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# CMS Award Allows GNYHA Foundation to Continue Efforts to Reduce Avoidable

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I am pleased to announce that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) [has awarded the GNYHA Foundation](#) a Phase Two award under the CMS Initiative to Reduce Avoidable Hospitalizations among Nursing Facility Residents. This important project will continue to improve patient care and the health and well-being of nursing facility residents and will complement work being conducted with nursing facilities as part of the Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment (DSRIP) program.

The GNYHA Foundation is one of seven organizations from across the country that have worked on this initiative since 2012. The GNYHA Foundation conducts this project in collaboration with the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai. While Phase One of the Initiative focused on clinical and process-oriented interventions, it did not address existing payment policies that may impact quality of care and lead to avoidable hospitalizations. Phase Two will introduce a payment reform intervention to complement the current Phase One clinical interventions. The payment reform intervention includes new Medicare Part B billing opportunities for physicians and other practitioners to treat nursing facility residents in place. The payment reform intervention also includes a new payment for nursing facilities to develop and maintain services to provide the care within their facilities.

Participation in the overall project, and the associated payment reform intervention, is available in New York exclusively through the GNYHA Foundation project. Attached is a list of the 29 currently participating New York nursing facilities who will continue in the project. A number of other nursing facilities located in New York will join the project for Phase Two to participate in the payment reform component.

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