NEW YORK SIM UPDATES:

- A Request for Applications for Practice Transformation Technical Assistance has been posted [here](#), on the Health Research Inc. website. Applications are due May 13, 2016. Please feel free to share this announcement broadly.

- The 2016 SIM Operational Plan has been posted to the SIM website and can be read [here](#).

- Materials from the February 8, 2016 and March 8, 2016 Integrated Care Workgroup meetings have been posted online on the [Workgroups page](#).

- Slides from the Transparency, Evaluation, and Health Information Technology Workgroup meeting held on February 26, 2016, can be viewed [here](#).

- Workgroup Membership lists have been posted and can be viewed on the [Workgroups page](#).

IN THE NEWS:

- CMS Announces Comprehensive Primary Care Plus (CPC+)
  Last week, CMS announced CPC+, which is built on the foundation of the Comprehensive Primary Care (CPC) initiative by enhancing the payment and care delivery design. CMS’s goal is to support primary care practices to deliver better care, smarter spending, and healthier people. More on this regionally-based, multi-payer care delivery and alternative payment model can be found [here](#).

- The Effects Of Primary Care Transformation
  In conjunction with Mathematica Policy Research, Milbank Memorial Fund published a report assessing primary care’s effect on the Multi-State Collaborative (MC) who have been implementing primary care through patient centered medical home programs. The report analyzes MC member evaluations on how strong reported evidence is and how evaluations for advanced primary care models can be improved going forward. A full version of the report, along with the executive summary, can be read [here](#).

- Leader To Honor – Patrick Coonan, EdD, DNP, RN-BC
  One of our Workforce Workgroup co-chairs has been highlighted as Leader to Honor in ScienceDirect. The interview highlights Coonan’s leadership and career accomplishments within the Nursing and Education fields. A full transcript of the article can be accessed [here](#).

- Medicare’s Vision for Advanced Primary Care
  Consistent with the goals of the Affordable Care Act and the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is increasingly paying for health care through alternative payment models that reward value and quality. These models include accountable care organizations, bundled payments, and advanced primary care medical homes. Advanced primary care medical homes are the focus of this Viewpoint. The full article can be accessed [here](#).

  This report summarizes the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) 10-year occupational and industry projections for employment in the United States covering the years 2014 through 2024. The full report can be found [here](#).
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