



## REMINDER

### Health Care Facilities Need to Connect to SHIN-NY by March 9, 2018

New York licensed health care facilities that utilize certified electronic health record technology, including ambulatory surgery centers, hospices, nursing homes, home care agencies, FQHCs and urgent care centers are reminded that they are mandated by the New York State Department of Health to become participants of a Qualified Entity (also referred to as a “QE,” “HIE” or “RHIO”), by **March 9, 2018**, in order to connect to the State Health Information Network for New York (more commonly known as the “SHIN-NY”). Participation with a QE allows the health care facility to participate in bidirectional exchange of patient information between other QE participants and access to the information available in the SHIN-NY.

If the health care facility is unable to connect to a QE for reasons such as financial hardship or technical or practical limitations, it may request a waiver from the NYSDOH. For example, if a QE has an overwhelming number of new participants and is unable to complete the technical connection, a waiver may need to be sought. NYSDOH is permitted to grant waivers, usually up to nine (9) months, based on the facts and circumstances of the request.

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If you need any additional information regarding this requirement or assistance in requesting a waiver, contact your [Garfunkel Wild](#) attorney for assistance.

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