

## **10/1/2009 - IPRO Secures Special NY Funding to Coordinate Care for Patients with Diabetes**

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(Lake Success, NY – October 1, 2009) IPRO has won an important new grant to support a community-based health information technology (HIT) project that will streamline and improve the quality of care for chronically ill New Yorkers. Under the Healthcare Efficiency and Affordability Law for New Yorkers (HEAL NY) Phase 10 awards announced late last month by Governor David A. Paterson, IPRO will receive nearly \$5.3 million to support HIT infrastructure in two downstate areas, with the goal of improving care coordination for adult patients with diabetes through the patient-centered medical home model. The medical home model emphasizes centralized care delivery for individuals with chronic disease who might be at risk of receiving fragmented and uncoordinated services.

“We are very pleased to support the New York State Department of Health’s (NYSDOH’s) innovative approach to better care management through improved communications among multiple providers treating chronically ill patients with diabetes,” said IPRO Chief Executive Officer, Theodore O. Will.

IPRO’s medical home partners are the Queens Long Island Medical Group and the Nassau Health Care Corporation. The Regional Health Information Exchange organization (RHIO) partner for the project is the non-profit Long Island Patient Information Exchange. A key project goal is to assist partner organizations in transmitting and receiving electronically shared clinical information via the RHIO. Information will include continuity-of-care documentation, pharmacy information, patient health records, patient-clinician portal communications, referral and results tracking and shared community services information. The project will promote coordinated care for more than 30,000 adults with diabetes.

IPRO has substantial experience in HIT implementation; the organization now supports approximately 190 primary care sites across the state of New York, in such areas as facilitating workflow improvements, care management, medical home adoption and quality-of-care oversight. On behalf of Medicare, IPRO has worked closely with approximately 400 practices, assisting them with HIT readiness assessments, vendor selection, practice change and HIT implementation.

IPRO is a national organization providing a full spectrum of health care assessment and improvement services that foster more efficient use of resources and enhance health care quality to achieve better patient outcomes. Founded in 1984, IPRO is highly regarded for the independence of its approach, the depth of its knowledge and experience, and the integrity of its programs. IPRO holds contracts with federal, state and local government agencies, as well as private sector clients, operating best-of-class programs in more than 33 states and the District of Columbia. A national nonprofit organization, IPRO is headquartered in Lake Success, New York and is a 501(c)(3) corporation.