

VBP Initiatives to Spark Interest and Engagement

United Hospital Fund Partnerships for Early Childhood Development Initiative

This initiative involves pediatricians working with community-based organizations to address social determinants of health that affect young children, including food insecurity, child care needs, and unstable housing. The initiative was launched in 2017. Since then, 12,000 families have been screened for these social determinants and 2,000 families were referred to participating community-based organizations. More than 1,500 families made contact with the CBOs. Pediatricians are affiliated with eight New York City health systems.

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Tracking Better Quality Care and Paying for It

A mental health-based technology company partnered with insurer Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Carolina to help the insurer create a value-based payment model for mental health. Blue Cross will offer its network behavioral health providers access to the technology firm's platform that will help providers track patients' care and communicate with their primary care doctors. Behavioral health providers who demonstrate they provide quicker access to appointments, better communication, and improved health outcomes will receive higher payments from the insurer.

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New York City VBP Pilot Generates \$1.3 Million in Medicaid Savings

Mount Sinai Health System, Healthfirst, and the Institute for Community Living joined forces on a value-based pilot program that improved the quality of care for more than 400 Medicaid recipients. The two-year pilot focused on Healthfirst members living with chronic medical conditions and mental illness or substance abuse disorders. Mount Sinai provided physical and behavioral health services as well as a health care for care management. The Institute for Community Living provided home and community-based services (HCBS). Healthfirst financed the treatment group.

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Behavioral Health Independent Practice Associations Seize Strength in Numbers

Advanced Health Network and Recovery Health Solutions last year joined forces and entered into a strategic affiliation. The partnership means an expanded geographic footprint, and it improves attractiveness and opportunities for VBP contracts with health plans. The comprehensive network now spans the five boroughs and Nassau and Suffolk counties.

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