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### **Southern Tier HealthLink Names Emily Pape Deputy Director**

Southern Tier HealthLink (STHL) has promoted Emily Pape to Deputy Director, reporting to STHL Executive Director Christina Galanis. In her new role, Pape will function as a second-in-command to Galanis and is responsible for overseeing day-to-day operations of STHL's key programs, including interactions with STHL's constituents and committees and the STHL Board of Directors.

Pape joined STHL in October 2009 as Project Coordinator for Privacy, Security and Research. In this position, she has been responsible for ensuring that STHL privacy and security policies and measures are compliant with New York and federal regulations, and for reporting on development milestones and performance. She participates in several New York workgroups designing policy for Regional Health Information Organizations and manages projects related to STHL's reporting responsibilities and services, the STHL Web Portal, and patient consent.

Pape completed a Ph.D. in Health Services Organization and Policy from the University of Michigan, focusing on health care policy research. Before entering graduate school, she worked in the Health and Human Resources Division of the Congressional Budget Office in Washington, D.C. Her professional interests in health care policy include health IT, quality of care, health care payment systems and long-term care.

Executive Director Galanis commented, "Emily has made significant contributions to STHL over the past year and we are excited to expand her responsibilities as our Health Information Exchange continues to grow in scope and importance to the Southern Tier's healthcare community." Pape is excited with her expanded role at Southern Tier HealthLink because "STHL is on the forefront of information technology that will not only change how health care is delivered but also improve the value of care."

Southern Tier HealthLink ([www.sthl.ny.com](http://www.sthl.ny.com)) was established with leadership and support from UHS, Lourdes Hospital and other stakeholders in 2005. STHL is a non-profit organization designed as a partnership which brings together healthcare providers and consumers in Central New York to “connect the dots” with technology that will improve health care quality, access and safety while reducing costs. For more information contact Christina Galanis at 607.651.9150 or [cgalanis@sthl.ny.com](mailto:cgalanis@sthl.ny.com).