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## *Weekly Update*

*August 12, 2015*

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

#### **Implementation Plan Submission Date Extended**

Last week, the New York Department of Health (DOH) extended the date for submission and attestation of the DSRIP First Quarterly Report and Project Implementation Plans from July 31st to this Friday, August 7th. The plan for Bronx Health Access was successfully submitted. Later this month, we will receive feedback from the state's Independent Assessor who will provide ongoing monitoring of PPS' DSRIP performance and reporting deliverables. We will keep partners posted as these efforts continue.



#### **Committee Updates**

##### **Finance Committee**

The Bronx Health Access PPS Finance Committee is in the process of refining the templates that correspond with the approved process for distributing the DSRIP implementation and

advanced project performance funding. The PPS Finance Committee expects a resolution to be passed next week to solidify this process.

### **IT Committee**

The PPS IT Committee is in the process of finalizing and piloting the data extraction tool for PPS project partners to help them identify those patients that will be considered "Actively Engaged." The IT Committee continues to gather use cases and requirements for the Partner Database solution, which will aid the PPS in network monitoring and development.

### **Upcoming IT Committee Meeting**

Date: Thursday, August 13, 2015

Time: 10 am and 12 noon

### **Workforce Committee**

In order to meet the needs of the DSRIP projects, the PPS Workforce Committee continues to actively work with stakeholders and partners to develop systems for tracking hiring, redeployment and training needs. In doing so, the PPS Workforce Committee recently presented their findings to the PDI Committee and the Steering Committee for their consideration. The PPS Workforce Committee also met jointly with the PPS Care Coordination Workgroup to discuss ways to efficiently and effectively track care coordination needs.

### **Upcoming Workforce Committee Meeting**

Date: Friday, August 28, 2015

Time: 9 am - 11 pm

Location: 1276 Fulton Avenue, 6th Floor

Bronx, NY 10456-3402

Call in #: 1-712-832-8310

Access code: 3025024

### **Upcoming Project Advisory Committee (PAC) meeting**

Date: Wednesday, September 23, 2015

Time: 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Details forthcoming.

### **Mark Your Calendars!**

#### **Upcoming Bronx Health Access Town Hall Meeting**

Date: Friday, September 25th, 2015

Time: 9:00am - 1:00pm

Details forthcoming.



## State DSRIP Update

**Medicare Alignment Paper Released**

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and New York State have unveiled a draft Medicare alignment paper entitled, "[Value Based Payment Reform in New York State: A Proposal to align Medicare and NYS Medicaid Reforms.](#)" The paper presents an approach to maximally align CMS payment reform efforts for Medicare to the New York State's Medicaid Payment Reform Roadmap. The proposal will continue to be developed with the input of the Value Based Payment Workgroup and other stakeholders including, but not limited to, New York State's health plans, managed care organizations, provider associations, legal firms specializing in health care contracting, other state agencies, community based providers, patient advocates, PPSs, and other industry experts.

The Alignment Proposal is available for public comment through August 31, 2015 and any comments should be directed to [dsrip@health.ny.gov](mailto:dsrip@health.ny.gov) by 3:00 PM on August 31, 2015.

### **Approval of Medicaid 1115 Waiver Amendment**

The New York Department of Health recently announced that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) approved the state's request to amend its Medicaid section 1115 demonstration to enable qualified Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) throughout the state to comprehensively serve adults with behavioral health needs. This will be achieved by bringing behavioral health services into Mainstream Medicaid Managed Care and establishing Health and Recovery Plans (HARPs), a new type of health plan, operated by MCOs, for eligible adults with Serious Mental Illness and Substance Use Disorders. HARPs will offer an enhanced benefit package of home and community based services (HCBS) to eligible enrollees that will assist individuals in integrating into the community and achieving recovery-oriented life goals. This initiative is intended to improve clinical and recovery outcomes for individuals with behavioral health issues, reduce the growth in costs through a reduction in unnecessary emergency and inpatient care, and increase network capacity to deliver community-based recovery-oriented services and supports.

### **Nursing Home Transition and Traumatic Brain Injury Waiver Update**

As you may be aware, there are ongoing discussions related to the transition of the Nursing Home Transition and Diversion (NHTD) and Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Waiver programs into the Medicaid managed care service system. The Department of Health is working to develop policies and procedures that will ensure the smooth transition of these services into the managed care program. As such, the Department has chosen to extend the implementation date for the transition of waiver services to managed care from January 1, 2016, to January 1, 2017.

The state has invited representatives from various stakeholder organizations to participate in a workgroup to assist in the development of the transition plan for submission to the CMS. The workgroup schedule is provided below. Meetings will be open to the public, time limited and agenda specific. Meetings will be held at Empire State Plaza, Meeting Room #2, Albany, NY 12242 on the following dates:

Monday, August 24, 2015 -- 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Wednesday, November 18, 2015 -- 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Wednesday, January 27, 2016 -- 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Space is limited and you must RSVP to [waivertransition@health.ny.gov](mailto:waivertransition@health.ny.gov) to attend.

If you should have questions please send them to: [waivertransition@health.ny.gov](mailto:waivertransition@health.ny.gov)



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