# INNOVATIVE
## Health Alliance
*of New York, LLC*

# Who we are...

The Innovative Health Alliance of New York, LLC. (IHANY) is a collaboration among doctors, health systems and health care providers in New York's Capital Region aimed at improving the health of the communities *we* serve by working together in new, more coordinated ways. In today's evolving health care landscape, clinical integration is essential to achieving better health for the community, better care for individuals and lower costs of health care.

# This Month's Priorities

1. **GPRO:** Our 2020 GPRO reporting is in full swing. Brian and his team will be reaching out for assistance with gathering the data we need to successfully report for Medicare's Shared Savings Program/MIPS, which directly affects our FFS payments. The practice teams have been great and we ask for continued cooperation as we work through this tight timeframe.
2. **MIPS APM Promoting Interoperability Reporting**: During the January 4th-March 31st reporting period **each practice (TIN) must report** their Promoting Interoperability(PI) data directly to CMS utilizing their *QPP Portal Account* as part of their ACO participation for 2020. *James Renner* has been working with your teams to review reporting and/or hardship applications as appropriate. You will select your best 90 day consecutive reporting period from 2020 to report.
3. **QRDA 3 EMR Quality Reports:** Beginning in 2021 and mandated in 2022 ACOs will need to adjust how we report our quality metrics. In preparation for this change we are asking that all practices run a QRDA3 report from their EMR for 2020. Once you have done this please notify *Brian Pinga* and he will work with you to set up a review of the report and/or provide additional guidance as needed.

# Spotlight

## IHANY Board Update

We are pleased to announce the addition of six new provider members to the IHANY Board of Directors.

**Avinash Bachwani, MD**
Dr. Bachwani received his MBBS (bachelor of medicine, bachelor of surgery) degree from Rural Medical College in Loni, India, and the University of Pune, India. He completed his residency at Ellis' Family Medicine Residency Program in 2005

(formerly St. Clare's Hospital) and is board certified in Clinical Informatics. Dr. Bachwani earned his Ph.D. in Information Science from the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences at the University at Albany with a primary specialization in Health Informatics and secondary specialization in Decision and Policy Sciences.

Dr. Bachwani currently serves as Vice President/Dr. Bachwani currently serves as Vice President/Chief Medical Information Officer at Ellis Medicine.

**Michael Burke, MD**
Dr. Burke earned his undergraduate degree in biology from LeMoyne College in Syracuse, his medical degree from SUNY Health Science Center at Stony Brook, and his MBA at University of Massachusetts, Boston. He completed his internal medicine residency at the Mary Imogene Bassett Hospital in Cooperstown, NY, and his geriatric fellowship from the Harvard Division on Aging at the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston. Dr. Burke is board certified in geriatric medicine, hospice, and palliative medicine. He is also a member of the American Geriatric Society, American Medical Directors Association, and the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine.

Dr. Burke currently serves as Chief Medical Officer for Continuing Care at St. Peter's Health Partners.

**Colleen Dibble, MD**
Dr. Dibble received her undergraduate degree from Duke University in Durham, NC, and her medical degree from Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, PA. She completed her internal medicine residency at The Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania and was a fellow in medical education at the Shapiro Institute for Education and Research at Harvard University, Cambridge, MA.

Dr. Dibble is board certified in internal medicine and currently practices at Ellis Primary Care – Mohawk Harbor in Schenectady.

**Cristine Espinosa, MD**
Dr. Espinosa received her undergraduate degree in biomedical science from The Sophie Davis School of Biomedical Education in New York, NY, and her medical degree from Albany Medical College in Albany. She is board certified in family medicine and a member of the American Academy of Family Physicians.

Dr. Espinosa currently serves as Chief Medical Officer and family medicine physician for Hometown Health Centers in Schenectady.

**Vishwala Kasbekar, MD**
Dr. Kasbekar received her undergraduate degree in neuroscience at the University of Rochester, and her master's degree in public health at George Washington University, Washington D.C. Dr. Kasbekar worked in public health for a short time prior to attending St. George's University in Grenada, West Indies for medical school. She completed her med-ped residency at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center in NJ.

Dr. Kasbekar is currently an internal medicine and pediatrics physician with St. Peter's Health Partners Medical Associates in Rensselaer. She also serves as chair of the IHANY Networking Committee.

