



Quarterly Meeting

Thursday, September 24, 2026

9:30 – 11:30 AM via Zoom

Welcome & Introductions

Thank you for joining us!

Please introduce yourself and tell the group what organization you represent.



Today's Meeting Agenda

Welcome & Introductions

Featured Presentation: Our United Hospital Fund Partners

LIHC Updates

- Ongoing Engagement
 - Fall Prevention Agenda Summit
 - Unique CHAS Link Updates
 - Ideas for 2027
 - Reminders

Discussion & Adjournment



Featured Presentation

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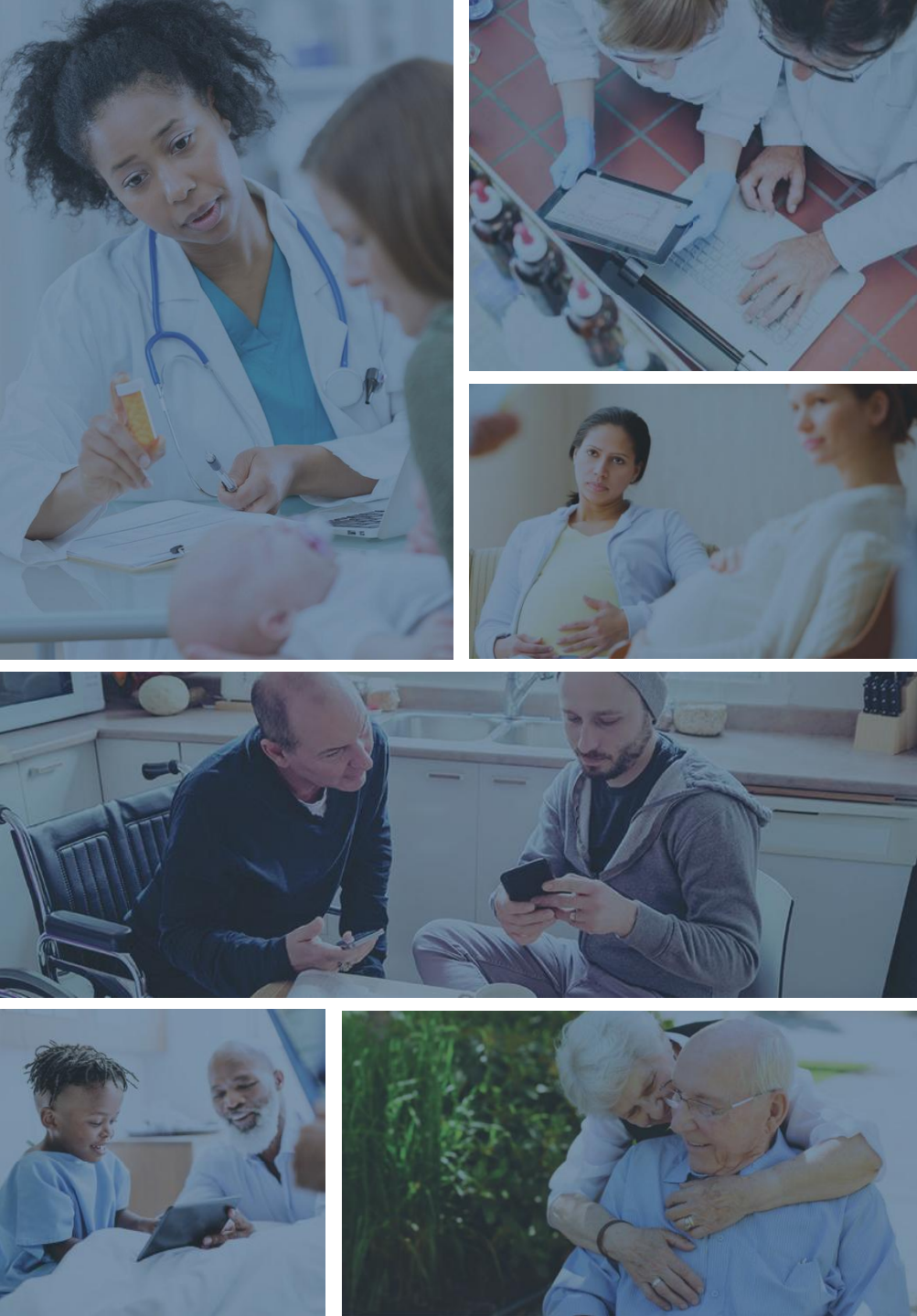
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**Improving Health Care
for Every New Yorker**





UHF Initiatives

September 24, 2026

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our mission

United Hospital Fund works to build an effective and equitable health care system for every New Yorker.

An independent nonprofit organization, we are a force for improvement, analyzing public policy to inform decision-makers, finding common ground among diverse stakeholders, and developing and supporting innovative programs that improve health and health care.

We work to dismantle barriers in health policy and health care delivery that prevent equitable opportunities for health.





NY's 1115 Waiver: Health Equity Reform Organization (NY HERO)

Goal: Transform Medicaid by advancing health equity and integrating social care

Effective Through: March 31, 2027

Key Investment Areas:

- Social Care Networks (SCNs)
- Workforce Recruitment and Retention
- Population Health & Integrated Care



The Role of the UHF in NY 1115 Waiver

Support regionally informed planning, collaboration, and recommendations to advance Medicaid quality and equity.

