

Performing provider system discloses layoffs as DSRIP nears end

The Suffolk Care Collaborative—the Stony Brook University Hospital—led performing provider system under the Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment program—has disclosed layoffs to the state Department of Labor.

The separations, affecting 60 employees, are expected to happen May 6. They come as the current iteration of DSRIP is scheduled to end next month.

For the past five years the Medicaid program has focused on decreasing avoidable hospital use by 25%. Just as initiatives have started to see progress, the program's future is uncertain.

The state is petitioning the federal government for an additional \$8 billion for what could become DSRIP 2.0. But it's hardly a done deal.

"Absent new funding, we must wind down the company and are working diligently to find employment within the Stony Brook Network for the talented care management and social work DSRIP employees," a spokeswoman for Stony Brook said in a statement provided to *Crain's*. "Stony Brook Medicine is now building upon the population health infrastructure and lessons learned in the DSRIP program to stand up a physician led, professionally managed clinically integrated network."

To date, performing provider systems, alliances of health care providers designed to support DSRIP through initiatives to increase access to care and reduce its cost, have helmed the program's efforts since their formation in 2015.

At the onset the Suffolk Care Collaborative was awarded about \$300 million by the state. According to the collaborative, its goals have included educating and engaging its providers in community and population health sciences as well as eliminating health disparities through community and organizational partnerships.