



New York State Health Innovation Plan

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NEW YORK SIM UPDATES:

- HRI/NYSDOH have made initial awards for APC Practice Transformation Technical Assistance agents. A list of the awardees will be posted to the SIM website once all contracts have been executed.
- A Request for Applications (RFA) for additional Practice Transformation Technical Assistance vendors has been posted [here](#). (Direct link to RFA is [here](#).) **Applications are due January 18, 2017.** Please feel free to share this announcement broadly.

IN THE NEWS:

- **New York State Authorizes Advanced Home Health Aids, a New Job Category**
The New York State Department of Health (Department) announced a new law ([A10707/S08110](#)) that establishes a job category known as Advanced Home Health Aides, home health aides who receive additional training and act under the supervision of a licensed registered professional nurse to carry out advanced tasks. The law will make it easier for New Yorkers to live in their homes instead of institutional settings and provide support to their family members who care for them. The Department's press release announcing the new law is available [here](#).
- **New York State Receives Federal Approval to Extend its Medicaid Waiver**
New York State has received federal approval to extend the 1115 waiver, called the MRT Demonstration, for five years. The document is a two-way contract that cannot be broken by one party. It governs most of how New York's Medicaid program operates, including the Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment (DSRIP) program. The renewal agreement can be seen [here](#).
- **Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Announce Two New Patient Engagement Models**
The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) announced two new models from the CMS Innovation Center that aim to increase patient engagement in care decisions by putting more information in the hands of Medicare beneficiaries. The [Shared Decision Making Model](#) (SDM Model) will test the integration of a specific, structured Four Step process to shared decision making into routine clinical practice workflows of practitioners participating in Accountable Care Organizations (ACOs). The [Direct Decision Support Model](#) (DDS Model) will test an approach to shared decision making provided outside of the doctor's office, by Decision Support Organizations that provide health management and decision support services. Eligible ACOs and Decision Support Organizations that are interested in participating in these models must submit a Letter of Intent for consideration before March 5, 2017. More information is available [here](#).

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