Data Aggregation & Analysis

- Build infrastructure for cross-sector data integration
- Analyze health outcomes, utilization, and social care connections
- Identify service, workforce, and HRSN delivery gaps

Regional Needs Assessment & Planning

- Leverage existing assessments and regional data
- Engage stakeholders to surface priorities and promising practices
- Develop Regional Health Equity Plans
- Inform statewide planning and waiver implementation

Value-Based Payment (VBP) Strategy

- Explore national models to inform NY's approach
- Engage stakeholders to shape sustainable payment models
- Develop proposals to integrate social care into VBP
- Support long-term financing for HRSN services



Medicaid Advisory Committee (MAC) and Beneficiary Advisory Council (BAC)

- Required by federal regulation to establish two boards to advise NYS Medicaid programs
- Assist NYS Medicaid program and Children's Health Insurance Program in providing access to highest quality and cost-effective care
- Advise and inform policy development
- Applications available in 17 languages



Medicaid Advisory Committee (MAC)

Who Should Apply?

- NYS-licensed clinical providers or administrators
- Individuals with professional experience in CBOs that represents or provide direct services to Medicaid beneficiaries
- Participating MCOs, health plan association and other state agencies
- Three-year term

Beneficiary Advisory Council (BAC)

Who Should Apply?

- NYS residents who are current or former NYS Medicaid and CHPlus members, family members and caregivers
- Two-year term

- **Recruitment**

- Service terms begin January 2027. NYSDOH is recruiting continuously; term lengths and group size are still being decided.

- **How Partners Can Help**

- [Medicaid Advisory Committee \(MAC\) and Beneficiary Advisory Council \(BAC\)](#)

A young child, likely a boy, is shown from the chest up, wearing a blue long-sleeved shirt with a yellow and white pattern. He is also wearing a black pirate hat with a gold skull and crossbones. He is holding a cardboard telescope to his eye and looking towards the left. The background is a light-colored wall with some colorful drawings or posters.

Looking Ahead

- **Roundtables**

Convene regional stakeholders to surface local priorities, promising practices, and gaps in health and social care delivery.

- Faith-Based Partnerships
- Partnerships for Sustainability

- **Interviews**

Conduct targeted conversations with healthcare providers, MCOs, CBOs, and community partners to add depth and context to the regional data.

- **Regional Needs Assessment & Population Health Plan**

Synthesize data and stakeholder input into regional needs assessments that roll up into the statewide population health plan.

A woman with dark skin, wearing a vibrant yellow knit sweater and a colorful patterned headwrap, is seated at a table. She is looking down at something in her hands. The background shows a wooden cabinet and shelves with various items.

THANK YOU

Questions or if you would like to collaborate with us.....

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LIHC Updates

Case Study

- Sub-group met to discuss first draft, now editing
- Researching journals, planning to tailor submissions



Initial goal: produce article for publication in a journal to inform the field and for all to take collective ownership; reflect on what the LIHC has accomplished, what we're currently doing, and how the LIHC should proceed to maintain its relevance and collective impact

Ongoing Engagement

Fall Prevention Agenda Summit

Date, Time, and In-Person LI Location to Come



Coordinated by The New York State Association of County and City Health Officials (NYSACCHO)

Purpose: convene hospitals, county representatives together, and community-based organization partners and provide technical assistance, education, and other supports to help you achieve your NYS Prevention Agenda goals



Ongoing Engagement

Community Health Assessment Survey (CHAS) Promotion

- Links and paper versions available on [LIHC website](#)
 - English: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LICHASENG>
 - Spanish: <https://es.surveymonkey.com/r/LICHASESP>
- Please distribute links, QR codes and/or paper copies via digital newsletters, at events, on social media, etc.
- Individual links for hospitals and health departments; questions, comments?
- Q3 progress reports coming after September ends

Ongoing Engagement

Looking to 2027...

- New Cluster groups and initiatives
- What do you want to see our coalition achieve?

Ongoing Engagement - Reminders

Collaborative Communications

- Bi-weekly email newsletter to 400+ contacts
- Submit your free events, resources, jobs, and more to lihc@nshc.org
- [Subscribe to Collaborative Communications](#)

LIHC Events Calendar

- Submit your events [here](#)

Walk Safe Long Island & Walk Safe with a Doc

- Opportunity to partner on a walk, pedestrian safety program, or press event
- LIHC handles coordination, just asks for your efforts to co-promote
- More pedestrian safety resources: walksafeli.org

Ongoing Engagement - Reminders

Live Better Campaign

- Ongoing chronic disease prevention/management campaign with greater emphasis on nutrition and smoking cessation added to align with regional Prevention Agenda priorities

Ongoing Promotion

- [Cultural Competency & Health Literacy 101](#) free 1-hour CCHL static training module
- [Building a Future in Mental, Behavioral, & Cognitive Healthcare](#) workforce development guide that resides on LIHC website
- [Resources for Young Adults with Chronic Conditions](#) digital resource guide for young adults with a chronic condition



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Discussion



2026 LIHC Meetings

Virtual quarterly meetings to continue, registration links on [LIHC website](#) and below:

- Thursday, December 3, 2026 | 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM | [12/3/26 Registration](#)

2027 meeting dates to come in December!

Adjournment

Thank you!

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