

On September 18, 2024, the New York eHealth Collaborative (NYeC) opened a 30-day public comment period related to a <u>proposed Statewide Common Participation Agreement (SCPA)</u>, a foundational component of the implementation of <u>recent regulatory amendments</u> governing the Statewide Health Information Network for New York (SHIN-NY). NYeC extends appreciation to the SHIN-NY Qualified Entities (QEs), members of the SHIN-NY Policy Committee and ad hoc workgroup, and all stakeholders who submitted comments. The feedback received was incredibly valuable, and continues to help inform NYeC and the Department of Health (DOH) as we navigate this process in a way that best serves providers and patients across New York by advancing the State's current and future health information exchange (HIE).

NYeC continues to thoroughly analyze all comments and consider potential modifications to the SCPA and/or the implementation process. When complete, we will publish a summary of comments received and accompanying responses prior to the release of an amended agreement and accompanying implementation plan. In the immediate short term, however, NYeC is announcing that the SCPA will <u>not</u> be released for execution on January 1, 2025, as previously planned. We are still determining appropriate revised timelines and will share more information when it becomes available.

NYeC, on behalf of DOH, remains committed to successful SHIN-NY reforms, which will benefit SHIN-NY participants and their patients, and are required by regulation. The reforms will allow health records to be made available statewide, will allow every participant to choose where and how they obtain HIE services, and will facilitate statewide services such as those supporting the NYHER 1115 waiver program, ensuring decisions about data use are transparently vetted by a Statewide Data Use Committee comprised of SHIN-NY participants and aligned with SHIN-NY privacy and security policies and procedures.

Further information about SHIN-NY Reforms, including links to a <u>webinar recording</u> and <u>FAQ</u> <u>document</u> related to the proposed SCPA, can be found on <u>NYeC's website</u>. Any questions related to the SCPA or implementation process can be directed to <u>afitz@nyehealth.org</u>.