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Dear Colleague,

The New York State Department of Health is pleased to announce the New York State Patient Centered Medical Home (NYS PCMH) Recognition Program. NYS PCMH is the statewide, innovative advanced primary care approach to improving the health of New Yorkers. Characterized by a systemic focus on high quality primary care, population health, and integrated behavioral health, NYS PCMH supports our State Health Innovation Plan's goal to ensure that at least 80% of New Yorkers are receiving advanced primary care by the year 2020.

Primary care physicians that adopt the NYS PCMH model are making a commitment to put patients at the center of care. To support these physicians, and their efforts to improve quality, cost, and access to care, the Department has aligned NYS PCMH as the primary care model used in both State Innovation Model (SIM) and Delivery System Incentive Reform Payment (DSRIP) practice transformation initiatives. Alignment reduces the complexity surrounding primary care practice transformation. This helps physicians focus on caring for their patients instead of navigating competing, unclear, and confusing transformation initiatives.

Through our SIM award, NYSDOH/HRI provides financial support and technical assistance to primary care providers who demonstrate their commitment to practice transformation and delivering the highest standards of care. The Department will cover the initial cost for primary care practices to earn NYS PCMH recognition. Additionally, with our SIM award, intensive technical assistance in practice transformation is available to practices at no cost (for a limited time based on the award).

NYS PCMH primary care practices receive recognition from the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA), as well as the distinction of participating in an exclusive New York State model. NYS PCMH practices will provide the highest standards of value-based care in New York, bringing us closer to achieving the Triple Aim.

For more information please visit the New York State Department of Health's [website](#) or email [sim@health.ny.gov](mailto:sim@health.ny.gov).

Sincerely,

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