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Dear Colleagues –

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## March 31st Patient Centered Medical Home (PCMH) Deadlines

There are two important PCMH-related deadlines fast approaching:

Last day to purchase NCQA PCMH 2014 Survey Tool License is March 31st: The survey tool license is required for 2014 PCMH recognition applications. The survey tool can be purchased from the NCQA online store at [store.ncqa.org](http://store.ncqa.org). Any questions regarding the purchase should be directed to NCQA Customer Service at 888-275-7585. For all other inquiries, visit [myncqa.org](http://myncqa.org), where you can submit questions about requirements, deadlines, options, etc.

Last day to sign up for CCB's online PCMH Technical Assistance resource is March 31: CCB is offering primary care practices not yet receiving technical assistance to implement the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) PCMH standards access to an online resource. The HealthTeamWorks online platform contains webinars, templates, gap analysis tools, and guides to help you prepare for PCMH recognition. If you are interested in signing up for this resource, contact the CCB Support team at [Support@CCBrooklyn.org](mailto:Support@CCBrooklyn.org) or (718) 355-9693. The deadline to sign-up has been extended to **March 31st**. You must also purchase the NCQA PCMH 2014 survey tool by March 31st to sign up for this online PCMH technical assistance.

## Patient Centered Medical Home Application Discount Code

The New York State Department of Health (NYS DOH), in partnership with the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA), is offering a 20% discount that can be applied to the 2014 PCMH recognition application fee, for clinicians who participate with Medicaid in New York. The discount cannot be applied to multi-site applications. For the discount code, and instructions for using the code, please visit [https://www.health.ny.gov/health\\_care/medicaid/redesign/pcmh.htm](https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/redesign/pcmh.htm).

## March 31st: Mental Health Service Corps Deadline

Community Care of Brooklyn is working with the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to promote the Mental Health Service Corps (MHSC), a program that provides behavioral health clinicians to primary care

practices who are interested in integrating behavioral health services in a collaborative care model. We encourage our primary care partners to submit an application to participate in this program. This program supports the PPS goal of promoting behavioral health integration into primary care. [The deadline to apply for this program is March 31st.](#)

Sites enrolled in MHSC will be assigned fully-funded social workers or mental health counselors who are committed to working in high-need communities that have barriers to mental health services. These clinicians will be supervised by an off-site licensed clinical social worker and/or psychologist, and will also be supported by a MHSC supervising psychiatrist.

For more information, please listen to the recorded webinar that gives an overview of the MHSC program and application process [here](#). For more information please visit <http://nycreach.org/qi-services/#mental-health-service-corps> or [Click here to view the application](#). If you have questions about the application process, please contact Emily Carroll at [ecarrol@health.nyc.gov](mailto:ecarrol@health.nyc.gov).

## Healthy Brooklyn: Community Centered Study

We are pleased to share the Healthy Brooklyn Community Centered Study, a Participatory Action Research project for Brownsville and East New York. Under the direction of the CCB Workgroup on Cardiovascular Disease in the Community, a collaboration between the DuBois - Bunche Center for Public Policy at Medgar Evers College, NextShift Collaborative (a team of consultants led by MIT Professor J. Phillip Thompson), students from the World Academy for Total Community Health High School (WATCH), and other community based organizations (CBOs) in Brooklyn, worked to build a deeper understanding of the social determinants of cardiovascular health in Brownsville and East New York.

Through a survey of 525 residents, the team explored the physical, mental, social, environmental and financial dimensions of health and developed a number of recommendations to lay the foundation for collective action. The recommendations focus on food justice and nutrition, and physical activity.

It is our hope that the findings and recommendations from this report will initiate a number of follow up investments, and that this work will serve as a model for participatory planning that promotes healthy communities and sustainable community economic development in Brooklyn. Click [here](#) to access the full report.

## Kings County Health Care Facility Transformation Program RFA Released

On March 9th, the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), Office of Primary Care and Health Systems Management (OPCHSM) and the Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (DASNY) announced the availability of funds under the Health Care Facility Transformation Program: Kings County, established pursuant to Section 2825-a of the Public Health Law, to strengthen and protect continued access to health care services in communities within Kings County whose residents are experiencing significant levels of health care disparities and health care needs compared to other communities within Kings County.

