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Preparing Community-Based  
Partners for DSRIP Participation

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# Medicaid Matters NY

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- Statewide coalition of over 140 organizations representing the interests of New Yorkers served by the Medicaid program
- Established in 2003 in response to threats to Medicaid at the state and federal levels
- Systems advocacy on behalf of Medicaid beneficiaries is crucially important because of the many competing interests in Albany

# Advocates' perspective on reform

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- Medicaid consumer education and awareness
- Applaud the level of transparency and accountability built in, but must be attentive to overwhelming nature of info
- Must always include consumer and community perspectives in every aspect of reform
- Cultural competency; reaching people where they are (not just geography)
- Role and resources of CBOs and safety-net providers
- Social determinants of health
- Reform as a culture shift

# DSRIP community engagement: key themes

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As reported by CBO representatives across NYS:

- Tremendous leeway = a double-edged sword
- DSRIP is hospital-centric
  - Lack of understanding of community (despite needs assessments)
  - Recreating the work of CBOs inside hospital walls
- CBO capacity to participate
  - Participation with little or no compensation
  - Lack of staff capacity
  - “Initiative fatigue”
- DSRIP sustainability
  - Where is this all going?
  - What is going to stick?

# Thank you!

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