NEW YORK SIM UPDATES:

• The Transparency, Evaluation, and Health Information Technology Workgroup Interim Report has been posted online and can be read here.

• Slides from the second Integrated Care Workgroup meeting held on February 25, 2015 have been posted online and are available at this link. These slides served as a basis for the first Workgroup discussion of the proposed Advanced Primary Care model, and will continue to be discussed and refined at the next meeting later this month.

• 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:
  o **Director, Innovation Center** – Newly posted! The selected candidate will be responsible for directing all aspects of the Innovation Center, a newly-developed office responsible for implementation, oversight, management and evaluation of the State Health Innovation Plan (SHIP) and to oversee the recently awarded $100M State Innovation Model (SIM) Testing grant.
  o **Collaborative Care Facilitator** – Newly posted! The selected candidate will be responsible for the training of practice transformation teams with respect to managing mental illness in primary care practice settings.
  o **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.
  o **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.
  o **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:

• **State Innovation Model Initiative**
The Journal of the American Medical Association published an article summarizing the overarching goals and plans of seventeen Model Test SIM grants distributed by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. Four key strategies were listed that states are utilizing to impart transformation: integration of community-based services, population health focus, enabling strategies to support system transformation, and quality measurement alignment strategy. As of now, the transformation efforts among the states has proven to be successful in a number of areas. To read the article in full, click here.

• **Using An All-Payer Database To Support Price Transparency And Payment Reform**
Earlier this month, NYSHealth hosted a conversation with Ana English, President and CEO of Center for Improving Value in Health Care (CIVHC), about how Colorado has developed and utilized their APD. Colorado’s APD was mandated in 2010, includes 330 million medical and pharmacy claims, and is considered a model for other states, like New York, currently in the process of establishing an APD. Since then, CIVHC has launched www.comedprice.org, a consumer friendly health care price and quality tool. As the APD in Colorado develops, transparency is on the rise and payment reform is underway. To read more or watch a video of the event, click here.

• **A Precious Jewel — The Role of General Practice in the English NHS**
The New England Journal of Medicine published an article outlining how general practice, otherwise known as “the jewel in the crown”, within the English National Health Service has had a profound effect on the country’s
high health system rankings. As the benefits become more pronounced, increasing pressure and rising expectations are being placed on general practices by the public and policymakers. To read the article in full, click here.

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