Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment Update  

University Hospital is the lead organization for a multi-county collaborative that seeks to earn millions of dollars in incentive payments by launching innovative projects that reduce avoidable hospital use by Medicaid patients over five years, starting in 2015.

Through the Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment (DSRIP), the Department of Health promises to award $8 billion statewide to regional networks called Performing Provider Systems (PPS).

University Hospital leads a PPS of about 80 organizations, called the CNY Coordinated Care Network (CCCN). Through UUMAS, Upstate’s medical service groups are participating in CCCN. The PPS also includes hospitals, community health clinics, behavioral health agencies, nursing homes, health homes, home care agencies as well as social service organizations.

CCCN’s major efforts are expected to include primary care/ behavioral health projects, improved transitions in patient care, and population health initiatives. PPS initiatives will involve physicians, advanced practitioners, care managers and others who work with the Medicaid and uninsured populations.

CCCN took its first step last month when the DOH designated it as an “emerging PPS.” The next step is to earn a state planning grant for a community needs assessment that will help identify care access and transition issues, along with targeted projects. CCCN will also be forming the organizational processes for decision-making and cross-system coordination.

The DOH will determine the value of CCCN’s potential incentive payments, based upon the initiatives that are chosen and and the number of Medicaid members DOH attributes to the PPS. CCCN will have to achieve annual milestones and metrics to earn the payments.

The initial work on PPS development has involved Tom Quinn, Special Assistant to Senior Vice President for Hospital Affairs; Leola Rodgers, Associate Administrator for Upstate Golisano Children’s Hospital, Ambulatory Services, Oasis and HealthLink; Diane Nanno, Director of Transition Care Services; Lorraine Manzella, Administrative Director; and Cindy Jaconski, Health System Program Coordinator. Over the summer months the implementation is expected to broaden and to involve more formal planning structures.