

Calling All Developers and Designers: NYeC and Health 2.0 Launch Patient Portal for New Yorkers Design Challenge



Picture this: While visiting her sister in Binghamton, a 37-year-old Brooklyn resident catches the flu from her niece. She makes an appointment with her sister's

primary care provider. Before the appointment she securely logs into an online portal and is able to give consent for the provider in Binghamton to view her health records electronically so he can safely treat her illness and prescribe medications.

This is the future, and just one example of how a patient portal will help New Yorkers manage their healthcare.

Earlier this week NYeC announced, in partnership with leading health technology catalyst Health 2.0, the [Patient Portal for New Yorkers Design Challenge](#). The challenge, with \$25,000 in prizes, invites designers and developers to submit prototypes for the New York portal—essentially a website for patients to access their medical records online. The top portal interface designs will be chosen, publicized, and voted on by New Yorkers after the April 11th deadline. The winner will be announced early this summer.

After the Challenge, NYeC will work with a vendor to build the portal, and run it on behalf of the state, on its health information exchange network.

“This is a chance for developers and designers to advance healthcare for all 20 million New Yorkers. A portal of this size and scope has never before existed,” said David Whitlinger, Executive Director of NYeC. “Through our Design Challenge, we hope to inspire applicants to develop truly creative and user-friendly applications. We look forward to seeing all submissions, and eventually building this portal so patients throughout the state have full access to their health records.”

“Health 2.0 is excited to be partnering with NYeC on this innovative challenge to design the first statewide patient portal for New York,” said Jean-Luc Neptune, Senior Vice President of Health 2.0. “The winners will not only make a tremendous contribution to the development of a patient portal that reaches nearly 20 million people, but also gain significant exposure and recognition for their achievement through participation in the challenge.”

The patient portal also compliments the information available through the Blue Button, a knowledge tool being coordinated by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services that helps users download their personal health information. NYeC has proudly taken HHS' “Blue Button Pledge” and supports the use of the Blue Button to empower “individuals to be partners in their health through health IT” in an effort to build on the Blue Button's success in improving care coordination for veterans by giving them easy access to their health data.

“We are excited about the steps that NYeC is taking to launch the patient portal and support their commitment to helping make patients' information available to them,” said Lygeia Ricciardi, Director of the Consumer eHealth Office at HHS' Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT. “Providing patients and consumers with access to their own healthcare records is what the Blue Button Pledge is all about.”

For more information on the Patient Portal for New Yorkers Design Challenge, and to submit a prototype by April 11th, please visit: www.health2con.com/devchallenge/new-york-state-patient-portal-challenge

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