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NEW YORK SIM UPDATES:

- Materials from the May 11 SHIP Council meeting have been posted online.
- Materials from the <u>June 17</u> Workforce Workgroup meeting have been posted online.
- Materials from the <u>July 12</u> Integrated Care Workgroup meeting have been posted online.
- The Workforce Workgroup's <u>Guidelines for Core Curriculum to Train Care Coordination Workers</u> have been posted online.
- A Request for Applications for Graduate Medical Education Development of Rural Residency Programs has been posted <u>here</u>, on the Health Research, Inc. website. Applications are due August 15, 2016. Please feel free to share this announcement broadly.

IN THE NEWS:

- Medicare Announces CPC+ Regions, Opens Applications for Providers
 - Comprehensive Primary Care Plus (CPC+) is a public-private partnership and national advanced primary care medical home model, which supports comprehensive primary care through an innovative payment structure. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) announced 14 selected CPC+ regions today including one region in New York and has opened applications from August 1 to September 15, 2016 for practices to apply to participate. Further information on CPC+ and the 14 regions can be found here.

• Medicare Demonstration Uses Population Health to Reshape Cardiac Care

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid recently selected 516 practices to participate in the payment initiative called the Million Hearts Cardiovascular Disease Risk Reduction Model. This new program uses predictive modeling to provide practitioners with risk scores and mitigation plans for their eligible Medicare fee-for-service beneficiaries. A full list of the participating practices can be accessed <u>here</u>. More information on the Million Hearts program can be found <u>here</u>.

 United Hospital Fund Releases a Framework to Help Providers Integrate Behavioral Health into Primary Care

In recognizing that primary care providers can play an important role in diagnosing and facilitating treatment for behavioral health conditions, this framework identifies steps that primary care practices can take to further care integration. This evidence-based framework is structured around eight domains and includes a checklist for implementing behavioral health integration. The full framework can be viewed <u>here</u>.

• President Obama Publishes Article in JAMA Considering the Progress and Next Steps for the Affordable Care Act

This article includes an analysis of publicly available data to examine the impact and progress of the Affordable Care Act. The analysis includes a discussion of the reduction in uninsured rates, increases in access to care, increased financial security, and increased health outcomes. The next steps urge policymakers to continue to implement Health Insurance Marketplaces and delivery system reform. The full article is available here.

Rockefeller Institute Releases Brief on Affordable Care Act Implementation

The Nelson A. Rockefeller Institute of Government released a brief summarizing several findings from the 40state ACA Implementation Research Network. The brief touches on a variety of issues, including: Medicaid enrollment; the continuing need for navigators to assist consumers in obtaining and maintaining coverage; the effect of changing market conditions on implementation; and the complex, multi-level implementation of health care reform. The full brief is available <u>here</u>.



