NEW YORK SIM UPDATES:

• During a discussion of the Affordable Care Act in Nashville, TN on July 1, 2015, President Obama mentioned SIM and the necessity of innovative delivery system reform. The discussion in full can be watched here, with specific mention of the SIM work around minute 40.

• A series of webinars were recently held to provide updates and summaries of ongoing SIM work. Playbacks can be watched at the following links:
  - Integrated Care
  - Transparency, Evaluation, and HIT
  - H. Gilbert Welch, Dartmouth Medical School
  - Value Based Insurance Design

• Materials from all the Transparency, Evaluation, and HIT meetings held thus far were recently added to the SIM website and can be found here.

• Materials from the first Workforce Workgroup meeting were added to the SIM website and can be found here.

• In coordination with the Northeast Business Group on Health, regional stakeholder meetings will be held across New York throughout the summer, beginning in July. Confirmed meeting dates are as follows:
  - July 8, 2015 – Hudson Valley (AM), New York City (PM)
  - July 9, 2015 – Long Island
  - July 22, 2015 – Buffalo
  - July 23, 2015 – Rochester (AM), Syracuse (PM)
  - July 27 or 28, 2015 – Albany, Adirondacks

• 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, 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:

• **Designing Risk-Based Payment Methodologies**
  National Academy for State Health Policy hosted a technical assistance consultation on Designing Risk-Based Payment Methodologies with payment reform expert Harold Miller. The slides are attached to this email and the recording can be viewed here.

• **Medical Home Intervention Improves Quality And Utilization Of Care**
  A recent study published by JAMA analyzed two commercial health plan and 27 volunteering small primary care practices within the northeast region of the Pennsylvania Chronic Care Initiative. Six quality measures for diabetes and preventative care, as well as utilization of hospital, emergency department, and ambulatory care were measured. Participation in the 2009 intervention pilot demonstrated improvements in quality, a decreased
usage of emergency department, hospital, and specialty care, and an improvement in primary care utilization over a 3-year period. To read the article in full, click here.

- **United States Lagging In Life Expectancy**
  Among all countries around the world, the United States ranks 34th in life expectancy. An article by The Nation’s Health, American Public Health Association outlines how access to health care, the ability to make healthy choices, our “desire to live like Americans”, and socio-economic disparities all play important roles in the reason for the slowed increase in life expectancy the U.S. has seen during the second half of the 20th century. To read the article in full, click here.

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

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