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Weekly Update

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BRONX HEALTH ACCESS PPS

Important Updates

Beneficiary Opt Out Letters

The state Department of Health has updated the DSRIP Year 1 Timeline to include a phased mailing of opt out letters to Medicaid members. To "opt out" means to NOT permit the sharing of any Medicaid data with the PPS. Phase I will begin with mailings to 700,000 members in late October. The remaining 5 plus million letters will be sent out as part of the phase II mailings in late January. You can access a copy of the letter [here](#).

As providers of medical and social services, you may be asked by your Medicaid patients and clients to explain DSRIP, our PPS, and the opt-out process. It is extremely important that both you and the Medicaid members have up-to-date and accurate information required to

make an informed decision. It is important to remind the member that there is no change to their Medicaid coverage. If you or members have additional questions, please call 1-855-329-8850. Language support is available for multiple languages.

Medicaid member data is essential for PPS project implementation to identify patient populations for specific attention and outreach. This data-sharing is key for effective collaboration between PPS and network partners like you in providing coordinated services for the members we serve.

The PPS has developed a letter for members in the Bronx Health Access PPS, which is available [here](#). Please provide this letter to members who have questions about the opt out letter they receive.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.



Recent Events

Town Hall Meeting

If you attended the BHA Town Hall Meeting on September 25th, you should have received a link in your e-mail to complete an online survey. If you did not receive the link and/or have not had an opportunity to complete the survey, please do so [here](#). Thank you for your valuable input!



Committee Updates

IT Committee

The IT Committee is gathering a second round of Customer Relationship Management (CRM) requirements after the demonstrations from several vendors. These requirements will inform the Implementation Pricing of the CRM, which will be reviewed with the Finance Committee. The IT Committee is also finishing the final round of quality assurance on the data extract pulls for actively engaged patients.

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee continues to work on further refining the Funds Flow distribution methodology. The Finance Committee has also reviewed all of the Cross Functional budgets over the previous weeks.

Workforce Committee

The Workforce Committee is in the process of finalizing an implementation plan based on the new state deadlines. The Committee members will be meeting with all project workgroups to discuss workforce needs in detail in order to prepare the target state and current state analyses.

In addition, the PPS has contracted with the 1199 Training and Education Fund to provide DSRIP related training for staff. Through this partnership, any employee (union or non-union) can receive training necessary for DSRIP. This includes any partner who is looking to provide a "DSRIP 101" training to their teams.

Any project or partner that wants to request training for any of its staff can now use the Training Request Form. If you need a copy of the Training Request Form, please speak to one of the project leads or contact [Selena Griffin-Mahon](#).

Upcoming Committee and Town Hall meetings

Please visit <http://blhcpps.org> for the latest and most up to date information on upcoming PPS Committees and Town Hall meetings.



State DSRIP Updates

PPS Implementation Plans and First Quarterly Reports Posted Online

Last week, the state finalized and posted all PPS Implementation Plans and First Quarterly reports on the New York DSRIP website. They can be accessed [here](#).

DSRIP Year 1 Timeline Update

The DSRIP Year 1 Timeline has been updated to reflect recent changes to key DSRIP deliverables. Updates include the Phase I mailing of DSRIP Notice and Opt Out letters to Medicaid members being moved to mid-October 2015 and the time period for PPS Performance Network additions in MAPP being extended until mid-November. The DSRIP Year 1 Timeline is available [here](#).



DSRIP in the News

[The State of Medicaid in New York: Progress And The Road To Value-Based Payments](#)

Health Affairs Blog

One of six states in the United States to implement a DSRIP initiative, New York has a program designed to move its delivery system from a place that's fragmented and overly focused on inpatient care in hospitals toward an integrated system that proactively focuses on

patients and the community.

[State asks feds to align Medicare, Medicaid incentives](#)

Capital New York

New York State health officials want to align Medicare payment reform efforts with the state's own efforts to change how Medicaid is delivered.

That would let Medicaid providers in the state take advantage of Medicare payment reforms, such as accountable care organizations. And it would mean New York's Medicare providers could use the alternative payment models outlined in the state's Medicaid payment reform roadmap.

[How regional health organizations plan to distribute millions in state money for Medicaid](#)

Albany Business Review (blog)

Two organizations led by hospitals have laid out their plans for dividing up millions in state funding that is meant to transform the way Medicaid patients are cared for.



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