



Innovation Fund Program Round 2

Alcohol & Drug Council of Tompkins County – Planning & Implementation Funds for a Detox/ Stabilization Program – The Alcohol & Drug Council of Tompkins County is committed to developing a 20-24 bed residential detox/ stabilization and rehabilitation program that serves Tompkins County and the surrounding communities. According to data provided by Care Compass, Medicaid beneficiaries with Substance Use Disorders in the north region have increased around 65% between July 2011 and June 2016. The detox/ stabilization and rehabilitation program will support a level of flexibility across the continuum of care in substance abuse treatment which does not currently exist in Tompkins County. Bed assignment and treatment interventions will be determined based on an individualized assessment and an evidence-based plan of care.

Community Health & Homecare – Implementing a Nurse Case Manager Program in Binghamton’s Low-Income Public Housing – By utilizing public housing as a vehicle for delivering healthcare services to low-income residents, the Nurse Case Manager Program (NCMP) has improve care for Medicaid beneficiaries in an effort to reduce patient Emergency Department visits, readmissions, and preventable admissions, thereby reducing costs. This program was implemented in Ithaca seeing savings of approximately \$1.6 million (not including savings from avoided ER charges, physician billings, ambulance fees, etc). CHHC, which implements the NCMP program in Ithaca, intends to replicate the program at the Binghamton Housing Authority (BHA). Housing more low-income residents, Binghamton’s NCMP will have a larger impact on the community. Once the program has been fully established, CHHC’s ongoing work will be funded through Medicaid reimbursements.

Family Counseling Services of Cortland County – Early Recognition Screening Program – Funds will be used to provide transitional support for the Early Recognition Screening Program that annually screens the social and emotional health of nearly 1,000 Cortland County youth (up to 21 years old) and connects families to community resources and services in order to promote success in school and in the community. Funds will be used to transition Early Recognition Screening to an alternative funding model that aligns with DSRIP Projects 4.a.iii. and 2.c.i. Recognizing the importance of early recognition and treatment, FCS has collaborated with school districts and other community organizations to increase the public’s awareness of available services and provide behavioral healthcare screenings for Cortland County youth. Screenings is a tool that can be used to direct healthcare resource, target clients for the right level of resource availability, and it screens out unnecessary and often more expensive clinical assessment by directing them to community resources best suited to resolving their problems.

Family Health Network – Mobile Medical/ Dental Unit – FHN is transforming a large motor vehicle specifically into a medical/ dental mobile unit. The vehicle will be strategically located where access is convenient to patients whom otherwise would have transportation or economic barriers to accessing care. the mobile medical/ dental unit will ensure that rural and impoverished locations have access to high quality, affordable healthcare that is integrated and patient-centered. Healthcare will be provided in a comprehensive, team-based, coordinated, accessible way that is always focused on quality and safety.

Gerould's Professional Pharmacy – COPD Management – Community Cares Health Solutions, a division of Gerould's Professional Pharmacy, Inc was developed on the belief that people, including the elderly, sick, and disabled, feel most comfortable in their home environment and with the right support, home is where they can remain. The COPD Management project focuses on those with COPD and other chronic respiratory disease and is an expansion of respiratory, pharmaceutical, and home safety services that engages and supports people taking an active role in managing respiratory diseases to help reduce avoidable readmissions and Emergency Room visits. Through disease education, therapy awareness, and home safety assessments, the CCHS team seeks to improve patient compliance and health outcomes through this multi-tiered, value-based payment structure based upon services provided and quality measures that demonstrate positive outcomes.

Our Lady of Lourdes Memorial Hospital, Inc – Diabetes CVD Prevention – To develop and implement procedures and interventions to improve the health status for Medicaid beneficiaries and the uninsured in Broome and Tioga Counties. Lourdes proposes to decrease the risk of developing Diabetes in over 3,700 Medicaid patients who are identified as being pre-diabetic. These interventions will lead to an improved glycemic control among patients with pre-diabetes whose hemoglobin A1C is between 6.0% and 6.4%. There will be a focus on interventions that can be reasonable and affordably adapted to the resources of a functioning primary care medical practice. Through ongoing interaction with patients including the utilization of advanced technology and social media, the program will provide increased support to those patients at risk for Diabetes. With these initiatives, Lourdes is expecting to see a reduction in inappropriate Emergency Department visits, as well as ongoing readmissions due to poor management of the risk factors associated with Diabetes.

Our Lady of Lourdes Memorial Hospital, Inc – A Healthy Partnership: Integrating Dieticians into Lourdes Primary Care Practices – Will implement a Medical Nutrition program in an effort to improve overall health of Medicaid beneficiaries. Recognizing the connection between healthy eating and better health, this program will create novel approaches to healthcare with the integration of Registered Dieticians into targeted Lourdes physician offices to provide direct access for patients to nutritional counseling and education. For those Medicaid beneficiaries located in an area where transportation creates a barrier to these services, Lourdes will also offer "Telenutrition" services that will also provide individualized assessment and education. Lourdes will also be collaborating with the Rural Health Network to provide a "Fruit and Vegetable Prescription Program", allowing access to these foods for those who are unable to afford or obtain fresh foods.

Rural Health Network of South Central New York – Fruit and Vegetable Prescription Program – To help prevent and manage chronic diet-related diseases in the adult Medicaid population, Rural Health Network is implementing a Fruit & Vegetable Prescription program (FVRx) to increase knowledge, skills and behaviors around consumption of healthy foods by improving financial access and supporting healthy change, thereby improving health outcomes for Medicaid beneficiaries and their families. The FVRx pilot program enhances the effectiveness of existing outpatient nutrition services to more effectively address social determinants of health and the barriers of transportation and income.

United Health Services Hospitals, Inc – Expanded Vestal Walk In & Ancillary Service Hours – Data shows that peak avoidable Emergency Department utilization occurs within two hours of Walk Ins closing at 5pm. United Health Services Hospitals will be expanding the organizational infrastructure of the UHS Vestal Walk In, Vestal Pharmacy, and Vestal X-Ray to support extended hours of operation and volume. Additionally, UHS will be implementing Clockwise, MD which is an online urgent care scheduling system that allows patients to book same day urgent care appointments at the Walk-In facilities when it is most convenient for them to get there. This will increase access to care and also increase patient satisfaction.