

# The DSRIP Digest

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## PPS Spotlight:

### Adirondack Health Institute (AHI) PPS Medical Village Transformation

**Reducing excess bed capacity and repurposing inpatient hospital infrastructure into “medical villages” is underway in the Adirondack region for three hospital organizations.**

There are various community needs identified as primary drivers of emergency department utilization in the region, including behavioral health, mental health and substance abuse. In the AHI PPS' service area, the conditions causing most inpatient admissions for Medicaid members are mental diseases and disorders and diseases and disorders of the cardiovascular system. These conditions account for 64 percent of admissions when grouped by major diagnostic categories (MDC). Behavioral health conditions (mental diseases and substance abuse disorders) account for 49 percent of admissions. Three new and distinct outpatient centers will provide services for the high-need, high-risk patient population through infrastructure modifications and renovations.

The University of Vermont Health Network - Champlain Valley Physicians Hospital (UVMHN-CVPH) is establishing a medical village focusing on the needs of seriously ill adults needing inpatient and outpatient behavioral health care services. The project involves renovating and repurposing unneeded inpatient hospital infrastructure to create an integrated outpatient Behavioral Health Transition Services Center. The center will aid patients during and after discharge to assure a smooth transition into the community, assist in the coordination of care, and establish systems for “warm” handoffs from the acute phase of care to a less-costly, non-hospital-based setting.

The Glens Falls Hospital (GFH) medical village project entails providing readily-accessible behavioral health crisis services to adults and adolescents, supporting a rapid de-escalation of the crisis facilitated by the appropriate level of service and providers. Plans are to renovate existing hospital space to create a new Crisis Stabilization Unit. The unit will be a single source of specialty care management for complex adult and pediatric patient conditions, with clear linkages to GFH hospital services, the Emergency Care Center, Health Home care coordination, and community-based organizations.

Inter-Lakes Health (Moses Ludington Hospital), with the assistance of a number of partner organizations, is developing a medical village that will offer a variety of robust, complementary health-related services for the convenience of patients on their main Ticonderoga campus. Among other transformed hospital services operated by University of Vermont Health Network - Elizabethtown Community Hospital (UVMHN-ECH), the medical village will offer high-quality, on-site primary care provided by Hudson Headwaters Health Network (HHN), emergency care, long-term care operated by Post Acute Partners under its Elderwood brand of Nursing Homes, laboratory services, radiology testing and existing senior housing under Lord Howe Estates and Moses Circle Senior Housing.

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## Recent News

The Department hosted its Second Annual NYS DSRIP Statewide Learning Symposium on September 20-22 in Syracuse, NY. All materials will be posted to the [DSRIP website](#) by October 7<sup>th</sup>.

DOH, OMH and OASAS have finalized guidance on space arrangements between two or more providers. This document provides guidance to Article 28, Article 31 and Article 32 providers that wish to integrate services through shared space arrangements with other licensed or private medical practices and describes the application process for various types of shared space arrangements. This guidance can be found [here](#).

## Upcoming Events

**October 6:** Final PPS Year 2 First Quarterly reports posted to DSRIP Website.

**October 6:** [VBP Region 4, Session 3 Bootcamp](#)

**October 7:** DSRIP Project Approval & Oversight Panel (PAOP) convenes for briefing on Mid-Point Assessment process. The meeting will be held in Albany at the Empire State Plaza and will be open to the public, however, there will be no opportunity for public comment.

**October 19:** [VBP Region 5, Session 2 Bootcamp](#)

**October 26:** [VBP Region 5, Session 3 Bootcamp](#)

**October 31:** PPS Year 2 Second Quarterly Reports (7/1/16 – 9/30/16) due from PPS

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