



New York State Health Innovation Plan

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NEW YORK SIM UPDATES:

- Materials from the November 6, 2015 Transparency, Evaluation, and Health Information Technology Workgroup are available [here](#).
- Slides from the October 16, 2015 Integrated Care Workgroup meeting are available for view on the SIM website and can be found [here](#). Materials from the November 16, 2015 meeting will be posted online.
- The third Workforce Workgroup meeting was held on November 20, 2015. Slides will be posted to the SIM website shortly.

The following SIM job openings remain open. Please feel free to share these postings if you know of someone who may be interested:

- [Director, Innovation Center](#) – The selected candidate will be responsible for directing all aspects of the Innovation Center, a newly-developed office responsible for implementation, oversight, management and evaluation of the State Health Innovation Plan (SHIP) and to oversee the \$100M State Innovation Model (SIM) Testing grant.
- [Public Health Physician 3](#) – The selected candidate will be responsible for the implementation of the SHIP inclusive of development and implementation of an integrated care delivery infrastructure premised on a strong foundation of primary care.

IN THE NEWS:

- **Report on Regulations Governing Risk-Transfer Agreements Released**
The United Hospital Fund, supported by NYSHealth, released a report in November that outlines how risk-transfer agreements are governed in New York State. These agreements are often between insurance plans and health care providers, and are increasingly common as value-based payment approaches become more popular. The report details the historical context of risk transfers, current rules, and a list of issues that should be considered if the current regulatory system was to be updated. The full report can be accessed [here](#).
- **U.S. Health Spending Increases in 2014 After Five Years of Low Growth**
A study published by Health Affairs cites the recent surge in health care spending as a direct result of coverage expansions introduced under the Affordable Care Act. Also to blame was prescription drug spending, specifically the new hepatitis C drugs, which saw a 12.2 percent increase during the year of 2014. 2014 spending was \$3.0 trillion, a 4.5 percent increase from the previous year. The full version of the article is attached to this email.

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