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Home Care, Hospital Associations to Launch Statewide Summit on “Transformative Collaborations”

Novel plan for coordinating and strengthening the health system

ALBANY, NY — Home care and hospital association representatives in New York State are launching a first-of-its-kind statewide summit promoting **Models of Transformative Collaboration** for an innovative, more coordinated and stronger state health care system. The Summit will be held virtually on Thursday, Dec. 2, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Top state officials, health care leaders and statewide participants will speak on new levels and tremendous possibilities of collaborative health care efforts for New Yorkers. Expected participants are representatives of the Hochul Administration, state Departments of Health and Mental Health, state and regional association leaders and representatives from hospitals, home health agencies, physicians, long-term care facilities, mental and behavioral health, health plans, hospice and other continuum partners across the state.

This Summit is part of the broader *Statewide Hospital-Home Care Collaborative* that is being co-led by the Home Care Association of New York State (HCA)/HCA Education and Research, Healthcare Association of New York State (HANYS)/Healthcare Educational and Research Fund and Iroquois Healthcare Association (IHA). Both the *Collaborative* and Summit are supported by a grant from the Mother Cabrini Health Foundation.

“In the Summit and *Statewide Hospital-Home Care Collaborative*, we are working together to promote a shared vision of system collaboration to improve the functionality of community health systems, health outcomes and overall population health,” said HCA’s President and CEO Al Cardillo. “We are identifying and promoting ways that hospitals, home care agencies and physicians can further combine as pivotal partners in the provision of service, quality and cost-effectiveness in the care continuum.”



“COVID-19 has demonstrated the importance of health system collaboration,” said HANYS President and CEO Bea Grause, RN, JD. “When hospitals and partners work together, they accomplish remarkable results. Throughout the Collaborative, we have highlighted truly transformative models of primary and post-acute care partnership that merit consideration and replication across the health care system. We look forward to continuing this work at the upcoming Summit.”

IHA President and CEO Gary J. Fitzgerald said “Collaboration is especially critical for the success and capabilities of rural and smaller community health systems. Close partnering and coordination of the local resources extends and strengthens their capacities for health care access and quality.” Fitzgerald said: “The models being featured in the *Statewide Hospital-Home Care Collaborative* and discussed in the summit offer opportunities for all regions – rural and small community, suburban and metropolitan.”

Learn more about the Dec. 2 summit and the HCA, HANYS and IHA overall *Collaborative* initiative by visiting the Collaborative website at <https://hca-nys.org/statewide-hospital-home-care-collaborative>. This page also includes collaborative resources and tools, as well as information on monthly webinars from September 2021 through March 2022 to help chart future directions in care (<https://hca-nys.org/statewide-hospital-home-care-collaborative#newwebinars>).

About the [Home Care Association of New York State](#): HCANYS is a statewide health organization comprised of nearly 400 member providers and organizations delivering home and community-based care to several hundred thousand New Yorkers annually. HCA works to support providers in the delivery of high-quality, cost-effective home and community-based care for the state’s citizens. HCA providers include hospitals, nursing homes, freestanding agencies and health systems that operate certified home health agencies, licensed home care services agencies, managed long term care plans, hospices, long term home health care programs, waiver programs and an array of allied, supportive services entities.

About the [Healthcare Association of New York State](#): HANYS is New York’s statewide hospital and continuing care association, representing nonprofit and public hospitals, nursing homes, home care agencies and other healthcare organizations. HANYS is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to advance the health of individuals and communities by providing leadership, representation and service to healthcare providers and systems across the entire continuum of care.

About the [Iroquois Healthcare Association](#): IHA is a regional healthcare trade organization representing 54 hospitals and health systems, spanning over 28,000 square miles, across 32 counties of Upstate New York. IHA is the leading resource for facilities and professionals bringing quality health care to the region. IHA represents the unique needs of rural, small community safety-net providers to large, academic medical centers in Upstate New York’s urban areas through advocacy, education and information, cost-savings initiatives and innovative business solutions.



About the [Mother Cabrini Health Foundation](#): MCHF is a private, nonprofit organization with the mission to improve the health and well-being of the vulnerable New Yorkers, bolster the health outcomes of targeted communities, eliminate barriers to care, and bridge gaps in health services. Named in memory of a tireless advocate for immigrants, children, and the poor, the Mother Cabrini Health Foundation provides flexible support for new and innovative approaches that enhance health and wellness across New York State.

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