

## Latest PPS News

### Community Pharmacists Working to Improve Patient Medication Adherence

Community pharmacists are on the front lines of patient care and play a key role in helping people who rely on their medications to stay healthy and out of the hospital.

They know their community members, many of whom have complex medical conditions and will come through their doors ten times in a month. They educate patients about taking their medications correctly, make sure they are following through on physician recommendations, guide them to preventive services, and more.

Community pharmacists who serve on BPHC's Pharmacy Workgroup are looking at the challenges pharmacies face in serving our patients and helping to develop solutions that align with DSRIP goals. Recently, the Workgroup collaborated with BPHC to educate patients who are on antipsychotic medication on the importance of A1C testing.

Medication adherence has been identified as an issue that pharmacies across the board seek to improve. Antidepressant medication management for the "acute" and "continuation" phases of treatment are also priority measures for our PPS.

In April, several pharmacies began a pilot to identify and follow up with patients in these two phases of their antidepressant medication treatment and measure patient compliance with filling their prescriptions pre- and post-intervention. We look forward to reporting on their results.



Several members of our Pharmacy Workgroup spoke with BPHC's Project Advisory Committee about their work to improve medication adherence among community members. Ruth Cassidy, SBH Chief Pharmacy Officer, moderated the discussion.

Participating pharmacies are: E Jerome Pharmacy, J&N Pharmacy, Jolin Pharmacy, Mount Carmel Pharmacy, and Total Care Pharmacy.

For more information, contact [Dr. Amanda Ascher](#).

### New DSRIP Whiteboard Video Focuses on VBP

Jason Helgerson, New York State Medicaid Director, has released his newest whiteboard video, "[Value Based Payment \(VBP\) and The Year Ahead.](#)"

Helgerson discusses progress to date on VBP, including an update on the percent of Medicaid payments that are currently value based. He also describes ways to move into VBP arrangements and what is next for VBP as we move forward. [Click here](#) for the video.

### PPS Resource Directory Update

BPHC welcomes two PPS members that recently joined our Resource Directory:

**Davidson Community Center**  
**People Care**

Visit [BronxResourceDirectory.org](http://BronxResourceDirectory.org)

Contact **Albert Alvarez** with questions.

### Workforce Training Update

**Cultural Competency**  
**Thursday, June 8**

We have a few openings in our "Cultural Competency in the Bronx Training" being held on June 8th at 2501 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY. (Registration for our June 23rd training is closed.)

This one-day, in-person training gives staff the skills and insights to provide services through the lens of culture, beliefs, language and communication styles.

The program addresses issues of race, ethnicity, religion, disability and sexual identity in the context of how people access care and other services.

These sessions, focused on the Bronx, are interactive and enable staff to learn and practice skills that will benefit their daily work with community members.

[Click here](#) for more information and to register.

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