
Advance Care Alliance of New York and LIFEPlan CCO NY Form Strategic Partnership

Two of New York State's Largest Care Coordination Organizations Partner to Expand Service Access and Enhance Advocacy for Individuals with Developmental and/or Intellectual disabilities

October 1, 2021, New York, NY – Advance Care Alliance of New York (ACA/NY) and LIFEPlan CCO NY (LIFEPlan), two leading Care Coordination Organizations (CCOs), announced today that they have formed a strategic partnership which will strengthen their support delivery system and operational structure. Through this partnership, the organizations will serve a combined 44,000 members throughout 45 counties, which will significantly expand access to quality services and enhance advocacy statewide for individuals with Intellectual and/or Developmental Disabilities (I/DD) and their families.

The collective experience and best practices of both organizations will extend their ability to provide high-quality care coordination services to help members lead happy, healthy, and meaningful lives. “This affiliation furthers the ongoing collaboration between our two organizations and will build on the strengths of both ACA/NY and LIFEPlan in providing better care for people with I/DD,” said Steven Vernikoff, Chairman of ACA/NY. Louis Tehan, Chairman of LIFEPlan added, “Today’s announcement of the ACA/NY and LIFEPlan partnership brings together two of the largest Care Coordination Organizations serving many members across our great state of New York.”

The strategic partnership creates a new Management Services Organization (MSO) which will be led by Chief Executive Officer Nicholas Cappoletti. Nick currently serves as LIFEPlan’s CEO and will remain in that role. Nick will assume the role of CEO at ACA/NY as well. “This is an investment in the future of ACA/NY and LIFEPlan, the people we serve and our dedicated staff. We will expand our comprehensive services and enhance the quality and breadth of care offered by our organizations,” said Cappoletti, who is also the parent of a child with I/DD receiving services.

“Representatives of both organizations will work seamlessly over the coming months to evaluate opportunities that our strategic partnership has uniquely positioned us to invest in for our future,” he added.

This MSO will enhance the services provided by ACA/NY and LIFEPlan and enable them to achieve more efficient operations. “We are very proud of what we have accomplished over the years through our hard work, dedication and performance,” commented Lewis Grossman, former Chief Executive Officer of ACA/NY, and current consultant for ACA/NY. People with I/DD and their families need and deserve access to responsive, person-centered care coordination services. Both organizations’ leaders and managers share the same vision and passion for supporting a community where people with intellectual and developmental disabilities live lives of choice, inclusion, and participation.

About Advance Care Alliance of New York (ACA/NY)

ACA/NY is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that is one of seven New York State Care Coordination Organizations (CCO) designated by the New York State Department of Health and the Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD) to offer comprehensive care coordination to people with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities (I/DD).

ACA/NY supports over 25,000 people in leading active, healthy and fulfilling lives throughout New York City, Long Island and the lower Hudson Valley (Orange, Rockland and Westchester counties). ACA/NY was created by 100+ diverse OPWDD-licensed/funded community-based agencies with decades of experience providing care for people with I/DD and their families. ACA/NY's founding agencies and their leadership teams have been pioneers in the field, advocating for community integration and against institutionalization. They have pioneered innovative programs and approaches to supporting people with I/DD in the community. For more information visit www.acany.org.

About LIFEPlan CCO NY (LIFEPlan)

LIFEPlan is a Care Coordination Organization (CCO), formed in 2018 along with six other CCOs in New York State to meet the needs of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) by collaborating with service providers through a Health Home model. LIFEPlan provides comprehensive care coordination to over 19,000 people in the Central, Southern, Northern, Capitol and Hudson Valley regions of New York. LIFEPlan has 850 employees with \$80M in annual revenue.

LIFEPlan is a partnership of community-based agencies with a long history of serving people with I/DD, providing advocacy, recreational, educational, and vocational services. LIFEPlan offers a person-centered focus that improves services and supports through networking with highly trained human service, healthcare, and other specialists. LIFEPlan is centered on one goal – connecting people to the complete spectrum of services they need to live full, meaningful lives. For more information visit www.lifeplanccony.com.