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## **WEEKLY UPDATE**

*April 1, 2015*

### **BRONX HEALTH ACCESS PPS**

#### **BRONX HEALTH ACCESS PPS UPDATES AND UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### **PPS Update: Welcome to DSRIP Year 1 and Implementation; Deadline for Final Implementation Plans Extended to May 1**

Today marks the first day of the Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment program Demonstration Year 1. The real work of the Bronx Health Access Performing Provider System begins now. We are grateful for everyone's hard work to get us to this point.

Although implementation work begins now, the state has pushed back the final deadline for implementation plans to be submitted to the state until May 1 -- to allow for the state budget to be signed and final approval of the proposed valuation from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. The state hopes this extra time will allow

each PPS the time to incorporate the valuation results as necessary. Please contact [DSRIP@health.ny.gov](mailto:DSRIP@health.ny.gov) with any questions or concerns you may have with the deadline extension.

In addition, the state has updated the DSRIP Year 0 timeline to reflect recent date changes for several Year 0 deliverables, including the extension of the deadline for submitting Implementation Plans to May 1st. In addition, the DSRIP Year 1 timeline, which begins today, has been posted to the DSRIP website. The Year 1 timeline will continue to be updated as new deliverable dates are determined. Both timelines can be viewed [here](#).

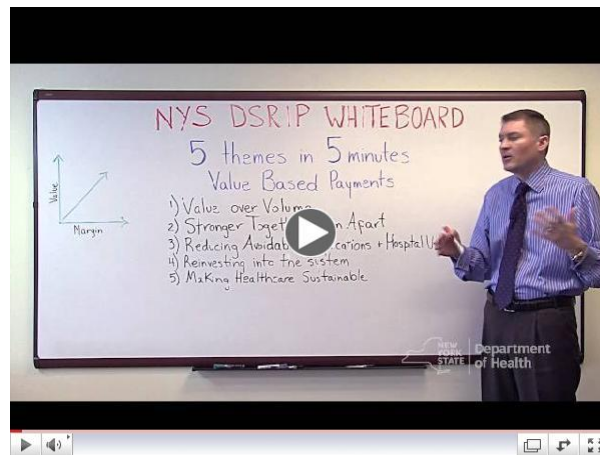
### Provider Agreements Coming Soon

In a few days, you will receive a provider agreement and two surveys related to your participation in the Bronx Lebanon PPS. This provider agreement and surveys are critical. By signing the provider agreement and returning the surveys you will confirm your participation as a member of the Bronx Lebanon PPS. **Please watch for this email.**

This is an exciting time as the Bronx Lebanon PPS moves into implementation and together we will transform health care for the people of the South Bronx.

### Great Resource

Ever had questions about value-based payments? New York State Medicaid Director Jason Helgeson describes the principles and goals of value-based payment reform in a quick video. It's worth watching.



NYS DSRIP White Board - Value Based Payment



## State DSRIP Updates

### Release of Valuations Postponed

The state is finalizing its budget process, and the implications of its decisions could affect DSRIP valuation. Additionally, the state awaits final approval from Centers for

Medicare and Medicaid Services for the proposed valuation. As a result, the final valuation of projects has been postponed from March 27 until after the budget is signed. The state wants to ensure it uses the most accurate financing information in its calculations. Once the state receives the final valuation elements from the budget process and CMS, it will produce and share finalized DSRIP valuations with the PPSs.

### **Successful Q&A session with New York State Director of Medicaid, Jason Helgerson**

In case you missed it: On March 18th Jason Helgerson fielded 40 questions during a live Q&A with MIX users. During the hour-long session a broad range of subject areas were covered including:

- Clarification on project metrics:
  - Carry Forward
  - Measures, measures, measures!
- Timeline for Capital Restructuring Financing Proposals:
  - Capital Restructuring Financing Decisions
- Telehealth as a tool for patient engagement:
  - Telemedicine Services
  - Technology for PPS Organizations
  - State Delivered IT Solutions
- Modifying PPS networks:
  - Provider Network

Make sure to log on to the MIX to view the entire Q&A [here](#).

### **Nassau-Queens PPS Approved as Safety Net Provider**

On March 19, 2015, CMS approved Nassau-Queens PPS to be a safety net provider and serve as a lead entity. The CMS approval letter can be viewed [here](#). This approval is after the conclusion of the safety net process.



## DSRIP in the News

### [Pay for Performance Extends to Health Care in Experiment in New York](#)

*New York Times*

In a state-federal partnership, 25 groups are part of a trial that would eventually reward health care providers if the conditions of their Medicaid patients improve.



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