



## Office of Mental Health

### Attention: Behavioral Health Providers

#### **Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment Program (DSRIP) Performing Provider System (PPS) Networks are re-opening for provider enrollment until March 9, 2015**

The New York State (NYS) Department of Health has announced that **providers will have another opportunity to join PPS networks through March 9, 2015**. During this period, providers will be able to join PPS(s) for the purposes of helping PPS(s) meet their performance goals and maximizing performance payments.

**If there are PPS networks which you would like to join, please reach out to your local PPS as soon as possible.**

**We strongly suggest you think about how you will make the case to the PPS(s) that you should join**, i.e., how you will help the PPS reach its specific project performance goals and the overall DSRIP goal of reducing avoidable hospitalization by 25% over the next five years. Bear in mind that DSRIP payments center on improving outcomes for the Medicaid population and the uninsured. This means that, generally speaking, the more your organization can improve health outcomes for your Medicaid and uninsured clients, the more DSRIP performance dollars you can drive to the PPS networks you are part of. You can view PPS applications, including PPS goals, and other materials, including [contact information](#).

#### [General information about DSRIP.](#)

The Office of Mental Health (OMH) is sending you this information in hopes that all of its licensed and funded providers become members of DSRIP networks. It will be important for your agency to participate in these networks and remain an essential provider in your community.

If you need technical or other assistance reaching out to your local PPSs, please contact Klynveld, Peat, Marwick, and Goerdeler (KPMG), the state's DSRIP technical assistance vendor at [Us-albadvrcdsripsup@kpmg.com](mailto:Us-albadvrcdsripsup@kpmg.com) and "cc" Jason Ganns at [jganns@kpmg.com](mailto:jganns@kpmg.com). Their regionally deployed teams should be able to help you connect with local PPSs.

If you have questions about DSRIP more generally, or about the Office of Mental Health's role, you can reach any of the following OMH DSRIP team leads: Doug Ruderman ([douglas.ruderman@omh.ny.gov](mailto:douglas.ruderman@omh.ny.gov)), Trish Langendorf ([patricia.langendorf@omh.ny.gov](mailto:patricia.langendorf@omh.ny.gov)), or Lynne Schaefer ([Lynne.Schaefer@omh.ny.gov](mailto:Lynne.Schaefer@omh.ny.gov)).

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Here is the announcement DOH sent the PPS leads, for your information:

Dear PPS Leads:

We would like to start by thanking you for all your continued efforts in developing your DSRIP plans. We know that there have been several important meetings and deliverables on PPS' timelines in recent weeks (PAOP, DEAA's, etc.) and, for these reasons, PPS may need additional time to finalize DSRIP partnerships before attribution for performance is run. Hence, the state will be extending the **new partner template due date to Monday, March 9 at 4 p.m.** New partner templates should be submitted to the State via email ([dsrip@health.ny.gov](mailto:dsrip@health.ny.gov)). The State will use the populated templates to add partnering providers to a PPS' network (on the PPS' behalf) in the MAPP System.

### **Attribution**

It is important that PPS remember that any providers added to a PPS' network through this process will **not** have an effect on their valuation. The addition of partnering providers to a PPS' network will have an effect on a PPS' attribution for performance and as well as the calculation of a PPS' performance baselines.

### **Attestation**

Any affiliate that a PPS includes in the new partner template will need to adhere to the same attestation guidelines as previously established; meaning, a signed attestation (electronic form is acceptable) from the partnering provider stating its participation in the network of the given PPS. These attestations will need to be on file with the PPS lead entity.

Do not hesitate to reach out to your regional DSRIP Support Team contact if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

The NYS DSRIP Team