



# New York State Health Innovation Plan

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## NEW YORK SIM UPDATES:

- The slides from the first Integrated Care Workgroup held on January 16, 2015 are posted and available for public viewing at this [link](#). The second Workgroup meeting was held on February 25 to discuss the development of the Advanced Primary Care draft model. Slides will be posted online shortly.
- Slides from recent a presentation to Population Health Improvement Program (PHIP) contractors describing the intersection of the PHIPs and future SIM initiatives are available online at this [link](#).
- The following SIM jobs openings are currently posted online. Please feel free to share these postings broadly if you know of someone who may be interested:
  - [Public Health Physician 3](#) – The selected candidate will be responsible for the implementation of the SHIP inclusive of development and implementation of an integrated care delivery infrastructure premised on a strong foundation of primary care.
  - [Advanced Primary Care Facilitator](#) – The selected candidate will support and coordinate the work of the Integrated Care Workgroup to develop an Advanced Primary Care model.
  - [Program Research Specialist III](#) – The selected candidate will conduct data analysis and collection of population health measures associated with the SIM grant.

## IN THE NEWS:

- **Patient-Centered Medical Homes Show Improvements On Cost And Quality Measures**  
Milbank's annual 2013-2014 report on primary care patient-centered medical home initiatives has been released and the results are favorable. The data reflect selected cost and utilization outcomes from a combination of industry publications, state program evaluations, and peer-reviewed studies from across the country. Almost all showed improvements in utilization, about half showed improvements in cost, and a good portion showed improvements in quality, access, and satisfaction. To read the full report, click [here](#).
- **Two Reports Released By The Centers For Medicare & Medicaid Services**  
The Center for Innovation at the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services released two reports in January on evaluating the Multi-Payer Advanced Primary Care Practice (MAPCP) demonstration and another on the Comprehensive Primary Care (CPC) initiative. The reports show that 14 out of the 17 member states or market regions participated in one of the two primary care projects. Additionally, the MAPCP saved an estimated \$4.2 million in savings and the CPC initiative decreased hospital admissions by 2% and emergency department visits by 3%. The full reports can be found [here](#).
- **Improving Health Care in the U.S. By Setting Value-Based Payment Goals**  
Since implementation of the Affordable Care Act, a focus in health care has been centered on improving the value and quality of care. The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) now intends to focus its energies on augmenting reform in three important and interdependent ways: using incentives to motivate higher-value care, by increasingly tying payment to value through alternative payment models; changing the way care is delivered through greater teamwork and integration, more effective coordination of providers across settings, and greater attention by providers to population health; and harnessing the power of information to improve care for patients. In this Perspective piece, Sylvia Burwell, U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services, examines future efforts to increase rates of safer hospital care, reduce health care spending and improve overall patient satisfaction. To read more, click [here](#).
- **Extreme Cost Variation Among Hip and Knee Replacements Across The Country**  
A recent "Blue Cross Blue Shield, The Health of America Report" examined how costs for both knee and hip replacements can vary depending on the geographic location of the hospital. The report concluded that

submitted claims data reflects procedure differences that exceed tens of thousands of dollars. With health care costs expected to grow by an average of 5.7% each year through 2023, these unpredictable costs pose a problem for consumers and payers alike. To read the report in depth, click [here](#).

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