



Better Health Together

This electronic newsletter will be produced weekly to provide high-level updates on the work of the DC Innovation office under the State Innovation Model (SIM) grant as DC develops the State Health Innovation Plan (SHIP). We look forward to your input on our activities and milestones as we work to improve healthcare for DC residents.

SIM Work Group Calendar

All Work Group Meetings will be held at 441 4th Street NW-Room 1028

Community Linkages Work Group

February 17, 2016
1:00pm-2:30pm

Quality Metrics Work Group

February 22, 2016
3:00pm-4:30pm

Care Delivery Work Group

March 2, 2016
3:00pm-4:30pm

SIM Advisory Committee Meeting

March 9, 2016
2:00pm-4:00pm

Community Linkages Work Group

March 16, 2016
1:00pm-2:30pm

Payment Models Work Group

March 17, 2016
3:00pm-4:30pm

Recent News

SIM Work Group Updates

The **Payment Models Work Group** had a meeting on February 5th. During the meeting, participants reviewed qualitative goals that were discussed at previous meetings, such as delivering the right care, at the right time, right place, and right cost. In addition, participants suggested that DHCF consider flexible options to allow providers to meet payment goals. A full summary of the meeting can be found [here](#).

CANCELTION NOTICE: The **Care Delivery Work Group on February 17th** and the **Payment Models Work Group on February 18th** have been cancelled due to scheduling conflicts. The next Care Delivery Work Group meeting is on Wednesday, March 2nd at 3pm. The next Payment Models Work Group is on Thursday, March 17th at 3pm. Dates and times for other SIM Work Groups can be found in the calendar on the left. Materials and meeting summaries for all SIM Work Groups can be found [here](#).

SIM Lunch and Learn on Urban Payment Reform

DHCF and Navigant hosted a Lunch and Learn session for DHCF staff on February 9th. The session provided an opportunity for DHCF staff to learn about payment reform models being used in urban cities to improve health outcomes. During the Lunch and Learn, Navigant provided examples of urban payment reform initiatives used in New York City, Camden, and Hennepin County. New York City implemented the Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment (DSRIP) Program to improve health outcomes for high-need patients. If you would like a copy of the presentation, please contact kandis.driscoll@dc.gov.

Thank you to all the DHCF staff who attended!

DHCF Among Agencies Selected to Participate in the Medicaid Innovation Accelerator Program

DHCF, and several other District Government agencies, were selected by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) to participate in the [Medicaid Innovation Accelerator Program \(IAP\)](#) Supporting Housing Tenancy track. The application was a partnership between DHCF, DBH, DHS, DCHD, the Interagency Council for Homelessness, and selected health plans and community-based service providers. The Supporting Housing Tenancy track will include a series of webinars for states to discuss tenancy support services, providers and funding sources, and lessons learned from other states. DHCF will leverage this opportunity to inform the work happening under SIM. The full press release can be found [here](#).

HHS Proposes New Rules on the Confidentiality of Substance Use Disorder Records

On February 5th, **Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Sylvia M. Burwell** announced proposed revisions to the Confidentiality of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Patient Records regulations, 42 CFR Part 2. The proposed changes would facilitate health information exchange to support delivery system reform efforts while protecting the privacy of patients seeking treatment for a substance use disorder. The rules governing the confidentiality of substance use disorder records have not been substantively updated since 1987. The proposed rules could help better support systems integration nationally, which is currently being discussed in the District under SIM. For additional information about the proposed rules, [click here](#).

Events

The Department of Health Systems Administration at Georgetown University will be hosting the 2016 McAuley Lecture on **Wednesday, February 17th at 2:30pm**. The lecture will feature Patrick Conway, MD, the deputy administrator and chief medical officer at the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. The lecture will focus on health system transformation and innovation. To learn more and register, [click here](#).

Save the Date! The **Health Care Payment Learning and Action Network** will be hosting a **Listening Session on Monday, February 22nd from 1pm to 2pm**. The session will be focused on the [Population-Based Payment Work Group's](#) recently released Draft White Papers on Patient Attribution and Financial Benchmarking. Participants will have an opportunity to provide initial feedback on the Draft White Papers.

The **National Health Policy Forum at the George Washington University** is hosting a discussion titled **“Medicaid Payment for Housing-Related Services: Building on Early Experiences.”** The forum will be held on **Friday, February 26th from 11:45am to 2pm**. The session will feature examples of how three states have used Medicaid to pay for housing-related services based on the CMS policy guidance issued in 2015. To register for the discussion, please email your complete contact information to nhpfmeet@gwu.edu.

The **Health Management Associates and Cohn Reznick** are hosting a webinar titled **“Value-Based Payment Readiness: A Self-Assessment Tool for Primary Care Providers, FQHCs, and Behavioral Health Providers.”** The webinar will be held on **Thursday, March 3rd from 1pm to 2pm**. During the webinar, HMA experts Deborah Zahn and Mary Goddeeris, along with CohnReznick expert Peter Epp, will demonstrate how the online self-assessment tool can help practices identify their readiness to implement value-based payment models. To register, visit the [HMA website](#).

Resources

NASHP Brief on Braiding and Blending Funding Streams to Meet Health-Related Social Needs

The National Academy for State Health Policy released a brief titled **“Braiding and Blending Funding Streams to Meet the Health-Related Social Needs of Low-Income Persons: Considerations for State Health Policymakers.”** The brief discusses

non-Medicaid funding sources that states could potentially blend or braid to meet social needs, and outlines a continuum of options for states seeking to coordinating funding. Read the full brief on [NASHP's website](#).

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