



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. **Reports: Check your Sharefile, your Q121 Reports (AWV and Attribution reports) were sent Friday February 12th.** Starting in April, our team will be reaching out to hold regularly scheduled meetings to discuss items such as performance, workflow and measure specifications. *More to come!*
 2. **GPRO:** We are in the home stretch! 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 reporting period closes March 31st.
 3. **MIPS APM Promoting Interoperability Reporting: Before March 31st 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 (unless you have a qualifying exception/approved hardship from CMS). **James Renner** has been working with your teams to review your performance and reporting options. An instructional video released by CMS can be accessed in our Education section below.
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Education

In Case you Missed it... IHANY Path to Whole Person Care Resource Review: Hixny

Click [here](#) to view the recording.

Hixny (Health Information Exchange of NY) securely supports the flow of electronic health information through the Statewide Health Information Network for New York (SHIN-NY, pronounced "SHY-nee"), which is overseen by the New York State Department of Health through the New York eHealth Collaborative (NYeC). Hixny's

technology stack is designed to support additional data flow through regional or national networks as they come online in the future.

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.

MIPS APM 2020 Reporting: How to Report Promoting Interoperability (PI)

This video provides an overview on how to successfully report Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) data to the Promoting Interoperability performance category and meet the reporting requirements criteria for the 2020 MIPS data submission period. It also explains how to modify the Promoting Interoperability score by manually attesting to measures. Click [here](#) to view.

CMS Billing Update

IPPEs & AWWs: Comparative Billing Report in February

In late February 2021, CMS will issue a Comparative Billing Report on Part B claims for Initial Preventive Physical Examinations (IPPEs) and Annual Wellness Visits (AWVs). You're encouraged to use the data-driven tables to compare your billing and payment patterns with peers in your state and across the nation.

The public can't view CBRs. Look for an email from cbrpepper.noreply@religroupinc.com to access your report. Update your email address in the Provider Enrollment, Chain, and Ownership System to ensure delivery.

For More Information:

- [View a webinar recording](#)
- [Visit the CBR website](#)
- [Register for a live webinar](#) on March 10 at 3 pm ET

Population Health News

Ashley Zapp, LCSW is IHANY's new Manager of Care Coordination & the Post-Acute Network. Ashley has a background in research and is very interested in incorporating Trauma-Informed Care into our case management models. Ashley along with Deborah House, ICCS Clinical Executive, look forward to working together on institution of ICCS best practices and developing/formalizing our post-acute network.

What is ICCS?

Trinity Health's Integrated Care Coordination System (ICCS) ensures patients and families receive excellent coordinated care across our health system. ICCS touches all aspects of a patient's care journey across the care continuum – acute, ambulatory care centers, provider offices, home and pre- and post-acute facilities.

The ICCS is the structure that organizes our providers, clinicians, nurses and care teams to enable people-centered coordinated care. The ICCS brings together people, processes and technology under one integrated, care coordination team. The ICCS leverages an inter-professional care team to support patients and families to self-manage their health, by focusing on the patient's individual health care goals and what matters to the patient and family.

Post-Acute Network Development: the purpose of developing a formalized post-acute network of Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNFs) is to provide better health outcomes for the community and individuals at a lower cost of care. By partnering with selected SNFs we will be able to improve population health outcomes by collaborating on best practices in healthcare, including ICCS transitional care best practices. As a result of forming this network, IHANY will be working to reduce length of stay, readmissions, and spend per member per month costs. This network will also allow IHANY to maintain and standardize quality metrics across all of the facilities, including working collaboratively to ensure all network facilities earn or maintain a 3 star CMS rating. The maintenance of a 3-star rating is required to be able to utilize the Medicare 3 Day waiver.

Trauma-Informed Care: This is an organizational structure and treatment framework that involves understanding, recognizing and responding to the effects of all types of trauma. The research shows that early childhood trauma or Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) are prevalent in 60%-80% of adults. Trauma has long term consequences on the brain, immune system and complicates both chronic disease and behavioral health management.

The Trauma-Informed Care Implementation Resource Center has a great video explaining what TIC is and how it is effective in Primary Care settings. Click [here](#) to view.

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](#)
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We are here to help you.

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