

# The DSRIP Digest

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“Be willing to create a table and invite people from these other systems to join you in a community-wide effort. Those community-wide efforts can be extremely powerful, they can help you achieve your DSRIP objectives and more importantly help improve the quality of life for the people who live in the community in which you serve.”-Jason Helgerson, NYS Medicaid Director, in the latest NYS whiteboard video.

## PPS Spotlight:

### Albany Medical Center Hospital PPS Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD)

Albany Medical Center Hospital’s PPS entered into an innovative partnership with Albany’s Police Department, Catholic Charities and the Center for Law and Justice called the Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) program. Representatives from law enforcement, public defense, human service agencies, business, community groups and public health have joined forces, making Albany the first jurisdiction on the East Coast, and only the third in the nation to launch the innovative LEAD program.

LEAD is designed to reduce low-level arrests, racial disparities and recidivism. In LEAD, instead of making an arrest, police officers exercise their discretion to divert individuals for certain criminal offenses (including low-level drug charges) directly to a case manager, who then facilitates access to a comprehensive network of services. Instead of entering the maze of the criminal justice system, the individual receives intensive, harm reduction-oriented case management and targeted social services, with greater coordination among systems of care.

LEAD was first launched in Seattle in 2011. An independent evaluation found a 58% reduction in recidivism among people in the Seattle program, compared to people going through the criminal justice system as usual. Historically, a relatively small number of individuals in Albany with high needs demand a great deal of police time and resources. They cycle in and out of jail or prisons without treatment of their underlying issues, such as mental illness and substance use problems, homelessness, unemployment, and inadequate medical care. This population also tends to be high utilizers of the hospital emergency room, which is costly and is not designed to provide preventative or regular health care. LEAD focuses on addressing some of those underlying problems and stopping the cycle of costly and ineffective arrests and incarceration.

In a national first, the LEAD case management function in Albany will be supported by a healthcare institution: Albany Medical Center will invest funds from DSRIP to jumpstart the program’s first phase of case management services. Albany Medical Center’s PPS investment in LEAD is an important step in the shift from a criminal justice based approach to a health-based approach with issues related to drug use and mental health.

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Demonstration funding of \$45,000 was awarded through December 2016, via a contract with Catholic Charities, which serves as the case management organization.

Additional funding is anticipated, but is contingent on the LEAD project being able to demonstrate a positive impact. The LEAD project is also supported by philanthropic funds, the City of Albany and private donations.

## Recent News

The latest NYS Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment (DSRIP) Program White Board Video Series – An Eye Towards the Future has been released. In this presentation, New York State’s Medicaid Director, Jason Helgerson, talks about what we see beyond the goals of DSRIP, beyond the goals of trying to achieve a more cost-effective healthcare delivery system. To view the video, [click here](#).

On October 7, 2016, the DSRIP Project Approval and Oversight Panel (PAOP) was briefed by DOH and the Public Consulting Group (PCG) on the DSRIP mid-point assessment process, PPS progress, and the regulatory waiver progress. Materials from this meeting are available on the DSRIP [website](#).

Final DY2 Q1 Quarterly Reports and AV Scorecards for each PPS were posted to the DSRIP website and can be found [here](#).

The final Value Based Payment (VBP) Bootcamp Sessions closed in Region 5 (Long Island, Queens) with the final Session October 26th at SUNY Stony Brook. VBP Bootcamp session details and recordings from each can be found [here](#).

The Behavioral Health VBP Clinical Advisory Group (CAG) has produced the Behavioral Health Chronic Conditions Recommendation Report. This is open for public comment until November 28, 2016. [Click here](#) to view the report.

## Upcoming Events

**November 1** - PPS Lead Regulatory Waiver Requests-Round 4 due

**November 8** - Regulatory Waiver & Project Tracking Tools due

**November 17** - Release Initial Mid-Point Assessment recommendations and PPS Primary Care Project Narratives for public comment

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