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Liberty ARC Health Center Qualifies for NYSDOH Incentive Program Propels Patient Quality of Care at Decreased Cost to Providers

AMSTERDAM, NY- Liberty ARC's health care subsidiary, [New Dimensions in Health Care \(NDHC\)](#), is pleased to announce it was awarded an \$11,000 incentive through New York State Department of Health's Data Exchange Incentive Program (DEIP).

DEIP's goal is to bridge the healthcare information gap by connecting providers electronically—improving the speed, quality, safety, and cost of patient care. The incentive awarded helps defray the costs associated with the program's connection requirements.

"Having accessibility to the right information at point-of-care is critical to effective patient diagnosis and treatment," said Dennis Yacobucci, Liberty ARC Director of New Dimensions in Health Care and Facilities Management. "This is an enormous milestone for us to have achieved—and one we felt was vital for improved patient safety and quality of care."

As part of the transition over the last year, New Dimensions had multiple standards it needed to meet, including connecting to a certified electronic health records (EHR) system, New Dimensions chose MEDENT. Following that undertaking, New Dimensions reconnected to Hixny. Hixny is a Qualified Entity (QE), a non-profit organization covering 19 counties in upstate New York, that uses secure technology to give healthcare providers authorized access to real-time information.

MEDENT and Hixny partnered to ensure a quality interface was established and that New Dimensions adhered to the predefined set of data elements required for DEIP.

"New Dimensions' priorities are central to our mission to allow healthcare to come together to best serve our region's patient population," said John Bunnell, Manager of Account Services at Hixny. "The benefits for New Dimensions and its patients are significant—saving both time and money. We're proud to continue partnering with them."

In addition to New Dimensions enhancing the overall health and wellness of patients—the connection will also allows patients the ability to safely and securely view their own medical records remotely.

About New Dimensions in Health Care

New Dimensions Health Care, Inc. (NDHC) operates a Department of Health Licensed Article 28 Diagnostic and Treatment Center in Amsterdam, New York. When established, in 1996, its focus was to provide health and dental services to the special needs population served by ARC organizations in Montgomery and its bordering counties. Services provided include: Primary Care, General

Dentistry/Oral Surgery, and Podiatry. Specialty medical services such as Pediatric Neurology, GYN, and Psychiatry provided by consulting physicians, are available primarily to individuals with disabilities.

About Liberty ARC

Liberty ARC, the Montgomery County Chapter of NYSARC, Inc., was founded in 1957 by parents of children with developmental disabilities who wished to establish special education programs in the local community. For over 60 years the organization has provided the area with top-quality supports and has grown to include vocational, recreational, residential, day, family support and health-related services to nearly 580 individuals with physical, developmental and other disabilities.

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