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Local Application Receives \$500,000 Under New York State DSRIP Program
Catholic Medical Partners will act as lead organization for widespread effort

BUFFALO, NY – A collaboration of more than 100 health and social service organizations and nearly 1,000 physicians from across Western New York has been selected as a Western New York recipient of funding under the New York State Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment program (DSRIP). Catholic Medical Partners will act as the lead organization under the \$500,000 DSRIP Design grant, which was announced by the New York State Department of Health.

According to the Department of Health, the DSRIP program, which was established earlier this year, will allow the state to reinvest \$8 billion in federal savings generated by the Medicaid Redesign Team reforms. Those funds are being used to address critical issues across the state and encourage comprehensive reforms. The DSRIP program promotes community-level collaborations and focuses on reforming the healthcare delivery system, specifically a goal to achieve a 25 percent reduction in avoidable hospital use over a five-year period. The state solicited proposals from healthcare organizations to evaluate their approach to addressing the needs of the communities they serve, and Catholic Medical Partners' proposal was selected for the \$500,000 award.

“We are grateful that New York State has decided to invest in our vision for improving the way healthcare works in Western New York,” said Dennis R. Horrigan, president and CEO, Catholic Medical Partners. “Improving healthcare delivery while containing the cost trend has been our focus for several years. Through the leadership of our nearly 1,000 physicians, Catholic Medical Partners, together with our partners at Catholic Health, has made tremendous strides in transforming the delivery of care locally. This same leadership will be essential in fulfilling the goals of the DSRIP program.”

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In addition to Catholic Health and other hospital providers, Catholic Medical Partners will work with a wide network of community-based organizations, including the Buffalo Urban League, Catholic Charities, several Western New York behavioral health providers, and several other organizations.

“The mission and values of Catholic Health are rooted in the human side of healthcare, and reaching out to all who need care and healing,” Horrigan added. “We look forward to working with community-based agencies from throughout Western New York to better integrate care and to eliminate barriers to care, including social and economic barriers, which may exist for our target populations.”

Since its formation in 1996, Catholic Medical Partners has established itself as a recognized leader, locally, regionally, and nationally, in health system improvement. Last year, the organization was one of the first 27 organizations in the country chosen to participate in the federal Medicare Shared Savings Accountable Care Organization (ACO) program, which is aimed at improving quality and realizing cost savings in providing healthcare for Medicare patients.

“We have committed ourselves to a clinical improvement agenda based on teamwork and collaboration: collaboration between physicians, collaboration between physicians and their patients, and collaboration between physicians and other providers,” said Michael Edbauer, DO, chief medical officer, Catholic Medical Partners. “This culture of collaboration and of interdependence has set a framework by which we aim to improve the delivery of care, identify and address potential gaps in care, and improve and ensure quality for the tens of thousands of patients who entrust their care to our physicians.”

A network of nearly 1,000 physicians, Catholic Health and Mount St. Mary’s Hospital, Catholic Medical Partners is the largest group of independent practicing physicians in Western New York. Through the development and implementation of clinical integration programs, the organization and its members are focused on improving the efficiency, safety and quality in delivering medical care based on coordination, an educated and involved patient population and the sharing of information and resources that will make a difference in patients’ lives. For information, visit www.CatholicMedicalPartners.org.