NY State of Health, the state's official health plan Marketplace. The state's [Essential Plan](#) for low-income adults and Child Health Plus for low-income children will smooth the transition for New Yorkers who no longer qualify for Medicaid.

To read the full press release, visit https://www.health.ny.gov/press/releases/2023/2023-07-18_update_public_health_insurance.htm.

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Need enrollment help?

AHI's EASE (Enrollment Assistance Services and Education) team 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 individuals look at available insurance plans and find out if they're eligible for financial assistance.

Call toll-free, 1.866.872.3740, to make an appointment with a certified enrollment specialist.

A new edition of the **Family Services Association of Glens Falls, Inc.** newsletter is available.

Click [here](#) to read!

A new edition of the **Moreau Community Center** newsletter is available.

Click [here](#) to read!

2023 NORTH COUNTRY LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

Enhancing Equitable Healthcare in Rural Communities

Adirondack Health Institute (AHI) and Fort Drum Regional Health Planning Organization (FDRHPO) are pleased to invite you to participate in the 2023 North Country Leadership Summit!



This year's Summit will include:

- A two-day agenda comprised of engaging sessions from experts in population health and telehealth initiatives.
- Exhibitor hall showcasing regional organizations and industry leaders.
- Opportunities to network with exhibitors, sponsors, and partners from across the North Country.

WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY

SEPTEMBER

27-28, 2023

*Courtyard Marriott
Lake George, NY*

Register Here

\$40 One (1) Day Ticket

\$75 Two (2) Day Ticket

Breakfast, lunch, and refreshments included

Sponsorship Opportunities Available! For more information, please visit:

<https://ahihealth.org/2023-north-country-leadership-summit/>



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TEEN INTERVENE

New! Fourth Edition

TRAINING

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September 19th
9AM - 4PM

Teen Intervene is a tested, time-efficient, OASAS recognized, evidence based program for teenagers (ages 12-19) suspected of experiencing mild or moderate problems associated with alcohol or other drug use.

6 clock hours for CPS/ CPP Initial;
CPS/ CPP/ CASAC Renewal

[CLICK TO REGISTER](#)



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The goal of this workshop is to increase clinical skills using a brief intervention with adolescents using alcohol and/or other substances. This workshop focus on the implementation of Teen Intervene, 4th Edition, including the expanded tobacco session, updated drug trend language, and guidance for virtual implementation.

This training is free and program manuals will be provided.

Space limited to 20 participants. Register by September 12th.

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SAVE THE DATE

WARREN WASHINGTON COUNTIES BRAINSTORM IS BACK

Join Us in celebrating Brain Health, Mental Wellness and Recovery!

Friday, October 20th, 2023
10:00AM - 2:00PM

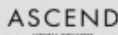
Salvation Army - 37 Broad Street
Glens Falls, NY 12801

This event involves many community entities aimed at providing resources for people in need, adults and youth alike.

We will have info tables from many area agencies and organizations, you can talk with a representative and find out about the organization and what they do.

Many of our activities will include speakers, workshops & more!

For more info you can contact Nick Ferranti of ADK EAP at NFerranti@askeap.com or Michele Morehouse of ASCEND at mmorehouse@ascendmw.org or (518) 747-2284 ext. 229



Other Information and Resources

Community Job Postings

If you are an organization that would like a link to your job posting(s) included in a future AHInformer, please send the information to us at communications@ahihealth.org.

Struggling to afford internet service?

Visit [AffordableConnectivity.gov](https://www.AffordableConnectivity.gov) to learn more about and apply for the Affordable Connectivity Program.

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!

Keep New York Covered

Important Changes to New York Medicaid, Child Health Plus and the Essential Plan

Do you or a family member currently have health insurance through New York State Medicaid, Child Health Plus, or the Essential Plan? New York State is resuming eligibility reviews and renewals for people enrolled in these programs. **This means you may need to take action to renew your health insurance or the insurance of your family members.**

AHI's EASE enrollment team can help! EASE provides FREE and CONFIDENTIAL service to everyone, regardless of insurance coverage, including the uninsured.

Call us at 1.866.872.3740 or visit our site at ahihealth.org/knyc for more information.

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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 AHInformer.

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

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