# AMSTERDAM New Dimensions in Health Care receives national medical recognition

New Dimensions in Health Care (NDHC) recently announced it has been recognized by the National Committee for Quality Assurance as a level three Patient-Centered Medical Home in 2023. The Recognition Program is built on evidence-based, nationally recognized clinical standards of care, and level three is the highest level that is awarded. New Dimensions in Health Care was first recognized by NCQA in 2014, and has been recognized at the level three designation since 2017.

"Receiving this national recognition at the level three designation for the sixth year in a row speaks volumes to the quality of services we provide to patients in the Montgomery County region and beyond," said Jennifer Saunders, CEO of New Dimensions. "New Dimensions' clinical staff cares for a variety of patients to ensure all members of the community are receiving the best course of patient-centered treatment."

The Patient-Centered Medical Home model is an approach to delivering high-quality, cost-effective primary care. Using a patient-centered, culturally appropriate, and team-based approach, the PCMH model coordinates patient care across the health system. It is driven by strong relationships between the provider and the patient.

NCQA Patient-Centered Medical Home program reflects the input of the American College of Physicians (ACP), American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFPb), American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and American Osteopathic Association (AOA) and others. It was developed to assess whether clinician practices are functioning as medical homes and recognize them for these efforts in coordinating care that supports access, communication, and patient involvement.

"NCQA Patient-Centered Medical Home Recognition raises the bar in defining high-quality care by emphasizing access, health information technology and coordinated care focused on patients," said NCQA President Margaret E. O'Kane. "Recognition shows that New Dimensions in Health Care has the tools, systems, and resources to provide its patients with the right care, at the right time."

New Dimensions offers primary medical care and dental services, and is currently accepting new patients.

### **ABOUT THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR QUALITY ASSURANCE (NCQA)**

NCQA is a private, nonprofit organization dedicated to improving health care quality. NCQA accredits and certifies a wide range of health care organizations. It also recognizes clinicians and practices in key areas of performance. NCQA's Healthcare Ef-



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fectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS®) is the most widely used performance measurement tool in health care. NCQA's website (ncqa.org) contains information to help consumers, employers and others make more-informed health care choices. NCQA can be found online at ncqa.org, on Twitter @ncqa, on Facebook at facebook.com/ NCQA.org/ and on LinkedIn at linkedin.com/company/ncqa.

#### **ABOUT NEW DIMENSIONS IN HEALTH CARE**

New Dimensions Health Care, Inc. (NDHC) is a non-profit organization in Amsterdam, dedicated to improving health outcomes. NDHC operates a health center which offers high-quality dental and medical services to patients of all ages, backgrounds and abilities, with a specialty focus on serving patients with disabilities. Daily, our team of dedicated providers strive to give our patients caring, individualized treatment. Our medical staff believes that establishing meaningful, quality connections helps cultivate a bond between doctor and patient and sets up life-long healthy habits. The health center serves over 4,700 patients annually and is a National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH) recognized facility.

# JOHNSTOWN PTECH applications now being accepted for 2024-25 freshman class

Applications are now being accepted for the incoming 2024-2025 freshmen class at HFM PTECH.

PTECH, or Pathways in Technology Early College High School, is a 6-year program that aims to look and function more like a hybrid between college and the workplace. It emphasizes individualized pathways to completion, workplace experiences, mentorship, indepth project-based learning and real-world experiences. Students simultaneously attend high school and work toward their 2-year degree from SUNY Fulton-Montgomery Community College or SUNY Cobleskill (depending on the degree pathway) at no cost to their families.

Only eighth-graders in participating HFM component school districts are eligible to apply to PTECH. Because the curriculum is structured to allow for acceleration into college courses, students must enter the program their freshman year of high school. Prospective students are encouraged to talk with their middle school counselors for specific information regarding eligibility to PTECH. The application can be found

on the HFM BOCES website at www.hfmboces.org/ ptech-applynow/ and must be submitted no later than

March 29. The application process involves obtaining recommendations from teachers and a school counselor. Students are required to submit a personal statement and there is also a form for a parent or guardian to fill out. Inter-

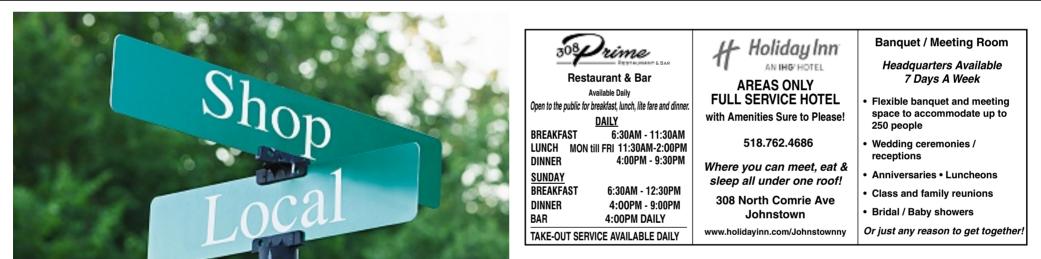
views will be conducted at a later date.

A prospective student and informational event is being planned for February 15 at the PTECH Glebe Street campus located at 502 Glebe St. in Johnstown. Applicants will receive additional details about the event once their application has been received

Applications are reviewed

by a committee of school counselors, PTECH teachers, and principals. Acceptance and wait-list letters will be sent by the end of April.

For more information about PTECH and the application process, please visit https:// www.hfmboces.org/programs-services/ptech/ or you may contact your school counselor.







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