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RE: Integrating clinical information from the State Health Information Network of New York (SHIN-NY) with Medicaid claims data

Dear PPS and RHIO Executives:

Ensuring that clinical and claims data is available to providers across PPSs is critical to ensuring DSRIP's success. Integrating clinical information from the State Health Information Network of New York (SHIN-NY) with Medicaid claims data is a priority for the New York State Department of Health (the Department). Providing data that is timely, accurate, usable and easily accessible to support population health analysis and inform treatment and care coordination decision-making is critical to DSRIP's success. It is critical that PPS providers make clinical data available through SHIN-NY to other PPS providers by connecting with their Regional Health Information Organization (RHIO) also known as a qualified entity.

The Department is committed to leveraging the investments made to date in the SHIN-NY and the Medicaid Analytics Performance Portal (MAPP) with the goal of building a 360 degree view of a patient that is not constrained by organizational barriers. Comprehensive, secure, person-centric information and supportive technology that complements workflows will improve the quality of care delivered and reduce costs through better coordination of health and social services.

The Department's DSRIP-related investment decisions will aim to establish and evolve shared data and technology services to provide scalable cross-PPS solutions that will equitably benefit patients and providers across the state. Investments will aim to reduce redundant efforts and prevent the unnecessary procurement of duplicative technology by PPSs, thus minimizing initial and ongoing costs and maximizing value and return-on-investment.

To achieve this vision, The Department will continue to convene an open and collaborative governance process to: (1) Build upon the SHIN-NY policy standards that establish a trust framework for health information sharing (2) Inform and adopt technology standards that align with national approaches and address known interoperability issues (3) Identify and implement best practices to achieve operational efficiencies and reduce costs (4) Reduce barriers to and create incentives for adoption and participation (5) Ensure sustainability of the enterprise through providing demonstrable value to providers, patients and payers.

To ensure the Medicaid claims data are available we have formed a Clinical and Claims Data Integration team to complete the following:

- 1) Analyze policy and operational issues (ex: consent management, data governance/access, data quality and validation, etc.)
- 2) Assess opportunities and barriers related to leveraging existing SHIN-NY and MAPP capabilities.
- 3) Evaluate gap-closure options.
- 4) Inform an enterprise-wide data management approach.
- 5) Define an action plan related to implementation steps (funding, timelines, etc.)

As the strategy develops over the coming weeks we will continue to provide updates on progress, and specifically the impact on the PPS's and the RHIOs as it relates to investments, planning, and the implementation of the DSRIP projects.

Sincerely,

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Patrick J. Roohan, Director
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