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**NYeC ANNOUNCES LAUNCH OF STATEWIDE COMMON PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT (SCPA)
FOR STATEWIDE HEALTH INFORMATION NETWORK FOR NEW YORK (SHIN-NY)**

*Common Sense Adjustments Will Make the SHIN-NY More Efficient & Nimble in Increasingly
Dynamic Healthcare Landscape*

*By Creating One Standard System, Data Collection Will be Consistent Across New York, Benefitting
Providers, Public Health Agencies, Patients*

The New York eHealth Collaborative (NYeC) today announced that the New York State Department of Health (the Department) has approved the [Statewide Common Participation Agreement \(SCPA\)](#), the first step to implement regulatory reforms to New York’s statewide public health information system – the Statewide Health Information Network for New York (SHIN-NY) – since its inception in 2016. The SCPA is a new, common legal framework for all health care entities that participate in the SHIN-NY and establishes a data sharing agreement to make the state’s health information exchange more efficient, more robust, and more valuable to New York’s healthcare community.

The new SCPA will modernize the health information exchange system, so that providers and public health agencies can get the authorized or permitted data they need, how and when they need it, to better care for patients – making the SHIN-NY more effective and nimble enough to respond to an increasingly dynamic healthcare landscape. The approved SCPA will replace the numerous, different legal agreements which have historically governed participation in the SHIN-NY through the participating organization’s regional Qualified Entity (QE) while preserving the QEs’ role with their customers.

The SHIN-NY currently connects all hospitals in New York State, is used by well over 100,000 healthcare and community-based professionals, and supports the care of millions of people who live in or receive care in New York. Each month the SHIN-NY sends over 10 million alerts to care team members about patient emergency department or hospital visits. The SHIN-NY also shares diagnostic lab results electronically for more than 575,000 patients between providers each month. The efficiency that is facilitated by the SHIN-NY is associated with \$160-195 million annually in unnecessary healthcare spending — including significant savings to Medicaid and Medicare.

The adoption by the Department of the SCPA follows several months of review and feedback from the SHIN-NY Qualified Entities (QEs), members of the SHIN-NY Policy Committee and an ad hoc

workgroup, and other stakeholders through a public comment period during the fall of 2024. This feedback helped NYeC and the Department navigate the review process in a way that best served providers and patients across New York by advancing the State’s current and future health information exchange (HIE). With this Department of Health approval, and in accordance with state regulations, all SHIN-NY QEs and participants will be required to enter into the new SCPA.

The SCPA will improve the SHIN-NY’s ability to make health records available statewide, outside of regional silos, and allow every participant to choose where and how they obtain their HIE services, in addition to facilitating critical statewide services such as those supporting the Medicaid waiver program. The SCPA also ensures decisions about data use are transparently vetted and aligned with SHIN-NY privacy and security policies and procedures by a Statewide Data Use Committee comprised of SHIN-NY participants.

The Statewide Health Information Network for New York (SHIN-NY), pronounced “shiny”, facilitates the secure electronic exchange of patient health information and connects healthcare professionals statewide. In partnership with the New York State Department of Health, NYeC developed and manages the technology platform that connects New York’s Qualified Entities (QEs) and enables the sharing of data statewide, ensuring that the SHIN-NY provides access to a patient’s electronic medical records wherever and whenever they need it.

About New York eHealth Collaborative (NYeC)

The New York eHealth Collaborative is a non-profit organization serving as the State Designated Entity (SDE) for health information exchange in partnership with the New York State Department of Health (DOH). NYeC and DOH lead the Statewide Health Information Network for New York (SHIN-NY), a network connecting healthcare professionals, health and human services organizations, public health authorities, and regional health information networks (known as Qualified Entities) across the state. In its role as SDE, NYeC is responsible for administration of the Statewide Common Participation Agreement (SCPA) and other central coordination functions for the SHIN-NY. NYeC will continue to share updates and opportunities for stakeholder engagement online at www.nyehealth.org.

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