



## **More Health Care Organizations Have Systems in Place for Tobacco Use Identification and Treatment**

Provider reminder systems are effective tools in increasing health care provider use of smoking cessation interventions. The Public Health Service Guideline, *Treating Tobacco Use and Dependence: 2008 Update*, recommends a systems strategy of implementing a tobacco user identification system in every clinic. The Cessation Centers funded by the New York Tobacco Control Program are charged with working with health care organizations to provide technical assistance and implement these systems changes.

- All hospitals in New York State documented patients' smoking status in 2009.
- In 2009, 94% of hospitals reported documenting interventions with patients, a 17% increase from 78% in 2005.
- There was a significant increase in the number of group practices that document patient smoking status from 84% in 2005 to 94% in 2009.
- There was a significant increase in group practices that documented interventions from 49% in 2005 to 84% in 2009.

### **Percentage of Health Care Organizations in New York with Systems in Place for Tobacco Use Identification and Treatment**

<b>Health Care Organization</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2009</b>
Hospitals	Cue "ask"	96.2%	94.7%	98.2%
	Cue "advise"	69.8%	71.7%	68.1%
	Document status	96.4%	97.0%	100.0%
	Document intervention	77.5%	79.8%	93.5%
Group Practices	Cue "ask"	79.8%	N/A	90.7%
	Cue "advise"	36.6%	N/A	52.3%
	Document status	83.6%	N/A	93.5%
	Document intervention	48.6%	N/A	84.2%

Note: Cue "ask" = Providers are cued to ask about tobacco use status; Cue "advise" = Providers are cued to advise tobacco users to quit; Document status = a system is in place to document patient's tobacco use status; Document intervention = a system is in place to document tobacco-related interventions.