

Nonprofit seeks community-based partners in response to DSRIP proposal

Public Health Solutions is looking for local organizations to join community resource networks to address social determinants of health.

The nonprofit's [request](#) comes as the state is seeking a four-year waiver amendment from the federal government to support the Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment program.

DSRIP 2.0 would designate \$1.5 billion to address social determinants of health, according to the state's proposal. It would include an enhanced focus on the work of community-based organizations as well as their inclusion in value-driving entities. Such VDEs would be approved by the state to implement high-priority DSRIP initiatives and also include performing provider systems and managed-care organizations.

Accordingly, Public Health Solutions is expanding its community resource networks to include more services and additional CBOs.

Specifically, the organization said it's looking for CBOs to help build a formal system of partners that would streamline services and mitigate "the burden of contracting that often hinders progress in clinical and community partnerships." Public Health Solutions would serve as the "backbone organization" for the system and provide network design and infrastructure as well as technical assistance and contracting support as needed. No award is being granted.

"With expertise in coordination of community resource networks and complex contracting, we have a clear vision that directly aligns with New York state's Medicaid Redesign Team efforts and proposed plans for the next phase of DSRIP," said Zach Hennessey, vice president of Neighborhood Health at Public Health Solutions, in a statement provided to *Crain's*.

The proposal deadline is Dec. 6. Eligible organizations are nonprofits that provide direct services addressing social determinants of health for low-income New Yorkers.