

## **Montefiore, NYU bank federal funds to boost addiction fellowships**

Montefiore Medical Center and New York University are among 44 recipients nationwide to receive a combined \$20.3 million in federal funding for addiction medicine efforts.

The funds are from the Health Resources and Services Administration, part of the Department of Health and Human Services, to increase the number of fellows at accredited addiction medicine and psychiatry programs. Montefiore was awarded nearly \$800,000, and NYU was awarded \$600,000.

HHS announced the funding Tuesday and said the awardees will use it to train addiction specialists at facilities in high-need communities that integrate behavioral health and primary care services.

The funding should help to increase the number of board-certified addiction medicine specialists and addiction psychiatry subspecialists, the agency said. Additionally, it should help to establish formal relationships with community treatment sites and more training for faculty on opioid-use and substance-use disorder prevention and treatment.

"This new funding will increase the number of support specialists available to treat Americans with addiction, addressing a serious need that could be exacerbated by the Covid-19 pandemic," HHS Secretary Alex Azar said in a statement.

Montefiore and NYU were the sole awardees in New York. Their respective funding amounts were among the largest.