**Wafia Sarwer, MD**
Dr. Sarwer earned her undergraduate degree from the University at Albany and her medical degree from Ziauddin Medical University in Karachi, Pakistan. She completed her residency at The Western Pennsylvania Hospital-Forbes Regional Campus in Monroeville, PA. Dr. Sarwer is board certified in family medicine and a member of the American Academy of Family Physicians.

Dr. Sarwer is currently a provider at St. Mary's Johnstown Health Center and serves as department chair of ambulatory care for St. Mary's Healthcare. Dr. Sarwer served on the IHANY Clinical Integration & Quality Committee between 2015-2020.

The IHANY Board of Directors is also pleased to recognize the appointments Keith Rebehn, MD, and William Kowal, MD, as Treasurer and Secretary, respectively.

Both providers have served as members of the IHANY Board for the past several years and will assume these new leadership positions effective January 2020.

---

# Education

---

## IHANY Path to Whole Person Care Resource Review: Hixny

### Wednesday February 17, 2021
### 12:00pm-1:00pm

Click *here* for the meeting invite.

Join us for a comprehensive review of Hixny's services. With recent updates to CMS's Quality Payment Program and our participation as a MIPS APM, Hixny is a valuable resource to support your practices' performance improvement. The Hixny team will review resources that will focus on Annual Wellness Visits, real time quality gap reports, and telehealth tips.

---

# CMS Billing Update

---

## REMINDER:
## Medicare FFS Claims:
## 2% added back to the bottom line!

Since 2013 CMS has applied a 2% reduction (know as sequestration) to all Medicare FFS (fee for service) claims. The two acts passed by Congress over the past year (CARES and the Consolidated Appropriations Act) suspended this 2% reduction from May 1, 2020 until March 31, 2021 therefore adding 2% back to the bottom line of your Medicare FFS claims. (information drawn from CMS MLN Network notification, 12/28/20).

---

# Population Health News

---

**CCD=Clinical Condition Documentation** – this program focuses on the complete and accurate documentation of our patient's current and chronic conditions, including assignment of the most specific ICD 10 (HCC) codes . With complete and accurate documentation, we are able to reflect the quality and complexity of care we are providing our patients.

**Eileen Jones R.N, BSN, MSHA, CRC is our new director of Clinical Condition Documentation**. Eileen along with Dr. Matthew Miles, CMO, look forward to working with you to support this very important work. They want to understand how they can best support you with your documentation and ICD 10

(HCC) coding initiatives.

To begin the education on Clinical Condition Documentation – a webinar titled **Clinical Condition Document (CCD) Provider Education** will be held on **February 11th at 6:00PM to 7:00PM ET**. The objectives for the education session are:

- Discuss how achieving complete and accurate CCD requires reflecting the patient's clinical status as accurately as possible
- Discuss how medical record documentation must support HCC coding for purposed of compliance and clinical accuracy
- Discuss the need to consider risk adjustment at all appropriate visit for the purpose of annual re-validating relevant diagnosis

**On February 11th at 6:00pm ET, Click here to join the meeting.**

**NOTE: CE Opportunity!** IPCE Credits (1.0 Credit) available for Physicians, PAs, Nurses(APRN's, RN, LPN) Pharmacists, Social Workers and Psychologists

Please reach out to Eileen Jones at jonesei@trinity-health.org with questions.

# Centers for Medicare & Medicaid (CMS) News

## Medicare Wellness Visits: Get Your Patients Off to a Healthy Start

Medicare covers wellness visits, and your patients pay nothing if you accept assignment. Recommend the Initial Preventive Physical Examination (IPPE) and Annual Wellness Visit (AWV) to get your patients off to a healthy start this year.

The IPPE or the "Welcome to Medicare" preventive visit is a one-time visit for newly-enrolled patients:

- Review medical and social health history
- Discuss preventive services

The AWV or "Yearly Wellness Visit" focuses on preventive health:

- Develop or update a personalized prevention plan
- Perform a health risk assessment

For More Information:

- Medicare Wellness Visits educational tool
- Medicare Preventive Services educational tool
- Preventive Services webpage
- Information for your patients on "Welcome to Medicare" preventive visit and Yearly Wellness Visit

# Next Steps

## We want to hear from you!

We would like to hear from each practice what their top 3 population health challenges are. For example: Care coordination, Quality data collection, Behavioral health integration, etc.

During the next few months Brian will be reaching out to collect this information and work through possible resources/solutions. In the meantime feel free to email Brian at brian.pinga@sphp.com to get the conversation started. We are hear to help you with your population health challenges.

[Learn more about IHANY](#)