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York State should allocate funds to community based providers and stakeholder collaborations for technical assistance to facilitate a PCMH implementation as well as support activities to sustain and spread the models beyond the initial implementation period.

Support New Care Models including Health Homes

Support technical assistance for providers to develop/integrate into new care models. New systems of care require a high degree of technical knowledge (e.g., legal issues related to anti-trust regulations, risk-sharing payment models, severity adjustments, provider attribution, HIT and HIE, performance measurement, patient risk stratification, and many more). The State should establish a mechanism to guide stakeholders in addressing these issues and a pool of funds that supports assistance related to these technical issues, including funding collaborative efforts where different initiatives work together to resolve the issues.

Support the co-location of primary care services with behavioral health services. Address the State and federal regulatory barriers to these arrangements and provide the capital and operational funding to support their development.

Support telemedicine expansion and sustainability. Support investments in and payment for telemedicine and address other regulatory hurdles to expand and sustain its use.

Support the Health IT needs of integrated systems of care. Integrated systems of care such as Health Homes need affordable software that allows all participating organizations to share a patient care plan across care settings. This software must be interoperable with EHRs and New York State's SHIN-NY infrastructure.

Expand the Vital Access Provider Program and Safety Net Provider Program

Increase funding for the Safety Net Care Pool, the fund that covers the uninsured in payment for care to sustain

Support Hospital Transition

Invest in Regional Health Planning