



## 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

*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 5<sup>th</sup>. 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](#).

**CANCELATION NOTICE: The Care Delivery Work Group on February 17<sup>th</sup> and the Payment Models Work Group on February 18<sup>th</sup>** have been cancelled due to scheduling conflicts. The next Care Delivery Work Group meeting is on Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 3pm. The next Payment Models Work Group is on Thursday, March 17<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto: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 5<sup>th</sup>, **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 17<sup>th</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 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> 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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