

## EDUCATION

### Local Fall Meetings To Be Held in Staten Island, Vestal, Manhasset and Williamsville New York

Take advantage of 3 easy ways to register for these fall events: 1) online, 2) by fax or 3) by mail. Complete details can be found on our website:

<http://www.nyacp.org/education>

### The Academy of Medicine of Richmond

(co-sponsored by NYACP Staten Island District)

Thursday, October 17, 2013

7:00pm - Dinner and Program

Regina McGinn Educational Center

Staten Island University Hospital North

475 Seaview Avenue, Staten Island

*Program: Opioids and How Best to Protect Your Practice*

### Southern Tier District Meeting

Tuesday, October 24, 2013

6:30pm - Dinner and Program

P.S. Restaurant 100 Rano Blvd., Vestal

*Program: Accountable Care: Opportunities for Shaping our Future; Pulmonary Hypertension - What is it?; and Social Media in Healthcare*

### North Shore LIJ Grand Rounds

(co-sponsored by ACP and NYACP)

Thursday, October 24, 2013

8:00 - 9:00 am

North Shore University Hospital

300 Community Drive, Manhasset

*Program: - Best Practices on Improving Adult Immunization Rates*

### Buffalo District Meeting

Wednesday, October 30, 2013

6:30pm - Dinner and Program

The Protocol Restaurant

6766 Transit Rd., Williamsville

*Program: Understanding Accountable Care Organizations; and Health Care Reform Implementation Update*

## ADVOCACY

### Connect Your Patients to Community Navigators within the New Health Insurance Exchange

New York's Health Insurance Benefit Exchange, "New York State of Health" opened for enrollment last week on October 1, 2013.

Navigators, in-person assistants, brokers and agents who are trained and certified by the Marketplace will be available to provide guidance on the enrollment process.

They will help raise awareness about coverage options; help your patients fill out application forms; determine if your patients are qualified for financial assistance; provide impartial advice on choosing a plan; and refer your patients to the state Medicaid agency, ombudsmen or other assistance organizations as needed.

Customer support will be available in person, online, and via phone. Assistance will be available in multiple languages.

Access the NYACP's new online resource for the following informational resources:

<http://www.nyacp.org/nystateofhealth>

#### Resources:

- *Interactive Map for In-Person Assistance or Community Navigators*
- *NY Federally Qualified Health Centers Providing Enrollment Support*
- *Interactive Map for Certified Health Plans in your County*
- *ACP Patient Information Sheet – Do You Need Coverage?*

## QUALITY

### Submit Quality Data and Earn Medicare Incentives

Providers must report clinical quality measures (CQMs) to CMS to demonstrate meaningful use under the EHR Incentive Programs. For 2013, there are two options for reporting: 1) *the CMS Attestation System* OR 2) *through electronic reporting pilots*.

**ATTESTATION SYSTEM** - Log in to the CMS Registration and Attestation system and enter three core or alternate core measures (only report an alternate core measure if one of the core denominators is zero) **AND three additional measures** from a list of 38 from your certified EHR technology. You must report a total of six Clinical Quality Measures. <https://ehrincentives.cms.gov/hitech/login.action>

**ELECTRONIC REPORTING PILOTS** - Eligible physicians can submit CQMs through the electronic *PQRS-Medicare EHR Incentive Pilot*. If you complete the pilot, successfully attesting to meaningful use and submitting your PQRS data properly, you should receive a payment for your 2013 participation in both PQRS and the Medicare EHR Incentive Program.

Payment will not be received prior to 2014, as you must submit 12 months of CQM data (January 1, 2013- December 31, 2013).

[http://cms.gov/eHealth/downloads/CMS\\_PQRS\\_ParticipationDocument.pdf](http://cms.gov/eHealth/downloads/CMS_PQRS_ParticipationDocument.pdf)

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