



New York State Health Innovation Plan

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NEW YORK SIM UPDATES:

- In May 2017, round two Advanced Primary Care (APC) Practice Transformation Technical Assistance agents were selected. The full list of the six round two vendors and the 10 round one vendors contracted to assist with practice transformation through the APC model can be found on our [website](#).
- **Quality Payment Program Proposed Rule – One Month Remaining to Provide Comments** – Last month, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued a proposed rule that would make changes in the second year of the Quality Payment Program as required by the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015 (MACRA). **The comment period for the proposed rule closes on August 21, 2017.**

The proposed changes to the Quality Payment Plan represent an important opportunity for NYS to align the Advanced Primary Care (APC) initiative with evolving CMS standards. Ensuring this alignment supports long-term sustainability and success for the New York State Innovation Model. Materials from the last CMS webinar are posted [here](#) and in addition, you can find a longer set of overview slides on Year 2 of the Quality Payment Program [here](#).

- The State Innovation Council met on 5/31/2017. Topics discussed at the Innovation Council included evaluation of SIM progress to achieve goals, SIM implementation successes and challenges, provider transformation updates, PCMH alignment, payer engagement, workforce updates and population health updates. To review materials from the Innovation Council please visit the SIM [website](#).
- The SIM Transparency, Evaluation and HIT Workgroup met on June 6, 2017. At the meeting, there was an update on the All Payer Database, SHIN-NY updates and updates on the Health IT integrated quality measurement initiatives. The presentation and materials from this meeting are available on our SIM workgroup [website](#).

IN THE NEWS:

- **New York State Introduces the NYS Provider & Health Plan Look-Up Tool**
[The NYS Provider & Health Plan Look-Up](#), launched in May 2017, is an on-line tool that can be used by consumers to research provider networks and health plans. By using this tool, consumers can search for their preferred providers, including doctors and hospitals to see which health plans have those providers in their network.

The NYS Provider & Health Plan Look-Up will initially include information on the health care providers that participate with plans offered on the NY State of Health Marketplace, including Qualified Health Plans, the Essential Plan, Child Health Plus and Medicaid Managed Care. The Tool will be updated later this year to add provider network data for commercial insurance products. The tool is regularly updated using data submitted by health plans.

The tool is available [here](#).

- **Governor Cuomo announces \$491 Million Awarded Statewide to Preserve and Expand Access to High Quality Patient Care through Health Care Facility Transformation Program.** To see the awards by region and specific projects related to expanded access click [here](#).

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