



## 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 4<sup>th</sup> Street NW-Room 1028

*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 **Community Linkages Work Group** met on February 17<sup>th</sup>. During the meeting, participants discussed the HIE infrastructure that would be necessary to support whole-person care through data sharing and integration. Participants emphasized the importance of having access to case management and social service (e.g. housing status, food security) information in the care profile, an electronic tool that aggregates available patient information.

In addition, DHCF informed participants of recent CMS opportunities that could be used to support the integration of health and social services, specifically through the [Innovation Accelerator Program for Housing Tenancy](#) and the Accountable Health Communities Model. Meeting summaries and materials from previous work groups can be found [here](#).

#### DHCF Prepares to Interview Health Care Consumers

DHCF and Navigant Consulting, Inc. have been actively preparing to interview D.C. residents about their experience in the healthcare system. The information will be collected through one-on-one interviews and focus groups held at health care facilities throughout the District. The findings from the survey research will be used to inform D.C.'s State Innovation Health Plan (SHIP) under SIM.

## Announcements

### **CMS and Stakeholder Collaborative Announce Alignment and Simplification of Quality Measures**

On February 16<sup>th</sup>, the **Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and America's Health Insurance Plans** [released](#) seven sets of clinical quality measures. The effort was part of a broad Core Quality Measures Collaborative, which includes a variety of health care system participants. These measures, which will be updated to include more measure sets over time, represent multi-payer alignment on core measures for physician quality programs. Through this alignment, the Collaborative is seeking to address the confusion that providers face when reporting multiple quality measures to different entities. CMS and the partner organizations believe that by reducing the complexity for providers and focusing quality improvement on key areas across payers, quality of care can be improved for patients more effectively and efficiently. For more information, visit the [CMS website](#).

## Events

The **Health Care Payment Learning and Action Network** will be hosting a **Listening Session on Monday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1pm**. 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. Register [here](#).

The next **SIM Resource Center Learning Event webinar** will be hosted on **February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1pm**. The webinar, titled **"Behavioral Health Integration: Health IT Considerations,"** will focus on the underlying information integration required to support the collaboration of care across behavioral health and primary care settings. During the session, participants will learn about sharing personal health information and related consent management, and hear about examples of states using HIT to integrate behavioral health. Preregistration is required. Please register [here](#).

**CMS will be hosting two webinars** on the new **Health and Human Services Community** on **February 23<sup>rd</sup> and March 9<sup>th</sup> at 2pm**. The webinars will offer tips on how to best navigate the site, which includes examples of state APDs, policy guidance, toolkits and checklists, and funding announcements. The Health and Human Services Community is an effort to support states with integrating health and human services systems. To register, click on one of the links below:

February 23, 2016: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6593162474691930113>

March 9, 2016: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3778023480469616897>

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 26<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1pm**. During the webinar, HMA experts Deborah Zahn and Mary Goddeeris, along with Cohn Reznick 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 State Delivery System and Payment Reform Map**

The **National Academy for State Health Policy** has composed a map of Patient-Centered Medical Home and Health Home

initiatives throughout the country. The map provides information on state initiatives. For example, the Health Care Home initiative in Minnesota saved Medicaid and Medicare approximately \$1 billion over a five-year period. NASHP is planning to add information on other delivery and payment transformation initiatives over time. To access the map, visit the [NASHP website](#).

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