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Dear colleagues,

In this newsletter, you will find:

- [Resources available to providers, patients, and families looking to learn more about the impact proposed changes to public charges may have on them](#)
- [Information about bonus payments for MY3 performance—check your inboxes!](#)
- [A funding opportunity for low-resource providers to share their innovations and work at conferences close to home or across the country](#)
- [New NowPow trainings announced](#)
- [Opportunities to sign up for a Cultural Competency and Health Literacy course and many others in honor of National Health Literacy Month!](#)

Resources Available to Providers and Patients Concerned about Proposed Changes to Public Charge Rules

Providers are encouraged to refer patients looking to know more about how the proposed changes will affect them or their families to the CCB LegalHealth clinic (718- 355-9647). Providers may also call the confidential LegalHealth Public Charge Hotline (212-659-6188).



Some green cards applicants and people applying to extend visas may be affected by changes to a federal rule known as “public charge,” proposed on Wednesday. While the current test considers whether an individual is likely to become primarily dependent on the government for subsistence, based on their receipt of certain cash benefits or institutionalization for long-term care at government expense, the changes proposed will also consider the following types of public benefits:

Healthcare: Medicaid, Medicare Part D Low Income Subsidy

Cash assistance/food: TANF, SNAP (food stamps), SSI, State or local cash assistance programs

Housing: Section 8 and Public Housing

It is important to note that these changes are currently undergoing a formal review process and are not yet final. Requirements for immigrants in the U.S. have not changed and any change is months away. Providers should advise patients to continue seeking the care that they need and not dis-enroll from health insurance or SNAP without first consulting with an immigration specialist.

The [CCB LegalHealth Clinic](#) is an available resource for patients with concerns regarding these changes. If you have taken a Social Determinants of Health & the Law course, required for referral eligibility, we encourage you to refer any patients expressing such concerns for an appointment with the clinic’s highly qualified lawyer, [Melina Somoza, Esq.](#), who has an extensive background in immigration law and comes from a family of immigrants herself. Referrals can be made by calling (718) 355-9647.

Providers who have not yet completed the training are either encouraged to do so, or may call the LegalHealth Public Charge Hotline at (212) 659-6188.

Bonus Payments for High-Performing CCB Network Participants

Bonus Payments reflecting positive performance may be waiting for you. The amount slated to be distributed for MY3 performance is about \$15 million—only \$4 million of which has been released so far.

Last week, CCB notified hundreds of network Participants that they will be receiving a PPS bonus payment for their contributions to CCB's success in achieving certain targets **in DSRIP Measurement Year 3 (MY3), July 2016 – June 2017**. Schedule B agreements to support the release of these funds were issued via DocuSign to eligible Participants on Friday, September 21.

If you received one of these agreements, we encourage you to do four simple things:

1. Take a look at the agreement. Review your organization's performance on the measures listed in the second attachment, "Performance and Payment Summary" (This appears within the message as "MY3 – Bonus Reporting"). Measures that resulted a bonus payment are highlighted.
2. Complete the agreement via DocuSign. Include banking information for an electronic funds transfer and ensure all required documentation is completed.
3. Receive payment.
4. Pat yourself on the back and high-five your team (and, as always, contact support@CCBrooklyn.org if you have trouble or questions).

While CCB's budget includes funds that can be used for bonus payments each year, the amount slated to be distributed for MY3 performance is about \$15 million. Eligibility for a bonus payment—as well the amount of money issued to each Participant—directly reflected each Participant's contributions to the DSRIP quality measures for which CCB earned funding during MY3. As of this week, over \$4 million has already been released.

We know that many of you are actively engaged in additional activities that are currently underway at many Participant practices and organizations. Please note that CCB's budget allocates funding for additional bonus payments going forward, and your current efforts may be acknowledged at a later date. We appreciate all of the contributions that our Participants have made to CCB thus far, and hope that your continued engagement will help us collectively meet the ambitious aims of the DSRIP program!

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY: Sponsoring Conference Participation

The New York State Health Foundation (NYSHealth) is accepting applications for low-resource organizations to attend and present at local, state, and national conferences.

Many organizations across New York State are doing smart, innovative work that is relevant to NYSHealth's priority areas of [building healthy communities](#) and [empowering health care consumers](#) and its focus area on [veterans' health](#). These organizations should be elevating their work and informing key stakeholders at regional, statewide, and national conferences, meetings, and other convenings. Yet, because of a lack of time and resources, they often are unable to do so.

