

DSRIP and the Presidential Election: NYSDOH Says Proceed with Fact-based Optimism

In a recent memo, New York State Department of Health Medicaid Director, Jason Helgerson, touched on points to help clarify concerns many have raised regarding implications on DSRIP stemming from the recent presidential election results.

In his memo, Mr. Helgerson highlighted that:

1. DSRIP is not part of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and would not be affected by legislative attempts related to the ACA.
2. DSRIP is part of a waiver amendment agreement with CMS, authorized through March 2020 and run by the state government.
3. Health care system reform and Value Based Payment (VBP) efforts will continue, as these are industry drivers for improved quality and sustainability. Medicare has adopted VBP as part of their program policy and commercial payers are pursuing similar arrangements.

“The tremendous efforts by the State and the PPSs to transform the system under DSRIP will continue,” Mr. Helgerson noted. “Please keep focused on the DSRIP goals and projects, and maintain the collaborative and positive work you and your staff have accomplished so far. Proceed with fact-based optimism.”