

## BPHC Announces Post-Acute Care Pilots

BPHC is pleased to announce that three nursing homes have been selected to implement six-month pilot programs aimed at connecting clinical and community providers to improve post-acute care for patients in the Bronx. They are:

**Providence Rest Nursing Home**  
(Telemedicine project)

**Grand Manor Nursing and Rehabilitation Center**  
(Combined telemedicine/telepsychiatry project)

**Centers Health Care**  
(Community-based referral project)

These pilots seek to reduce the rates of re-hospitalization, unnecessary emergency room visits and transitions for patients who are medically frail, as well as expand resources for providing quality care.

Each nursing home is also collaborating with other partners, such as managed care organizations, home care agencies and community-based physicians.

Planning for this initiative started in June 2017 when BPHC began convening with representatives from facilities that provide skilled nursing, long-term care and rehabilitation care. Priorities were identified for collaborating with nursing home facilities, in particular, skilled-nursing facilities.

One area of focus is telehealth interventions to increase physicians' ability to address patients' health needs that would otherwise result in a hospital visit or lengthy wait at a doctor's office. Telehealth involves the use of telecommunications technologies to allow long-distance clinical healthcare or health-related education. These technologies can include videoconferencing, the internet, streaming media, and wireless communications.

Another goal is to empower physicians in the community to refer post-acute patients back to the nursing home if their health needs escalate but do not require emergency care.

BPHC received seven proposals by six organizations. A total of \$350,000 has been awarded for this wave of pilot projects.

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## More Reason to Become a Healthy Beverage Zone!

A review of 30 recent studies on sugar-sweetened beverages (SSBs) that include 250,000 people concludes that SSB consumption is associated with overweight and obesity, and that countries that have not already done so should take action to reduce their consumption. **More** on the studies.

SBH Health System is proud to be a Healthy Beverage Zone (HBZ), a borough-wide initiative to encourage healthy beverage options for people who live in, work or visit the Bronx.



Read about the work of **Dr. Vanessa Salcedo** (pictured), pediatrician at Union Community Health Center, who is a driving force behind this important movement. To learn how your organization can become a Healthy Beverage Zone, visit [thebronxhbz.org](http://thebronxhbz.org).

## NYC DOHMH Grant Opportunities

The NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene has announced the availability of funding up to \$20,000 each for five community and faith-based neighborhood organizations that wish to implement projects to aid in controlling high blood pressure through treatment adherence. Applications are due on January 26. **More.**

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