



# Health Foundations in New York State

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# What are Health Foundations?

- Typically created when health insurance companies or hospitals combine or convert to for-profit companies.
  - Assets are required to remain in the non-profit sector.
  - Greater Rochester and Community Health Foundation of W&C NY were each created by merging of two non-profit health plans – foundations were formed by agreement between regulators and health plans.
- Foundations are independent and not affiliated with the health plans



# Other Foundations

- Many foundations recognize the importance of aging issues
  - National Foundations
  - Community Foundations
  - Local and Regional Foundations
- Each foundation has its own rules for service areas, funding priorities and process



# New York Health Foundations -- Three

- New York State Health Foundation
- Greater Rochester Health Foundation
- Community Health Foundation of Western and Central New York



# New York State Health Foundation

[www.nyshealthfoundation.org](http://www.nyshealthfoundation.org)

- Private, statewide foundation formed in 2006 when Empire Blue Cross Blue Shield converted to a for-profit corporation.
- Focus on expanding health insurance coverage, containing health care costs, increasing access to high-quality services and addressing public and community health



# NYS Health Foundation Funding

- Funding Areas:
  - Reducing the number of uninsured (\$20 million over 5 yrs)
  - Improving diabetes prevention and management (\$35 million over 5 yrs)
  - Integrating mental health and substance use services (\$10 million over 5 yrs) – Plus \$2 million for returning veterans and families.
- Grantmaking: statewide and long-term impact
- Special projects fund: health care or public health issues within the mission but outside the priority areas.



# Greater Rochester Health Foundation

[www.thegrhf.org](http://www.thegrhf.org)

- Formed 2006 when Preferred Care was acquired by MVP Plan
- Focus improving health status of residents in the Greater Rochester area
- Funding areas
  - Health System Improvement
  - Neighborhood Health Status Improvement
  - Prevention
- Grantmaking is in ten counties around Rochester and the Fingerlakes



# Community Health Foundation of Western and Central New York

[www.chfwcny.org](http://www.chfwcny.org)

- Formed 2003 when Excellus acquired the Univera plans in Syracuse and Buffalo
- Mission: Improving the health and health care of the people and communities of western and central New York.
  - Population Focus: Improving health outcomes for frail elders and children in communities of poverty.



# Areas of Funding Focus

- Creating Options for Dignified Aging (CODA)
  - Defer the consequences of frailty among elders and on helping elders function successfully in the community with effective health care and supports.
- Building Blocks for Healthier Kids
  - Help young children be healthy and ready to succeed in school (primarily children birth to five)
- Growing Community Health Capacity
  - Investing in systems and planning for health care including support of the safety net



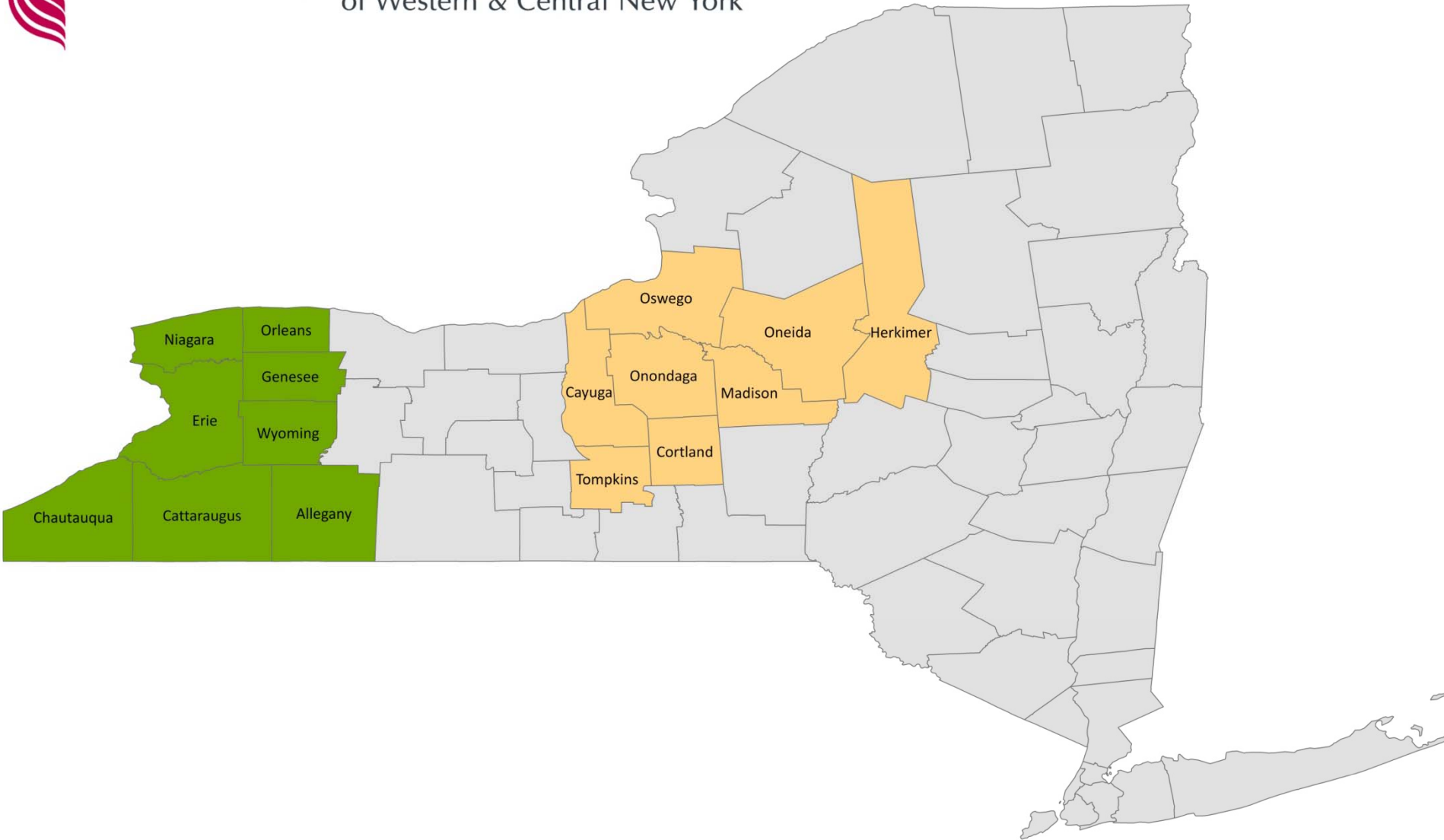
# CHFWCNY Current Priorities for Elders

- Improving Transitions of Care Collaborative
- *Step Up to Stop Falls* – Erie and expanding
- Geriatric workforce including NP and PA – speaker series and scholarships
- Powerful Tools for Caregivers
- Neighborhood Action Network
- Planning for long term care options
- *Sharing Your Wishes* (Advance Care Planning)
- Expansion of the PACE model



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# Grantmaking Process –

[www.chfwcny.org](http://www.chfwcny.org)

- Most grants are part of multi-year initiatives
- In larger projects – CHFWCNY invests in grantees with education, coaching, technical support, and shared learning
- Regional funding split with majority to WNY counties
- Stand-alone grants that fit the mission and vision are considered
- Current funding opportunity – *Step Up to Stop Falls* – Advanced and Diffusion Grants