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Confirmed 2021 Gala & Awards Honorees & Host Announced

NYeC is proud to announce the first two honorees of our 2021 Gala & Awards: Herbert Pardes, MD, Executive Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees, NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital, and Wayne Riley, MD, President, SUNY Downstate Health Sciences University.

Our 10th annual Gala & Awards will be a virtual celebration on November 30, 2021, where we will come together to honor pioneers who have been leading the transformation of healthcare through groundbreaking leadership and innovation. We are also thrilled to welcome back our host for this year's event, NY1's Cheryl Wills. Learn more about our honorees and host at the link below.

To find out more about how to register or become a sponsor for this year's event, follow the button below.

Herbert Pardes, MD
Executive Vice Chairman
of the Board of Trustees
NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital



Wayne J. Riley, MD
President
SUNY Downstate
Health Sciences University



Cheryl Wills
Anchor, Spectrum News NY1;
Host, In Focus with Cheryl Wills



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Request for Health Information Technology Advisory Committee (HITAC) Nominations

The 21st Century Cures Act established HITAC to provide recommendations to the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology on policies, standards, implementation specifications, and certification criteria relating to the implementation of a health information technology infrastructure that advances the electronic access, exchange, and use of health information. The Act gave the Comptroller General of the United States responsibility for appointing a portion of HITAC's members.

GAO is now accepting nominations for HITAC appointments. From these nominations, GAO expects to appoint at least five new HITAC members, focusing especially on health care providers, ancillary health care workers, health information technology developers, and patient advocates. Members serve 3-year terms beginning January 1, 2022, with the terms subject to renewal.

Interested nominees should submit letters of nominations and resumes to HITCommittee@gao.gov by **August 24, 2021**.

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NYeC Submits Comments on the FY 2022 Inpatient Prospective Payment System Proposed Rule

On June 28, NYeC submitted comments to CMS on the FY 2022 Inpatient Prospective Payment System Proposed Rule.

Our comments express support for CMS' inclusion of an alternative health information exchange measure in the Medicare Promoting Interoperability Program, with some suggested clarifications. They also detail how HIEs within the SHIN-NY are supporting digital quality measurement and assisting hospitals in closing gaps in demographic data.

NYeC is committed to the continued partnership with CMS and recommends that CMS continue to leverage HIE infrastructure and encourage participation in HIEs in order to enable secure, meaningful, and scalable data sharing across all sectors of care.

Read the full letter at the button below.

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HealthConnections Successfully Completes Grant Project Addressing Social Determinants of Health (SDoH)



HealthConnections successfully completed a pilot project aimed at improving the health of low-income individuals and families by addressing Social Determinants of Health (SDoH). SDoH are conditions in the environment where people live (e.g., housing, transportation, food insecurity, health insurance) that affect health outcomes. With funding from a grant of the Mother Cabrini Health Foundation, HealthConnections partnered with the Food Bank of Central New York, ACR Health, Seven Valleys Health Coalition, and several health care providers in Central New York to implement the project.

Healthcare providers were asked to systematically screen patients for SDoH and encouraged to use Z codes to document these social issues. Z codes are the ICD-10-CM encounter reason codes used to document SDoH data. Using HealthConnections' Community Referrals application, patients were referred directly to community partners to receive services to address their individual needs.

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Rochester RHIO Supports Finger Lakes Vaccine Hub



Rochester RHIO is collecting COVID-19 vaccination data from the New York State Immunization and Information System (NYSIIS) and is providing it to the Finger Lakes Vaccine Hub. The Regional Data Web Page is a slick, interactive web page and it highlights the critical importance of using clinical data right from the source. The data summarizes COVID-19 vaccination rates to date across nine counties in the Finger Lakes Region. The interactive table on the Regional Data page shows the percentage of people (ages 12+) who have received a COVID-19 vaccine in the Finger Lakes Region, as well as the percentage of population by age, sex, and vaccine brand. Vaccination rates can also be seen for each zip code in the region providing a more complete understanding of where vaccine rates are higher and where they are lower. This data provides key information supporting vaccine distribution.

Rochester RHIO also provided additional support to the [Finger Lakes Vaccine Hub](#) (FLVH) in identifying [unvaccinated homebound residents](#). Due to this support, the FLVH was able to put together a plan enabling better vaccine access for these residents.

