



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

Payment Models Work Group
February 5, 2016
3:00pm-4:30pm

Community Linkages Work Group
February 17, 2016
1:00pm-2:00pm

Care Delivery Work Group
February 17, 2016
3:00pm-4:30pm

Payment Models
February 18, 2016
3:00pm-4:30pm

Quality Metrics Work Group
February 22, 2016
3:00pm-4:30pm

Recent News

Updates from Work Group Meetings

The **Care Delivery Work Group** had a meeting on February 3rd. During the meeting, participants discussed design options and provider enrollment processes and standards for the proposed Health Home II program. Effective after-hour access and appropriate case manager to patient ratios were proposed as required standard for Health Home II providers. For work group meeting summaries and materials, [click here](#).

The **Payment Models Work Group** will be meeting today (2/5/16) from 3:00pm to 4:30pm. The meeting will focus on quantitative goals and capacity building for payment reforms in the District. Ultimately, these goals will serve as recommendations to the Advisory Committee and will inform the SIM State Health Innovation Plan (SHIP). DHCF encourages all those who are interested in participating to attend. Summaries and meeting materials from previous Payment Model Work Groups can be found [here](#).

State Health Innovation Plan (SHIP) Process

DHCF and Navigant held the first internal SHIP meeting to discuss draft content for the plan. The **State Health Innovation Plan (SHIP)** is a required deliverable to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) as part of the SIM grant. The detailed plan will describe the strategies and methods proposed to transform the structure and performance of the District's entire health system. In the coming weeks, an Interim SHIP will be shared with Work Group and Advisory Committee members during the March 9th Advisory Committee Meeting.

Announcements

Mayor Bowser Directs \$90 Million to Produce and Preserve 800 Affordable Housing Units

Last week, **Mayor Muriel Bowser announced 12 projects that will provide more than 800 units of affordable housing to approximately 1,760 District residents.** The 12 projects align with the Mayor's commitment to produce, preserve, and protect affordable housing across the city. 83 units will be used as permanent supportive housing units for the homeless, which supports the mayor's goal to end homelessness in the District by 2020. This is a timely investment considering that stable housing for individuals experiencing homelessness can improve health outcomes. For more information about this investment, [click here](#).

Events

Stay Tuned for SIM Stakeholder Engagement Activities. The Department of Health Care Finance and Navigant are beginning to initiate consumer engagement activities. The goal is to perform one hundred interviews and four focus groups by the end of February. The focus of these activities will be to get a better understanding of how District residents utilize the health care system.

On February 11th the Patient-Centered Primary Care Collaborative is hosting a webinar at 1:00pm. The webinar will provide highlights from the Patient-Centered Medical Home's Impact on Cost and Quality report. This newly released report summarizes cost, utilization, and payment reform results from 30 primary care PCMH initiatives from around the country. To register for the webinar, [click here](#). To access the full report, visit [the PCPCC website](#).

The Department of Health Systems Administration at Georgetown University will be hosting the 2016 McAuley Lecture on **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](#).

Resources

Supportive Housing for Chronically Homeless Medicaid Enrollees: State Strategies

The **Center for Health Care Strategies** released a brief highlighting key opportunities for state Medicaid programs to better address the housing needs of high-risk populations. The report offers eight strategies and practical action steps to help states advance supportive housing options and use Medicaid funding for essential housing-related services. To read the brief, [click here](#).

CMS Guide to Preventing Readmissions among Racially and Ethnically Diverse Medicare Beneficiaries

The CMS Office of Minority Health recently released a **Guide to Preventing Readmissions among Racially and Ethnically Diverse Medicare Beneficiaries**. The guide is designed to assist hospital leaders and stakeholders focused on quality, safety, and care redesign in identifying root causes and solutions for preventing avoidable readmissions among racially and ethnically diverse Medicare beneficiaries. This is especially important given that racial and ethnic minority populations are more likely than their white counterparts to be readmitted within 30 days of discharge for certain chronic conditions, such as heart failure, heart attack, and pneumonia. To read the guide, [click here](#).

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