Through this Request for Proposals (RFP), NYSHealth will sponsor community-based organizations, health departments, and other low-resource organizations to attend and present at local, state, and national conferences related to building healthy communities, empowering health care consumers, and meeting the needs of returning veterans and their families. NYSHealth will support both organizations already engaged in this work and those new to these fields in New York State.

Please find the detailed Sponsoring Conference Participation in Support of Healthy Communities, Consumer Empowerment, and Veterans' Health [RFP here](#).

FREE NOWPOW TRAINING?

Enroll Today to Learn More about NowPow!

New dates are available for NowPow's NowRx webinar.

CCB and NowPow are teaming up again to bring you more free training sessions! (Speaking of which, CCB's work with NowPow recently got a shout out in [Crain's Health Pulse newsletter!](#))

[NowPow](#) is an online social services referral platform and social services directory that select CCB organization have been given access to. By using it, you can easily locate social services providers (*think: smoking cessation programs, family planning clinics, fitness classes, etc.*) in your area or the area that your patient lives or works in and send recommendations to patients in their preferred language.

If your organization has NowPow access and you are looking to learn more about the platform or have attended an earlier webinar on NowPow basics, this live webinar may be for you! Over the course of an hour, your instructor will provide an overview of NowPow's NowRx feature, display a live tutorial of NowRx, and answer any additional questions you may have.

Thursday, October 18, 4:00 – 5:00 PM ([Click to register](#))

Tuesday, November 6, 1:00 – 2:00 PM ([Click to register](#))

Thursday, November 15, 4:00 – 5:00 PM ([Click to register](#))

Tuesday, December 4, 1:00 – 2:00 PM ([Click to register](#))

Thursday, December 20, 4:00 – 5:00 PM ([Click to register](#))



ATTENTION: LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES AHEAD

UPCOMING INSTRUCTOR-LED TRAININGS

Unless otherwise noted, these trainings are held at the 1199SEIU Employment Center at 25 Elm Place, Brooklyn, NY. To offset some of the costs incurred by organizations to send certain staff to training, CCB provides its partners with stipends for the number of hours spent in training, and attendees may be eligible to receive CME or CEU credit. Click the links below to enroll.

- **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM** | [Motivational Interviewing](#)
- **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16 AND TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM** | [Microsoft Excel – Basic Training for Registries](#)

- **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16 AND TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1:30 PM – 5:30 PM** | [Microsoft Excel – Advanced Training for Registries](#) (Not sure which Excel course is for you? Complete this [self-assessment!](#))
- *Maximizing Registry Data: Advanced Excel Skills for Data Analysis*
 - **WEDNESDAY MORNINGS, OCTOBER 17 & 24, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM**
 - **WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS, OCTOBER 17 & 24, 1:30 PM – 5:30 PM**
- **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM** | [Navigating the Criminal Justice System](#)
- **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18 AND THURSDAY OCTOBER 25, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM** | [Coaching Techniques for Healthcare Supervisors](#)
- *Behavioral Health Care Manager (BHCM) Training*
 - [Day 1: Introduction To The Behavioral Health Care Manager Role](#) | **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM**
 - [Day 2: Problem Solving Treatment](#) | **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25, 9:00 AM – 2:30 PM**
- **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM** | [Mental Health First Aid – Youth](#)
- **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM** | [Cultural Competency & Health Literacy](#)
- **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM** | [Social Determinants & the Law: Domestic Violence, Immigration and Behavioral Health](#)

ONLINE TRAININGS VIA CCB'S RESOURCE PORTAL

To access CCB's catalog of CME or CEU-eligible online courses, existing users can log in to the [CCB Resource Portal](#) and browse the "My Training" section. New users can easily self-register to access these features (click below to watch a brief video explaining the registration process). Please contact support@CCBrooklyn.org if you have any questions or have any difficulty.

Previously Recorded Primary Care Webinars:

[Advance Care Planning in the Seriously Ill—Best Practices in Goals Discussion](#)
[Social Determinants and Health Disparities](#)
[Team-based Care](#)
[Care Planning](#)
[Risk Stratification](#)
[Care Management](#)

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