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## **Ensuring Community Engagement in Payment and Delivery System Reform Request for Proposals: Funding for Local DSRIP Activities**

### Background

New York State has undertaken significant initiatives to reform the way health care is delivered and paid for. The Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment (DSRIP) program and the Value Based Payment (VBP) initiative are intended to achieve improved health outcomes and better population health management, while at the same time, make service delivery more efficient and pay for value instead of volume.

MMNY has a two-year grant from the NYS Health Foundation to promote and support community engagement in these efforts. In particular, MMNY aims to ensure community-based organizations (CBOs) have the tools and support they need to become involved at the local level in DSRIP regions around the state.

The initiative has three goals:

- strengthen the capacity of community-based organizations throughout New York State that have historically served low-income people, people with disabilities, and vulnerable populations to engage in Medicaid system reform;
- gather and disseminate information from community-based health and human services organizations to share promising practices and inform policy recommendations; and
- generate and advance policy recommendations based on the experience of coalition partners, community-based organizations, and consumers.

### Support for local activities

Through its grant work to this point, including a statewide survey, regional focus group sessions, and individual interviewing, MMNY has gleaned a significant amount of information and broader understanding of the barriers CBOs face to participate effectively in DSRIP. The number one barrier to doing DSRIP community engagement work locally that CBOs have expressed is that they do not have the funds or capacity for this work.

To help overcome this barrier, and support the work of local CBOs across the state, MMNY will provide funding for activities associated with DSRIP community engagement. Funding will be awarded to pay for activities that would otherwise not happen due to lack of funding. Eligible expenses include:

- meeting expenses, such as refreshments, materials, facilities fees, equipment rental, etc.;
- material development, including tailoring MMNY materials to local needs and circumstances;
- printing and dissemination of materials;
- staff time; and,

- on a limited basis and dependent on availability, MMNY Coordinator travel expenses (should you wish to have on-site support and/or in-person presentations).

Technical assistance will be available throughout the process, including to aid with post-activity follow-up, depending on need.

Up to \$3000 per application may be requested. If an approved funding request is for \$500 or less, MMNY will provide funding up front. If an approved funding request is for \$500 or more, a process for invoicing and installments will be established between MMNY and the organization.

All activities must be complete by August 31, 2017. Brief reports on activities completed will be required.

### Applications for funding

Applications of **not more than two pages** should:

- describe the need for DSRIP community engagement efforts in your region and why it has not happened to this point;
- describe in specific detail what the money would fund the applicant to do;
- demonstrate the applicant's readiness to effectively carry out the proposed activities in a way that would contribute to the overall goals of the MMNY NYS Health Foundation grant project; and
- provide a budget for how the money would be spent.

Eligible CBO applicants must:

- be an incorporated 501(c)3 or operate under a fiscal agent that is a 501(c)3; and
- be a MMNY coalition member in good standing.

### Application details

Applications should be sent to Lara Kassel, MMNY Coordinator, by email to [lkassel@medicaidmattersny.org](mailto:lkassel@medicaidmattersny.org). Applications must include contact information, including name, phone number, and email address.

Please submit proposals by close-of-business on Friday, January 20, 2017 to be considered in the first review, which will begin Monday, January 23. Proposals received between January 21 and 31 will be considered if funding allows. All determinations will be made by Friday, February 3, 2017.

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