



Weekly Bulletin – May 13, 2022



WHAT'S NEW THIS WEEK?

LEAPFROG HOSPITAL SAFETY GRADE

Don't forget to share the latest Leapfrog Grades with your Employees! The Leapfrog Group announced the Spring 2022 Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grades on Tuesday of this week. A reminder that Leapfrog is the only rating focused entirely on how well hospitals protect patients from preventable errors, accidents, injuries, and infections. In Florida, 182 hospitals were graded and 64 earned an "A," 55 earned a "B," 60 earned a "C," 2 earned a "D," and 1 earned an "F." Read the full press release in the News section of our [website](#). Please contact Ashley Tait-Dinger at ashley@flhealthvalue.org for more information on Leapfrog.



PROJECT OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE TO OUR EMPLOYER MEMBERS



Hospital Value Dashboard

Many of you expressed interest in "beta-testing" the Hospital Value Dashboard when it came available (which was on May 5th). Here is your chance to do that! It is with great pleasure that we learned on Tuesday of this week that the Florida Alliance for Healthcare Value is the recipient of **one of only four Coalition Grant Awards** to participate in the recent Arnold Ventures grant award to the National Alliance, titled "***Mobilizing Coalitions & Purchasers to Bridge the Gap between Price Transparency & Action.***"

We will hold an employer educational roundtable to demonstrate the use of the recently released [Hospital Value](#)



[Dashboard, now known as Sage Transparency](#), as well as have discussions on action-oriented market and policy strategies that will help mobilize collective action in Florida. **Please let Karen van Caulil know if you are interested in participating in this roundtable ASAP at karen@flhealthvalue.org.**

First Meeting of our Diabetes Employer Learning Collaborative (ELC) on May 24th

Diabetes continues to be a main driver of not only costly claims, but lost productivity for those individuals with this chronic disease. Through a virtual Employer Learning Collaborative (ELC) process, we're bringing together experts from the National Association of Chronic Disease Directors, the Florida Department of Health, as well as National Diabetes Prevention Program (NDPP) providers currently implementing the program.

The ELC sessions will identify best practices for bringing or elevating the NDPP in your organization and a facilitated discussion to troubleshoot any issues or concerns. Beyond the NDPP, we will also be discussing diabetes prevention and management strategies and new treatments like digital therapeutics.

This ELC will be a short engagement starting this month and ending in mid-July. ***The first virtual meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 24th, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. EST.*** If you haven't received a calendar invitation and are interested in participating in this ELC, please contact Lisa Hain at lisa@flhealthvalue.org.



ERAS/ERAD Employer Learning Collaborative (ELC)

We've already held our first Enhanced Recovery After Surgery and Enhanced Recovery After Delivery (ERAS/ERAD) ELC session and are in the planning stages for session two of this 12-month collaborative, but it's not too late to engage in this important initiative.

There are a lot of moving parts to ERAS/ERAD, but we have brought together a team of thought partners who bring to the table all that is needed to educate employers on this strategy in terms of why it is effective, the impact it has on health plan costs, patient safety and quality, how to engage employees/plan members to seek out providers who utilize ERAS and ERAS, among many other topics.

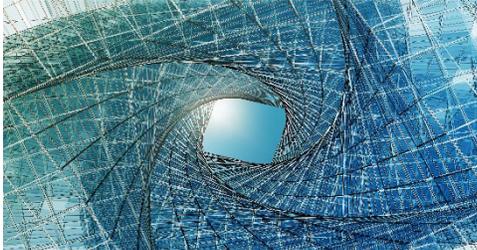


Please contact Ashley Tait-Dinger at ashley@flhealthvalue.org for additional information



UPCOMING EVENTS

2022 Annual Conference



We are busy getting ready for our first in-person event since November 2019 and are really looking forward to seeing you all! The Florida Alliance's 29th Annual Conference, *Accelerating Value Through Transparency and Innovation*, is just a month away!

This year's event, held at the Rosen Centre Hotel in Orlando on June 17th, is intended to be a smaller event than in the past for the comfort and safety of all participants and speakers as we make our way in the new world we find ourselves in.

Sessions at this year's conference include:

- A Fireside Chat with Marilyn Bartlett of the National Academy for State Health Policy and Christopher Whaley from RAND on the newly released Hospital Cost Tool and the RAND 4.0 Hospital Price Transparency Study
- Three Employer-Led Initiatives Successfully Tackling High Healthcare Prices
- The Necessity of Purchasers Engaging in Policy
- Our First Ever Innovator Showcase
- And more!

Please note the deadline to reserve a hotel reservation in our discounted hotel block is **5PM on May 17th**, or until the block is sold out.

For more information, a link to hotel reservations, and to register, please visit our website at: <https://flhealthvalue.org/event/29th-annual-conference/>

Thank you to Rosen Hotels and Resorts for hosting and sponsoring this event as well as sponsors Pfizer and Novo Nordisk!



National Alliance 2022 Leadership Summits

We still have a **limited number of complimentary registrations** (a \$495 value) available on a **first-come, first-served basis** for The National Alliance of Healthcare Purchaser Coalitions 6th Annual Leadership Summits being held June 22-23. **This two-day event, which can be attended either in person or virtually, is broken into three summits and will feature creative solutions to building and maintaining vibrant, high-performing, healthy organizations.**

- Fiduciary & Affordability
- Rebuilding Trust & Transparency
- Humanistic Health

Florida Alliance CEO and President, Karen van Caulil, and Board of Directors Member Ashley Bacot, Risk Manager at Florida Alliance Employer Member, Rosen Hotels and Resorts, are scheduled to speak on affordability during the first day's summit. **Board of Directors Vice Chair Rosa Novo**, Administrative Benefits Director at Florida Alliance Employer Member, Miami-Dade County Public Schools, will present during day two's, *Overcoming Barriers to Prevention & High-Value Care*.

[To view the full agenda, click here.](#)

Please reach out to Lisa Hain at lisa@flhealthvalue.org if you're interested in attending.



IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

Article in the Wall Street Journal

Our very own Karen van Caulil was interviewed for an article published in the *Wall Street Journal* on Sunday, May 8th. To read ***Hospitals Look to Raise Treatment Costs as Nurses' Salaries Increase***, please see the attached pdf.

NASHP Hospital Cost Tool

On April 5th, the National Academy for State Health Policy (NASHP) released its Hospital Cost Analysis Tool. **This tool calculates a hospital's breakeven point and compares it to commercial prices.** There is significant variation across Florida, and we are finding hospitals that can achieve commercial plan breakeven at 133% of Medicare yet they are receiving payment from self-funded employers at 400% of Medicare. Check out the hospitals in your market(s)! The cost tool can be found at <https://www.nashp.org/hospital-cost-tool/> Please contact Karen van Caulil at karen@flhealthvalue.org with any questions or if you need assistance.