Bronx RHIO Launches “Facesheet” Client Summary Tool



The Bronx RHIO has implemented a new custom reporting tool called the Facesheet for one of its members, BronxWorks. The Facesheet provides a snapshot of client demographics and medical history upon registration in a BronxWorks program to help streamline the client intake process. Bronx RHIO worked with BronxWorks staff to establish a delivery mechanism that fits with existing workflows.

The Facesheet includes medical history information such as recent diagnoses, hospital utilization, social determinants of health data, and risk scores for two preventative care measures: emergency department visits and inpatient readmissions.

With the addition of the Facesheet to their workflow, BronxWorks is able to get a clearer assessment of each client’s needs and place them in the most suitable program with the appropriate level of care management.

BronxWorks benefited from the Facesheet during the COVID-19 pandemic, as COVID-19 test results were added to the Facesheet. This allowed staff to support their COVID-positive clients by providing them with PPE, explaining quarantine procedures, educating them about symptoms indicating they should go to the hospital, and ensuring access to food. Test results alerted BronxWorks staff to follow best practices for PPE use and handwashing, which probably contributed to the low infection rate among staff.

HEALTHeLINK Enhanced Alerts and Reporting



HEALTHeLINK is supporting participant organizations by generating and supplying specific alerts and/or reports on their patients who were provided care outside their practice. This information directly supports documentation for required tests being performed that impacts the practice’s quality scores.

HEALTHeLINK is supporting hospitals with the patient’s vaccination status when registered for an inpatient stay. In support of the relaxed COVID-19 test requirement prior to elective surgeries, if a patient has been vaccinated or has recovered from COVID, HEALTHeLINK is working to support surgery centers on which patients will not need to be tested for COVID-19 three days prior to surgery date. In addition, HEALTHeLINK is also assisting participants in getting data to their business associates to meet various quality and reporting requirements.

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Hixny: If You Build It



SMART on FHIR technology has opened doors for HIEs to get relevant, actionable data into providers' hands where they find information every day—their EHR. This month, Mark McKinney, Hixny's CEO, talks about the benefits of the technology and how Hixny has used it to build and launch its first app.

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Healthix Partnership with NYC DOHMH Benefits Students with Chronic Conditions



Healthix is working with DOHMH on a project for the Office of School Health (OSH) to provide ED and inpatient information for students aged 6-18 with known diagnoses of asthma, diabetes, and severe mental health.

The data is being used by the OSH team for patient outreach, surveillance, and improving the quality of care for DOE students. The results were more than we could have hoped for, with a 97% successful match with OSH desired patients (1,000,428 total matches). The reporting began in January. Healthix provides encounter, diagnosis, and COVID-19 mortality risk on a monthly basis.

EP2 Program

MEIPASS Is Open!

Important Dates To Keep In Mind In Preparation To Attest

- July 30th - Final day to submit intent to share data with MURPH
- July 31st – Last day to resolve any discrepancies in your MURPH
- August 31st – Final day to submit an attestation in MEIPASS

What To Keep in Mind During PY 2021 Attestation Preparation

- NY Medicaid Patient Volume (MPV) pre-validation deadline has passed. You are still able to confirm your CEHRT's MPV data with NYS DOH through a numerator request form.
- Unlike in previous program years, providers will be unable to utilize the final quarter of the year to establish reporting periods.
- A Security Risk Assessment SRA is still required and must be completed by December 31st, 2021, but providers do not need to complete the SRA prior to the date of their attestation. Providers can attest to the SRA being completed at a future date in calendar year 2021, while completing their MEIPASS submission. For more information on the 2021 SRA, contact the EP2 Team.
- Attestation Deadline Extensions will not be issued for PY 2021. The EP2 team strongly recommends participants prepare for attestation as soon as possible to avoid missing out on incentive payments.
- If you have any questions or need help preparing for your PY 2021 attestation, please contact the EP2 team at ep2info@nyehealth.org. We are here to help you navigate the final year of the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program.

Upcoming Learning Opportunities

Value Based Payment Alignment with Meaningful Use Foundation

Date: Thursday, September 16 at 11:00 am

Description: The webinar will provide a basic understanding of the shift to value-based payment in New York and discuss how the NY Medicaid EHR Incentive Program sets a foundation for success under Value Based Payment (VBP). Meaningful Use continues to be an important building block, setting providers and organizations for success in other programs with the ultimate goal of practicing population health.

Our primary focus will be to provide insight into how to leverage value-based care foundations developed under Meaningful Use and apply them in other incentive and QPP programs that put a premium on value-based care.

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