



New York State Health Innovation Plan

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NEW YORK SIM UPDATES:

- An Advanced Primary Care FAQs document has been posted to the SIM website and can be found [here](#).
- The 2015 annual report on the implementation of New York's State Health Innovation Plan is available to read on the SIM website [here](#).
- The final Transparency, Evaluation, and Health Information Technology Workgroup report has been posted to the SIM website [here](#).
- Slides from the September 22, 2015 Innovation Council meeting have been posted to the website and can be found [here](#).
- Materials from the [November 16, 2015](#) and [January 11, 2016](#) Integrated Care meetings have been posted online. There was no December meeting. February 8, 2016 slides will be posted shortly.
- Slides from the third Workforce Workgroup meeting are available on the SIM website [here](#).

IN THE NEWS:

- **Health Care Costs Not Linked To Quality**
It is well-known that cost of care under government insurance programs, particularly Medicare, has no correlation to quality; however, an article by Atul Gawande in *The New Yorker* delves deeper into a study highlighting the discrepancy between cost and quality among private insurers and how they relate to publically funded programs. One main finding was that the highest cost facilities for Medicare were not the same as those for private insurers. To read the article in full, click [here](#).
- **CMS Draft Quality Measure Development Plan**
CMS released a draft report about the transition to the Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) and Alternative Payment Models (APMs) for Medicare. This Measure Development Plan addresses gaps in measurement and performance and notes recommendations to close these gaps through various uses of quality measures. Comments on the draft plan are being accepted until March 1, 2016 and the final plan will be released on May 1, 2016. The full draft plan can be read [here](#).
- **Hospital Price And Health Spending Variation Among The Privately Insured**
An article published by the Health Care Pricing Project analyzes the variation in geographic hospital prices and the impact different prices have on health spending on the privately insured. For this project, insurance claims data from 27.6 percent of private employer-sponsored individuals in the United States between the years of 2007 and 2011 was used. A full version of the findings can be found [here](#).
- **Patient-Centered Medical Home Impact On Cost And Quality**
The Patient-Centered Primary Care Collaborative (PCPCC) has published a report summarizing 2014-2015 findings on the affect patient-centered medical homes have had on cost and quality. Overall, the model appears to show that a higher quality, more cost-effective health care system is achievable. The full report can be read [here](#).
- **Colorado Multipayer Leaders Share Lessons Learned**
Insurers within Colorado have been using the Comprehensive Primary Care Initiative as a model to bridge the gap between medical care and behavioral health. At an event held in January, Colorado payers shared that the

initiative has been successful overall since primary care can have such a large impact on the value of organizations. A full version of the article and a link to the webcast can be viewed [here](#).

- **High Deductibles Impact On Health Care Spending**

An article published by the National Bureau of Economic Research found that health care spending by employees of a large company was reduced by 12 to 14 percent when a high deductible plan replaced the free medical care the company had been providing. Almost the entire decline in spending was a result of a decrease in consumer demand for health care services, not price shopping or substituting less costly procedures. Also included in decrease in demand were free and preventative services, like mammograms. The full article can be viewed [here](#).

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