



# DSRIP 101

## Background and Overview

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In the spring of 2014 Governor Andrew M. Cuomo announced that New York had finalized terms and conditions with the federal government for a groundbreaking waiver that would allow the state to reinvest \$8 billion in federal savings generated by Medicaid Redesign Team (MRT) reforms.

The waiver amendment, designed to address critical issues throughout the state and allow for comprehensive reform, reserves \$6.42 billion through the Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment (DSRIP) program. The DSRIP program promotes community-based collaborations and system reform. The goal of DSRIP is to achieve a 25 percent reduction in avoidable hospital use, including Emergency Room visits, for the Medicaid population over five years. Under DSRIP, safety net providers are required to collaborate to implement innovative projects focusing on system transformation, clinical improvement and population health improvement. All DSRIP funds are based on performance linked to achievement of project milestones.

**Source:** New York State Department of Health at:  
[http://www.health.ny.gov/health\\_care/medicaid/redesign/dsrip/overview.htm](http://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/redesign/dsrip/overview.htm)

## The Application Process

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Last fall, 25 Performing Provider Systems (PPS) were selected as lead agencies for DSRIP funding from approximately 50 submitted applications. Bassett Medical Center was selected as the lead agency for the Mohawk Valley area and has been named the Leatherstocking Collaborative Health Partners.

Initially, each PPS submitted a multi-part application on behalf of its geographic region. The application was based on a comprehensive Community Needs Assessment (CNA), which reflects the unique health care and cultural issues of the PPS. Each PPS could select up to eleven projects, designed to reduce avoidable Medicaid hospital use by 25% based on the unique health needs and utilization patterns identified by the CNA. The application addressed rationale for the selected projects and how they would be implemented across the PPS territory. The application also addressed a number of infrastructural themes that are pertinent to each of the eleven projects. These themes include: Workforce, Data Sharing, Cultural Competency/Health Literacy, Funds Flow, and Governance. Completed applications were submitted to the New York State Department of Health in December of 2014.

## The Leatherstocking Collaborative Health Partners

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Leatherstocking Collaborative Health Partners (LCHP) is the PPS covering Delaware, Herkimer, Madison, Otsego, and Schoharie counties. Over 80 local providers and community based organizations are partners in LCHP.

## The Eleven Projects

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The eleven projects selected by LCHP include:

- 2.a.ii Increase Certification of Primary Care Practitioners with PCMH Certification and/or Advanced Primary Care Models (as developed under the NYS Health Innovation Plan (SHIP);
- 2.b.vii Implementing the INTERACT Project (Inpatient Transfer Avoidance Program for SNF);
- 2.b.viii Hospital-Home Care Collaboration Solutions;
- 2.c.i Developing a Community Based Health Navigation Service to Assist Patients to Access Healthcare Services Efficiently;
- 2.d.i Implementation of Patient Activation Activities to Engage, Educate and Integrate the uninsured and low/non-utilizing Medicaid populations into Community Based Care;
- 3.a.i Integration of Primary Care and Behavioral Health Services;
- 3.a.iv Development of Withdrawal Management (e.g., ambulatory detoxification, ancillary withdrawal services) Capabilities and Appropriate Enhanced Abstinence Services within Community-Based Addiction Treatment Programs;
- 3.d.iii Implementation of Evidence Based Medicine Guidelines for Asthma Management;
- 3.g.i Integration of Palliative Care into the PCMH Model;
- 4.a.iii Strengthen Mental Health and Substance Abuse Infrastructure across Systems;
- 4.b.i Promote tobacco use cessation, especially among low SES populations and those with poor mental health.

## The Award Process

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DSRIP applications were a competitive process for the pool of \$6.42 billion. However, once the applications were scored and eligible funding was determined by region, DSRIP became a collaborative process. Each PPS must meet its goals (also known as Achievement Values) in order for everyone to receive payment. LCHP is eligible for approximately \$68 million in DSRIP funding. High performing PPSs will be eligible for additional funds.

## The Timeline

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DSRIP is a five year program that began April 1, 2015 and extends until March 31, 2020. The first year of DSRIP began on April 1, 2015 and ends on March 31, 2016.

## Reporting Plan

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PPS are required to report numerous statistics and progress on a quarterly basis to the New York State Department of Health. LCHP PPS will be paid by NYDOH semi-annually, and partner agencies within the PPS will be incentivized based on metric achievement.

## For More Information

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[http://www.health.ny.gov/health\\_care/medicaid/redesign/dsrip/](http://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/redesign/dsrip/)

<http://leatherstockingpartners.org/>