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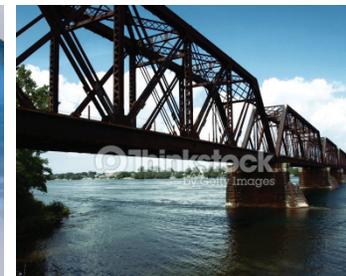
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# Moving Forward

With the launch of the CPWNY DSRIP program, we have begun the process of building the DSRIP team.

As this effort evolves, we encourage you to stay informed and engaged in CPWNY's work. A website — [www.wnycommunitypartners.org](http://www.wnycommunitypartners.org) — has been established to help keep all the members and partners up to date with current activities, the many DSRIP projects in which we are engaged, and other important developments related to the DSRIP program. Please take the time to visit this website and to familiarize yourself with the many resources available to you and your practice.

For information on the DSRIP program and specific initiatives, please contact the DSRIP team via email at [communitypartnerswny@chsbuffalo.org](mailto:communitypartnerswny@chsbuffalo.org).



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## Patient Care

Helping you to provide better care to your patients who are covered through the NYS Medicaid program including Medicaid managed care.

Catholic Medical Partners has demonstrated success in the population health business model. This success has largely been the result of collective creativity and passion for helping people. The DSRIP program seeks to leverage these skills and resources for the Medicaid population over the next five years.

Community Partners of WNY will help to fortify and expand the capabilities of the clinical offices.

The DSRIP team and Catholic Medical Partners will be providing your practice additional support to strengthen the delivery of care for your patients. As part of the DSRIP program, we will be hiring additional healthcare professionals, including social workers, care managers, pharmacists, analysts, practice transformation professionals and others, who will be available to support your practices. We will partner with organizations that will assist you in bridging any gaps in service, such as technology implementation, community health workers, transportation, and other social and behavioral aspects of care. Our approach will be based on best practices and evidence-based medicine.

This important transformational initiative will best position your patients and your practice to succeed in a value-based healthcare environment.



## New York State Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment Program (DSRIP)

This is a major New York State Medicaid reform initiative that is aligned with the mission and values of Catholic Health and Catholic Medical Partners. Medicaid patients in your practice have social, economic and behavioral barriers that challenge your ability to provide optimal care and treatment. The Medicaid population has higher utilization than the commercial population in the areas of preventable emergency room visits and avoidable hospital admissions. Over the next 5 years, the *Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment* (DSRIP) program will restructure the healthcare delivery system by encouraging community collaborations and system reform, with a goal of **reducing avoidable hospital use by 25%**.

To participate in DSRIP, New York State required the formation of Performing Provider Systems (PPS). The *Community Partners of WNY* (CPWNY) PPS was formed under the sponsorship of Catholic Health and Catholic Medical Partners. This community-wide effort in Niagara, Erie, and Chautauqua Counties is governed by a representative board established by the lead organization, Sisters of Charity Hospital, and supported by the project management team at Catholic Medical Partners. Community Partners of WNY is a network of more than 100 health, human service, government and educational organizations; 9 community hospitals; and over 1,000 physicians from across the region that will focus on transforming the delivery of healthcare in Western New York.

In order to reach the described DSRIP goals, each PPS was required to select from a menu of projects. These DSRIP projects will guide the healthcare transformation initiatives for Western New York.



## What are the CPWNY DSRIP projects?

The DSRIP efforts are being guided by Community Partners of Western New York, for which Catholic Medical Partners is providing overall project management under a contract with Sisters of Charity Hospital.

This wide-reaching collaboration of providers from the community is tasked with creating strategies to address ten important projects in our community.

These community-wide efforts are rooted in teamwork and collaboration, especially among providers, and between providers and their patients. Through this framework, we aim to identify and address potential gaps in care, improve the delivery of care, and improve the quality of medical care for the people of Western New York.

### 10 HEALTHCARE INITIATIVES

1. Create an Integrated Delivery System that is focused on evidence-based Medicine/Population Health Management
2. Emergency Department triage for at-risk populations
3. Care transitions intervention model to reduce 30-day readmissions for chronic health conditions
4. Expand usage of telemedicine in underserved areas to provide access to otherwise scarce services
5. Integration of primary care and behavioral health services
6. Evidence-based strategies for disease management in high-risk/affected populations (adult only - Cardiovascular Health)
7. Implement Nurse-Family Partnership, an evidence-based home visitation model for pregnant high-risk first-time mothers
8. Integration of palliative care into the Patient Centered Medical Home (PCMH) model
9. Promote mental, emotional and behavioral (MEB) well-being in communities
10. Promote tobacco use cessation, especially among low socio-economic status populations and those with poor mental health

## Our DSRIP Community

Similar to Catholic Medical Partners' work under the Accountable Care Organization (ACO) program, our efforts under the DSRIP program will be focused on a targeted group of approximately 85,000 existing Medicaid patients, the majority of whom have a physician relationship within the Catholic Medical Partners network or other PPS practitioner partners. This includes Medicaid Managed Care patients.

While many patients present complex healthcare needs and often require additional services, they may often encounter socioeconomic, cultural and other barriers to care. The DSRIP initiatives will help us address those social and behavioral barriers that may threaten or negatively impact the delivery of care.

