

[Care Connections](#) builds hospital-community partnerships to address healthcare access barriers; provides chronic disease prevention and management services; and develops a community health worker pipeline to connect individuals and communities with high-quality, affordable and culturally competent care.

Benefits of participation

Participating hospitals will receive dedicated project manager assistance, data analytics, marketing and communication materials, and coaching. Hospitals will gain tools and resources to identify and act on improvement opportunities and build trust within their communities.



Virtual learning

The Care Connections virtual learning series will take place on Tuesdays in May and June, from 11 a.m. to noon. The series will explore how New York hospitals can implement chronic disease prevention and management strategies through community partnerships. Participating health systems are expected to have at least one person attend every webinar and will receive recordings for future viewing. Live webinar attendance is highly encouraged.

This year's topics are:

cardiovascular disease, May 13

hypertension, May 20

COPD, May 27

asthma, June 3

diabetes, June 10

breast cancer, June 17

mental health and substance use disorders, June 24

Virtual showcase | winter 2025

The virtual showcase brings together the entire Care Connections cohort to learn from each other. Participating hospitals will share their successes and challenges, ask each other questions about their work and open doors to further collaboration.

This two-day event will take place Dec. 2 and 4, 9 a.m. to noon. These sessions will allow each health system time to present their work and field questions from the audience.

Funding opportunities through Care Connections

Community Partner Stipend

Community-based organizations providing services in the target regions may apply for a \$10,000 stipend to support chronic disease and/or community health projects, implemented in partnership with a Care Connections hospital and a HANYS project manager.

More than one community partner affiliated with a Care Connections hospital may apply for and be awarded funding.

Stipend recipients will enter into an agreement to be reimbursed as often as once per month. Learn more at our Feb. 26 information session.

Community Health Worker Scholarship

Hospitals may apply for a \$2,500 stipend to support the education of a local community health worker. With support from a HANYS project manager, hospitals will recruit a CHW candidate and connect them with a certificate program.

Hospitals will enter into an agreement to be reimbursed with a one-time payment of \$2,500 for the education and training of a local CHW. Learn more at our March 12 information session.

2025 program timeline for hospitals

Jan. Feb. March April May June July Aug. Sept. Oct. Nov. Dec.

- February:**
- Intro meeting with HANYS
 - Complete self-assessment
 - *Optional: community partner stipend info session*
- March:**
- Internal kick-off meeting
 - *Optional: apply for community partner stipend*
 - *Optional: CHW stipend info session*
- April:**
- Identify community partners
 - *Optional: apply for CHW stipend*
- May-June:**
- Attend virtual learning series
 - Develop joint project plan with community partners
- May-October:**
- Implement joint project plan
- August:**
- *Optional: community partner stipend interim report due*
- November:**
- *Optional: community partner stipend final report due*
- December:**
- Virtual showcase



Questions?

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