A total of up to \$700 million is available under this Request for Applications (RFA) to one or more health care providers located in Kings County. Eligible providers include general hospitals, residential health care facilities, diagnostic and treatment centers, primary care providers, and home care providers. Funds may be requested in support of projects that replace inefficient and outdated facilities as part of a merger, consolidation, acquisition or other corporate restructuring activity intended to create a financially sustainable system of care.

To receive funding, Eligible Applicants must demonstrate how the proposed use of the grant is consistent with the recommendations for facility investments included in "The Brooklyn Study: Reshaping the Future of Healthcare." The final report is available online: <https://www.northwell.edu/about/our-organization/northwell-ventures/brooklyn-study>.

## Mid-Point Assessment Final Reports & PAOP Meeting

At the beginning of February, the Department of Health (DOH) convened the DSRIP Project Approval and Oversight Panel (PAOP) to discuss the Independent Assessor's Mid-Point Assessment findings. As a reminder, the Independent Assessor's report on CCB included no recommendations for improvement. At the

PAOP meeting in Albany, each PPS gave a presentation providing a progress update towards the achievement of DSRIP goals, which was followed by an opportunity for PAOP members to provide comments or ask questions of the PPS. Dr. David Cohen, Chief Executive Officer, Maimonides Central Services Organization and Chair of the CCB Executive Committee presented on behalf of CCB. The PAOP members were very supportive of CCB's efforts and unanimously agreed with the Independent Assessor's findings.

CCB's PAOP presentation, along with the presentations from the other 24 PPS, a summary of the meeting proceedings and PPS recommendations from the PAOP, has been posted on the DSRIP website at [https://www.health.ny.gov/health\\_care/medicaid/redesign/dsrip/project\\_approval\\_oversight\\_panel.htm](https://www.health.ny.gov/health_care/medicaid/redesign/dsrip/project_approval_oversight_panel.htm).



### Measurement Matters

As part of our ongoing collaboration to achieve key population health outcomes, CCB is continuing our *Measurement Matters* segment to highlight DSRIP measures that drive our PPS' success. In this issue, we focus on two major long-term DSRIP goals – reducing avoidable inpatient readmissions and visits to the emergency department. The two DSRIP quality measures addressing these broad goals are:

Measure	NYS DSRIP Standard
Potentially preventable emergency room visits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Preventable emergency visits defined using revenue and CPT codes</li> </ul>
Potentially preventable readmissions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Readmission chains defined as discharge followed by one of more clinically related readmission within 30 days</li> </ul>

Together, performance on these measures account for over \$10 million in potential funding that could be earned by CCB. In addition, both of these DSRIP quality measures are eligible for high performance funds if the PPS achieves its annual performance goal. CCB is working to incorporate these measures into Schedule B agreements with several hospitals and community-based care management agencies in Brooklyn to take effect in DY3. Additionally, Schedule B agreements with CCB's primary care providers and community based partners, support efforts to ensure patients have access to appropriate sources of care outside the emergency room and that they have the supports needed in the community. These initiatives will help CCB to maximize earned funds to ultimately reinvest back into the Brooklyn community.

Feel free to reach out to us at [support@ccbbrooklyn.org](mailto:support@ccbbrooklyn.org) if your organization has innovative ideas for addressing these challenges in Brooklyn. For your reference, the full list of DSRIP quality measures applicable to all of CCB's projects can be found [here](#).

## PPS Network Opening

Between March 15-31, 2017, PPSs will be allowed to add providers to their networks. CCB's Network Support team is following up on expressions of interest to collect the information needed. Please contact [Support@CCBrooklyn.org](mailto:Support@CCBrooklyn.org) if you have suggestions about providers who might be interested in joining CCB.

## Talent Needed – Join the Maimonides CSO Team

We are looking to fill a number of positions in the Maimonides Central Services Organization. Requirements may be found on our website at: <https://www.ccbrooklyn.org/community-care-brooklyn/about-ccb/careers>. Qualified candidates should submit a cover letter along with their resume via email to [CSOtalent@maimonidesmed.org](mailto:CSOtalent@maimonidesmed.org).

Current opportunities include:

- Senior Analyst, Population Health
- Director, CSO Project Management
- Associate, Network Support
- Director, Provider Engagement
- Director, DSRIP Communications
- Coordinator, DSRIP Project Management
- IT Implementation Specialist



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