



## 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*  
April 18, 2016  
3:00pm-4:30pm

*Community Linkages Work Group*  
April 20, 2016  
2:00pm-3:30pm

*Payment Models Work Group*  
April 21, 2016  
3:00pm-4:30pm

*Care Delivery Work Group*  
April 25, 2016  
3:00pm-4:30pm

### Recent News

#### SIM Work Group Update

The **Quality Metrics Work Group** met on March 28<sup>th</sup>. The first part of the meeting was to review progress to date and identify any unanswered questions. The majority of the meeting was focused on electronic clinical measures and a proposed Health Information Exchange quality reporting tool. The work group sought to understand the current quality performance reporting and how it interacts with the payment reform landscape. They also discussed the steps the District should take in over the next 5 years in terms of what quality reporting should look like in the District and how such a tool could be used to meet the needs of District providers and agencies. For summaries and meeting materials, [click here](#).

#### Consumer Engagement: Over 100 Interviews Complete

DHCF and its partners have been doing survey research with D.C. residents to learn about their experience in the healthcare system. To date, over 100 one-on-one interviews have been conducted in Wards 2, 7, and 8 at Mary's Center, two Unity Health Care sites, Providence Hospital and George Washington University Hospital. The findings from this survey research will be used to inform D.C.'s State Innovation Health Plan (SHIP) under SIM. The SHIP will describe the strategies and methods proposed to transform the structure and performance of the District's entire health system. DHCF appreciates all of the partners that have helped to coordinate consumer interviews.

## Announcements

### Camden Coalition of Health Care Providers Announces New National Center to Improve Care for Patients With Complex Needs

The Camden Coalition of Healthcare Providers in Camden, New Jersey, [announced a new national center](#) to improve care for high-need patients who experience poor outcomes despite extreme patterns of hospitalizations or emergency care. The Center is funded by an \$8.7 million grant from AARP, The Atlantic Philanthropies, and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. It aims to connect and convene communities, providers, and organizations working to develop new ways to deliver better care at lower cost to some of our most vulnerable citizens.

## Events

The **Alliance for Health Reform** and **Kaiser Family Foundation** are hosting a briefing on Medicare Payment System Reforms on April 11<sup>th</sup> at 12:00pm in the Russell Senate Office Building, Room 325. The briefing, **“Medicare Payment System Reforms: What Do We Know?”**, This briefing will examine what we know so far about the basic models, savings, quality, the impact on patients and the prospects for replication. To register, [click here](#).

The **Mid-Atlantic Telehealth Resource Center (MATRC)** is hosting a **Telehealth Summit beginning April 10<sup>th</sup> through April 12<sup>th</sup>**. The Summit will be in Cambridge, MD at the Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay Golf Resort Spa and Marina. During the 2016 MATRC Telehealth Summit, participants will explore how and why telehealth must intersect with both health system transformation and meaningful use in order to successfully impact all three dimensions of the Institute for Healthcare Improvement's (IHI) "Triple Aim": improving the patient experience of care (including quality and satisfaction); improving the health of populations; and reducing the per capita cost of health care. For more details, visit <http://matrc.org/summit/>.

**Manatt, Phelps & Phillips, LLP** will host a webinar, “The Legal Challenges of Multi-Provider APMs: Minimizing the Risks of the Volume-to-Value Transition” on April 19, 2016 at 1:00pm. On the webinar, participants will find out How are government and private payers implementing APMs? What are the fraud and abuse, antitrust and other legal implications around value-based contracting arrangements between hospitals and physicians?

The **Mathematica Center for Studying Disability Policy** is sponsoring a **policy forum and webinar on April 21<sup>st</sup> at 11:45am**. The event is titled “New Frontiers in Coordinating Housing and Medicaid Services for People with Behavioral Health Conditions.” During the event, participants will learn about why housing is an important part of the efforts to treat high-need, high-cost Medicaid beneficiaries, and innovative state efforts to better coordinate health and housing services for people with behavioral health conditions. To register, [click here](#).

## Resources

The **National Association of Medicaid Directors** released a first-of-its-kind report, "[The Role of State Medicaid Programs in Improving the Value of the Health Care System](#)," that begins to describe the state Medicaid agencies' work to design and implement value-based purchasing models in the U.S. health care system. In particular, it provides an on-the-ground look at Medicaid's work to transform provider payment in a way that rewards quality health outcomes and contains costs - through managed care and fee-for-service delivery systems.

The **Center for Health Care Strategies** describes an innovative pilot program developed by the Health Plan of San Mateo, a participant in California's Cal MediConnect financial alignment demonstration. The pilot is designed to help dually eligible individuals in nursing facilities transition back to community living and support those at risk of nursing home placement to remain in the community. Lessons may help other health plans, states, and providers develop approaches to better serve dually eligible individuals with extensive LTSS needs. [Read the profile](#).

**Mathematica** and the **Milbank Memorial Fund** released a [new report](#), “*Assessing the Effects of Primary Care Transformation: Emerging Themes and Practical Strategies to Strengthen the Evidence.*” The report analyzes eight of the MC member evaluations. The findings assess the strength of the evidence in the evaluations and will help improve future assessments in the critical work of making primary care better.

**Patient-Centered Primary Care Collaborative** and the **National Business Group on Health** released “[The Primary Care Imperative: New Evidence Shows Importance of Investment in Patient-Centered Medical Homes](#)” outlines the capabilities of the patient centered medical home (PCMH) model, addresses common employer concerns, and provides seven specific recommendations for employers and benefit managers regarding how they can support comprehensive primary care and the PCMH.

The [National Center for Care Coordination Technical Assistance](#) (NCCCTA) provides technical assistance (TA) on the Pediatric Care Coordination Curriculum, Care Coordination Measurement Tool, and the Pediatric Integrated Care Survey. The NCCCTA can also answer individual questions about making care coordination work in your program, community, or state. [Visit the Center](#) for more information and links to the above tools. [Contact](#) them for TA or questions. [Join](#) the NCCCTA Community of Learners listserv.

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