



## WHAT'S NEW THIS WEEK?

### RAND 4.0 Hospital Price Transparency Study

**The Round 4 results of the RAND Hospital Price Transparency Study were published on Tuesday of this week!** Unfortunately, Florida has moved from the 5<sup>th</sup> most expensive state in the US for private payers/commercial payers/self-funded payers in the RAND 3.0 Report to the **3<sup>rd</sup> most expensive state** – we are headed in the wrong direction!

The new Hospital Value Dashboard (Sage Transparency) mentioned in last week's Bulletin includes the RAND 4.0 data. The NASHP Hospital Cost Tool (also mentioned in last week's Bulletin) has the RAND 3.0 data in it now, but they are updating the tool with the new data. We will let you know when that's all been completed.

Please follow this link to find both the report and Supplemental Data (the zipped Excel file linked to the top right corner of the page): [https://www.rand.org/pubs/research\\_reports/RRA1144-1.html](https://www.rand.org/pubs/research_reports/RRA1144-1.html)

There will be a RAND 5.0 study. Please let Ashley Tait-Dinger at [ashley@flhealthvalue.org](mailto:ashley@flhealthvalue.org) know if you would like to participate.

### The Leapfrog Group



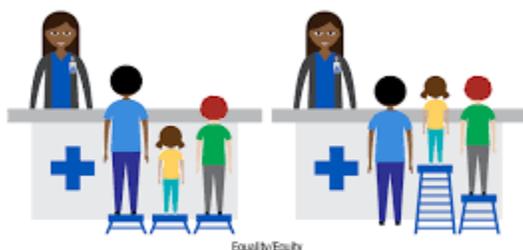
The Leapfrog Group released a [new report](#) examining the **impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on patient experience in adult inpatient care**. The report found that patient experience worsened significantly during the pandemic in all domains examined, with one exception: quietness of the hospital. Many of these areas, like communication about medicines and care transition, have direct correlations to maintaining patient safety and protecting patients from unnecessary harm. These findings provide further evidence to [national analyses](#) that the provision of care has been negatively impacted due to the pandemic.

The report is the second in a new three-part series from Leapfrog, *Patient Experience During the Pandemic*, that compares patient experience pre-pandemic and mid-pandemic in three different settings of care: [facilities that provide outpatient surgical care](#), adult inpatient hospitals, and hospitals that treat pediatric patients. Read the full report [here](#).



## Employer Member Benefit: National Alliance Action Brief and Special Feature

The Florida Alliance would like to share a new resource from the National Alliance of Healthcare Purchaser Coalitions, [Understanding Health Equity in the Workplace](#), and an accompanying special feature for employees, [Understanding Health Equity](#).



**Health equity means that everyone has a fair and just opportunity to be as healthy as possible.** Achieving health equity requires removing obstacles to care and systems of support. Employers are undertaking foundational work on strategies that are inclusive of employer values, management buy-in, employee input, health plan and health vendor collaboration, and community needs. This Action Brief sets forth steps employers can take to drive health, equity, and value.

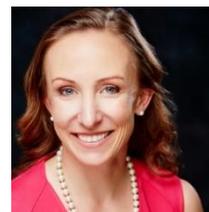
To view these items and other Action Briefs from the National Alliance of Healthcare Purchaser Coalitions, click [here](#).



## PROJECT OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE TO OUR EMPLOYER MEMBERS

See below for updated information on the **Hospital Value Dashboard Employer Roundtable** that we will hold to demonstrate the use of the recently released [Hospital Value Dashboard, now known as Sage Transparency](#), as well as to have discussions on action-oriented market and policy strategies that will help mobilize collective action in Florida:

- The funder (Arnold Ventures) would like the roundtable to be held in person in July or August. We have been asked to hold the number to only 8 employers. **Many thanks to Independent Colleges and Universities Benefits Association for agreeing to host the event** at their office on Millenia Blvd in Orlando. We will start working on scheduling the roundtable soon.
- The facilitator will be Christin Deacon. She managed to shave \$1.5B from New Jersey's Health Benefit Plan with a "Reverse Auction" strategy on medications and using advanced primary care. Chris was inspired to make these bold moves after seeing what Marilyn Bartlett achieved for the State of Montana. FYI -- Marilyn created the Hospital Cost Tool and is a speaker at our Annual Conference.



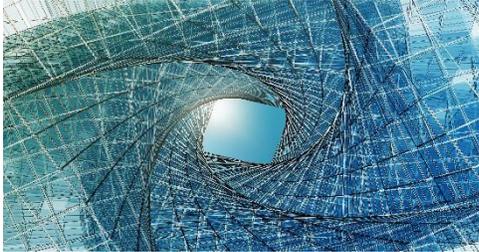
*Christin Deacon*

**Please let Karen van Caulil know ASAP if you are (still) interested in participating in this roundtable this summer** at [karen@flhealthvalue.org](mailto:karen@flhealthvalue.org). Limited to only 8 employers, so please lock in now.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

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### 2022 Annual Conference – June 17<sup>th</sup>!

Please consider inviting an employer who is not yet a member of the Florida Alliance to attend as your guest at our 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, *Accelerating Value Through Transparency and Innovation*. Please use **AC22FLGUEST** as the code for them to register.

Thank you to our sponsors! We gained two new sponsors this week – Merck and Signify Health!



### Diabetes Employer Learning Collaborative (ELC) Kick-Off is next week!

Session #1 – May 24<sup>th</sup>, 1-2:30PM EST – see last week's Bulletin for more details.

We hope you'll join us in this ELC. For more information, please contact Lisa Hain at [lisa@flhealthvalue.org](mailto:lisa@flhealthvalue.org)

### ERAS/ERAD Employer Learning Collaborative (ELC)

We 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 that we highlighted in last week's Bulletin. Please contact Ashley Tait-Dinger at [ashley@flhealthvalue.org](mailto:ashley@flhealthvalue.org) for additional information.



## IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

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### **Institute for Clinical and Economic Review (ICER) Report**

In April, the FDA approved **mavacamten** for hypertrophic cardiomyopathy. ICER published its report in November (prior to the approval of the drug). While this drug has limited indications, it is costly at just under \$90,000 per year. Click [here](#) to view the press release and get more information.

### **PrEP Coverage Policies**

In 2019, the United States Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) recommended that pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) be prescribed to individuals at high risk of HIV acquisition:

<https://www.uspreventiveservicestaskforce.org/uspstf/recommendation/prevention-of-human-immunodeficiency-virus-hiv-infection-pre-exposure-prophylaxis>.

This form of prevention was assigned an “A” rating by the USPSTF. Additional guidance through the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services in 2021 indicated that no costs should be incurred by employees:

<https://www.dol.gov/sites/dolgov/files/EBSA/about-ebsa/our-activities/resource-center/faqs/aca-part-47.pdf>



However, a [recent article published by Axios](#) points to potential hurdles experienced by people attempting to obtain PrEP, a medication that has demonstrated over 90% effectiveness at preventing new HIV infections.

For reference, Kaiser Health News published a story in early 2021 answering several questions regarding insurers and PrEP: <https://khn.org/news/many-health-plans-now-must-cover-full-cost-of-expensive-hiv-prevention-drugs/>

## National Alliance 2022 Leadership Summits



Virtual participation is available to you for these summits. Don't miss out on one of the **limited number of complimentary registrations** (a \$495 value) still available for The National Alliance of Healthcare Purchaser Coalitions 6<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:lisa@flhealthvalue.org) if you're interested in attending.