



New York State Health Innovation Plan

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NEW YORK SIM UPDATES:

- A Request for Proposals (RFP) for Health Economic Services has been posted to the Health Research Inc. website and can be viewed [here](#). Proposals are due June 19, 2015.
- Materials from all the Transparency, Evaluation, and HIT meetings held thus far were recently added to the SIM website and can be found [here](#).
- The following SIM job openings are currently posted online. Please feel free to share these postings broadly if you know of someone who may be interested:
 - [Director, Project Management](#) – The selected candidate will be responsible for oversight of State Innovation Model (SIM) projects, workgroups, staff, and contractors. The incumbent will direct the overall project plan to ensure that all projects and initiatives stay on pace, are aligned with and achieve the overarching objectives of the SIM grant.
 - [Director, Innovation Center](#) – 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 \$100M State Innovation Model (SIM) Testing grant.
 - [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.

IN THE NEWS:

- **Physician Shortage Still Looming, Especially In Primary Care**
A survey conducted by HANYS found that New York suffers from a severe shortage of all physicians, especially those practicing primary care. This shortage is expected to be exacerbated as Delivery System Reform Incentive Payments (DSRIP) applicants continue to require primary care physicians for their projects. The report, which summarizes the results of HANYS' 2014 Physician Advocacy Survey, was developed in collaboration with Iroquois Healthcare Alliance, Suburban Hospital Alliance of New York State, Rochester Regional Healthcare Association, and Western New York Healthcare Association and can be found [here](#).
- **Increasing Employer Incentive To Innovate In Diabetes Management Programs**
As one of the most serious epidemics in society today, diabetes currently affects 10% of Americans and is expected to rise to 33% by 2050. These numbers are problematic to employers who benefit from a healthy, productive workforce. Northeast Business Group on Health published a report that identifies and tests innovative solutions to diabetes management in the workplace, as well as further examining the payment options and value-based care in chronic disease management. To read the report in full, click [here](#).
- **Unnecessary Medical Testing Hurts Patients Financially and Physically**
A recent article published by *The New Yorker* analyzes the harms caused by expensive, and often unnecessary, testing in Medicare patients. In our medical system, testing is commonly ordered for incorrect reasons or simply just to satisfy the patient. The article states that, "in just a single year...25 to 42% of Medicare patients received at least one of the 26 useless tests and treatments." To read the article in full, click [here](#).
- **Gobeille v. Liberty Mutual Insurance Company**
The state of Vermont is facing a legal battle against Liberty Mutual Insurance Company over the right to collect claims data from self-insured plans to include in the state's all-payer claims database (APCD), also known as VHCURES in Vermont. Liberty Mutual, who operates a self-insured health plan for the company's employers, argued that the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) preempted the Vermont law. This

case is particularly important because it will set the standards for other states across the nation that have begun or plan on rolling out their APCDs soon. To read the National Academy for State Health Policy article, click [here](#).

For more information on SHIP/SIM, visit: http://www.health.ny.gov/technology/innovation_plan_initiative/

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