Happy Valentine’s Day, colleagues—

In this newsletter, you will find:

- CCB partners and staff in the wild at the 2018 DSRIP Learning Symposium
- Deadlines for MIPS reporting and webinars to help you submit data like a champ
- Gov. Cuomo announces $664 million in capital funds to support One Brooklyn Health
- An update on CCB bonus payments
- Your last reminder to submit the 2017 Workforce, Compensation, & Benefits survey
- Upcoming events and trainings!

Community Care of Brooklyn: Believe the Hype!

A group of CCB partners and staff participated in the 2018 DSRIP Annual Learning Symposium, presented our research, won an award, and showed some PPS spirit.

The DSRIP Learning Symposium is an opportunity for PPS staff and partners to showcase the successes they have had with the DSRIP program and share their innovations, accomplishments, and unique approaches with peers and colleagues from across the state and around the world. This year’s symposium featured a number of intensive training sessions, interactive workshops, poster presentations, and keynote addresses delivered by nationally and internationally known experts.
CCB’s own Kishor Malavade, MD, participated as a member of a panel of experts addressing “Building Cross-Sector Partnerships for Diversion, Public Safety, and Health” at the symposium (above), and Sara Kaplan Levenson, Executive Director of Brooklyn Health Home and key member of the CCB management team, won the event’s “Innovation” category with her poster, “Transforming the Delivery System for a Seriously Mentally Ill Population: Innovations in Care Coordination, Network Building, and Health Information Technology.”

As a play on the Olympic opening ceremonies, PPSs were asked to design a flag or banner for their PPS. The CCB team proudly carried flags that played off of the unique “Welcome to” and “Leaving Brooklyn” signs on a number of Brooklyn highways.

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**MIPS Reporting Deadlines Approaching**

*Click here to see if these deadlines apply to you.*

We’ve talked a lot about Medicare’s Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) lately (see here and here), so we’ll keep this short. MIPS REPORTING DEADLINES ARE APPROACHING.
Practices and organizations planning to submit data for the 2017 MIPS performance period can submit data now and must complete reporting by March 31 on https://qpp.cms.gov. However, organizations reporting as groups via the CMS web interface are required to submit data by 8:00 PM on March 16. Please see this video and fact sheet from CMS for more information on MIPS reporting. As a reminder, MIPS reporting will help avoid Medicare payment adjustments for certain providers in 2019.

Both CMS and IPRO, CMS’s technical assistance vendor, are offering upcoming webinars related to MIPS reporting. Click one of the links below to register:

Tuesday, February 20th 12-1 PM (IPRO, “Office Hours”)

Tuesday, February 27th 1-2 PM (IPRO, “Office Hours”)

Wednesday, February 28th 3-4 PM (CMS, “MIPS Quality Data Submission”)

Wednesday, March 14th 3-4 PM (CMS, “MIPS Attestation for Advancing Care Information and Improvement Activities”)

Network News: Governor Cuomo Awards Funds to Support Unification of Three Central Brooklyn Hospitals

Gov. Cuomo has awarded One Brooklyn Health System $664 million to update its infrastructure, develop a 32-site ambulatory care network, and increase access to quality care for Central Brooklynites.

NY Governor Andrew Cuomo recently announced a $664 million capital award to One Brooklyn Health System, comprised of three of CCB’s network hospitals—Brookdale Hospital Medical Center, Interfaith Medical Center, and Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center. According to a release from the Governor’s office, the money will fund “the development of an expansive integrated ambulatory care network, significant modernization at each of the three hospitals’ facilities, and the creation of an enterprise wide health information technology platform to improve coordination and delivery of care.” These funds will allow One Brooklyn Health to build upon work begun under the DSRIP program and address a number of longstanding facility needs while exploring opportunities to regionalize and/or consolidate services as appropriate to enhance quality and increase efficiency. CCB will continue to support transformation efforts in Brooklyn, including the formation of One Brooklyn Health and providing value-based contracting support, to improve the lives of people living in Brooklyn.

Bonus Payments Update
High-performing CCB partners were eligible to receive bonus payments. If you received notice that your practice was eligible for one, all you have to do is claim it!

In November, hundreds of CCB partners were notified of their eligibility for bonus payments for their contributions to CCB’s success achieving certain targets between July 2015 and June 2016 (DSRIP Measurement Year 2). As of January 31st, 140 partners have claimed over $3.6 million in MY2 bonus payments—but there are additional bonus payments that have yet to be claimed.

CCB bonus payments range from $1,000 to $150,000. Eligibility for a bonus payment—as well the amount of money issued to each recipient—directly reflected that recipient’s contributions to the DSRIP quality measures that CCB earned funding for during MY2.

**Speaking of bonus payments…LAST CHANCE to Complete 2017 Workforce, Compensation, and Benefits Survey!**

Partners must complete and return this survey by 2/23 to be eligible for a bonus payment.

On January 3, CCB partners received an email from BDO Consulting containing the Workforce Compensation and Benefits Survey, a DSRIP requirement that evaluates DSRIP’s effect on the compensation and benefits of providers in PPSs across New York State. The survey is to be completed and returned to BDO Consulting no later than February 23. **CCB partners that complete this Workforce Survey will become eligible for a bonus payment.** Questions? [Click here to download our FAQ document](#).

**UPCOMING TRAININGS**

**Instructor-led Trainings:**

(Unless otherwise noted, these trainings are held at the 1199SEIU Employment Center, 25 Elm Place, Brooklyn. Click the links below to register.)

- [2018 Care Management Training Series](#) Thursdays February 22-April 26, 9am-5pm
- [Social Determinants & the Law—Behavioral Health, Safe Living, Immigrants’ Rights](#) February 22, 9am-5pm
- [Youth Mental Health First Aid](#) February 28, 9am-5pm
- [Cultural Competency & Health Literacy](#) February 28, 9am-1pm
- [Motivational Interviewing](#) February 28, 9am-5pm
- [Social Determinants & the Law—Housing, Income, & Insurance](#) March 15, 9am-5pm

**Online Trainings:**

(Available anywhere, anytime in CCB’s Online Resource Portal! Completion of courses and post-tests may qualify users for CME or CEU credits)

To access these courses and others, existing users can log in to the [CCB Resource Portal](#) and view our complete catalog of online courses as well as register for upcoming instructor-led courses. New users can easily self-register to access these features (click below to watch a brief video explaining the registration process). Please contact our Support Team at support@CCBrooklyn.org if you have any questions or have any difficulty accessing these trainings the Resource Portal.
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