



Advocate Community Providers

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## **ADVOCATE COMMUNITY PROVIDERS DISTRIBUTES \$7 MILLION IN FIRST WAVE OF PAYMENTS TO COMMUNITY PHYSICIANS SERVING NEARLY 650,000 PATIENTS**

*Phase One of NY DSRIP Incentive Program Kicks Off; Dollars for  
Physicians in Lower Income Communities To Boost Care Quality, Lower  
Costs*

New York, NY – October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015 – Advocate Community Providers (ACP) has kicked off disbursement of approximately \$7 million of implementation payments to its network of more than 1,700 physicians and providers who are leading New York State’s Medicaid transformation. ACP is the only community-based, physician-led network in New York State’s Delivery System Reform Incentive Program (DSRIP). Ranked one of largest networks in the state with 644,000 patients, ACP’s network providers serve patients in underserved Hispanic, Asian and African-American communities in Queens, the Bronx, Brooklyn, and Manhattan.

Implementation checks were presented by representatives from ACP and North Shore-LIJ to three of the physicians in ACP’s integrated, culturally competent network that administers to diverse, immigrant-rich communities in Lower Manhattan, Queens and the Bronx.

**Dr. Ramon Tallaj** said, “Community-based physicians are the heart of Advocate Community Providers and are essential to New York State’s patient-centric transformation of Medicaid. These dedicated professionals live and work in the communities they serve. They speak the language, understand the culture, and have earned the trust and respect of their patients over many years.

**President Dr. Henry Chen** said, “Our physicians work in small offices, with busy practices and limited resources. These initial payments recognize their commitment to delivering comprehensive, preventative care to Medicaid patients and will help offset the investments they are making to participate in this program. We are proud to serve them as members of Advocate Community Providers.”

“North Shore-LIJ Health System is excited to partner with Advocate Community



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Providers and its network of local physicians who are working to better serve the populations in New York City's underserved communities," said **Howard Gold**, EVP and Chief Managed Care and BD Officer, North Shore-LIJ. "It is a pivotal moment in New York City health care."

To qualify for this payment, these physicians and all others have agreed to reporting, training and certification requirements and committed to participating in a Health Information Exchange, implementing certified Electronic Medical Records, and achieving PCMH Level 3 certification for primary care providers. Future DSRIP Incentive Payments will be based on specific performance metrics established by the state.

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#### About Advocate Community Providers

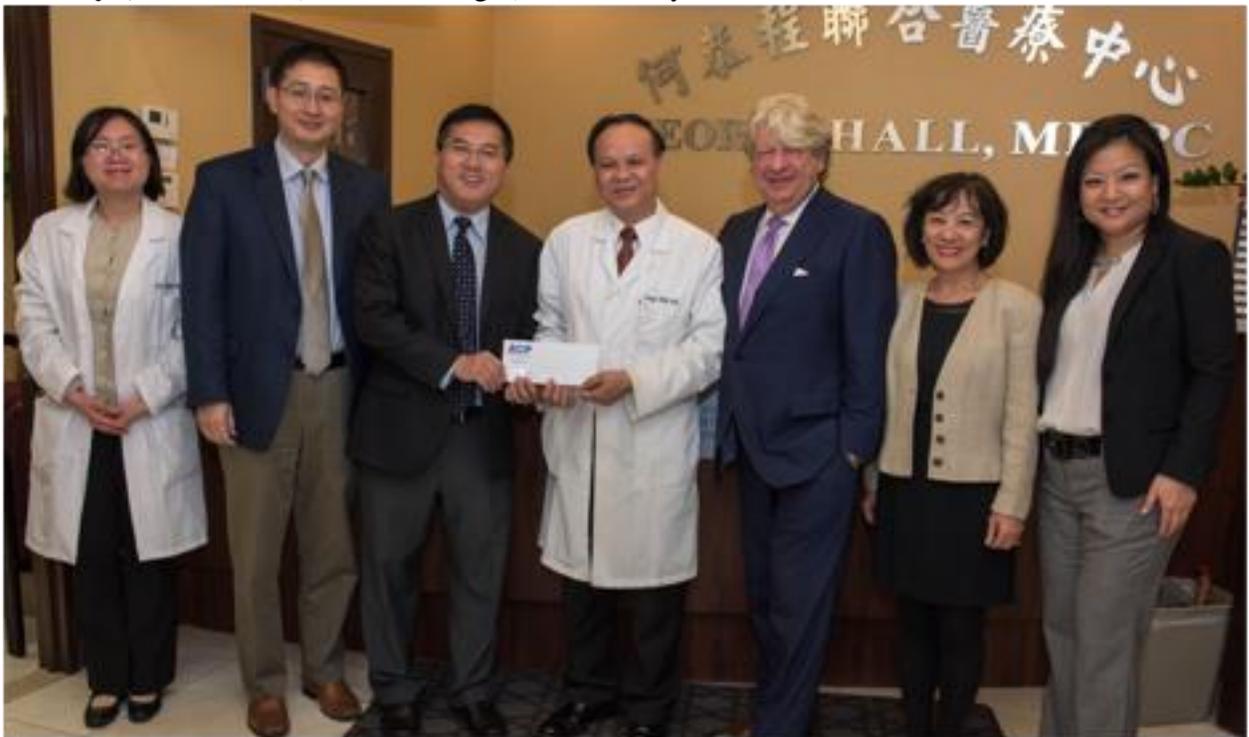
Advocate Community Providers (ACP) unites 1,700 individual, independent physicians with 400 hospital partners and community based organizations dedicated to health, wellness and social services in lower-income, underserved Hispanic, Asian and African-American communities throughout New York City. Representing 644,000 patients across four boroughs of New York City, ACP was created in partnership with North Shore-Long Island Jewish Health System, Inc. (NSLIJ). ACP's mission is to convene safety-net providers, partners and other stakeholders to create a culturally competent patient-centered, comprehensive and coordinated service care model to meet the needs of individuals and families participating in Medicaid. ACP is one of 25 Performing Provider Systems (PPS) in New York's Delivery Reform Incentive Payment program (DSRIP) to transform the State's Medicaid system. DSRIP's goals include reducing avoidable hospitalizations and ensuring that patients and their families with Medicaid switch to a community-based care system that emphasizes preventative care over reliance on the emergency room.



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Brooklyn, New York (from left to right) – Dr. Henry Chen, Wallace Lau, Dr. Fufu He





**Flushing, New York** (from left to right) – Dr. Fan Yang, Dr. Zili He, Dr. Vincent Wang, Dr. George Hall, Howard Gold, North Shore-LIJ Health System, Grace Wong, North Shore-LIJ Health System Josephine Wu, ACP