



Weekly Bulletin – July 1, 2022

Happy 4th of July!



In celebration of the holiday, the Florida Alliance office will be closed on Monday, July 4th!



WHAT'S NEW THIS WEEK?

Florida Alliance Board of Directors Welcomes New Board Chair and Vice Chair

The Florida Alliance for Healthcare Value is happy to announce **Rosa Novo**, Executive Benefits Director, Miami-Dade Public Schools, as Board Chair and **Ashley Bacot**, Director of Risk Management, Rosen Hotels and Resorts, as Vice Chair of the Board of Directors.



*Rosa Novo
Board Chair*



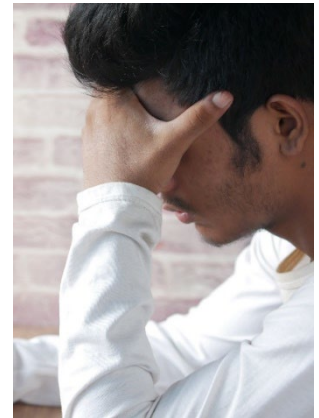
*Ashley Bacot
Board Vice Chair*

Florida was well represented by Rosa, Ashley, and Karen van Caulil at the National Alliance of Healthcare Purchaser Coalitions Leadership Summits in Detroit this past week. Ashley and Karen were members of a panel presenting at a session titled *Activating for Affordability*. Rosa was included in a panel titled *Overcoming Barriers to Prevention & High-value Care*. All three did a great job!

New, Real-World Case Study “Combating Workforce Migraine Virtually”

Migraine is often under-recognized and under-treated and imposes a large economic burden on employers. Migraine-related workplace impairment exposes employers to both direct costs of employees’ migraine-associated healthcare, including physician visits and pharmacy costs, as well as the indirect cost of lost employee productivity. So clearly, employers have a vested interest in helping their employees with migraine manage their condition.

Learn how the Metro Nashville Public School System is able to combat migraine-related costs through their **virtual employee migraine education program**. Click [here](#) to read the case study.



PROJECT/EMPLOYER LEARNING COLLABORATIVE (ELC) OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE TO OUR EMPLOYER MEMBERS

Enhanced Recovery After Surgery/Enhanced Recovery After Delivery (ERAS/ERAD)

We continued our ERAS/ERAD ELC on June 21st with the second session, *The Provider’s Journey*. You can view the recording or a copy of the slide deck by clicking [here](#).



Session three will move from looking at enhanced recovery after surgery to looking at enhanced recovery after delivery. **Look for a calendar invitation for session three coming later this summer.**

Please contact Ashley Tait-Dinger at ashley@filhealthvalue.org for more information.

Diabetes/Obesity ELC – Health Equity Focus

Session three of our Diabetes/Obesity ELC took place on **Tuesday, June 28**. Thank you to our presenter, Dr. Lauren L. Josephs, for leading us through a discussion of diversity, equity, and inclusion and social determinants of health not only for diabetes and obesity but also for other chronic diseases. To view the

recording and slide deck from this ELC and any of the past Diabetes/Obesity ELCs, click [here](#). We will follow up with materials on the health equity audit in the next Weekly Bulletin.

Our fourth and final session of this ELC is scheduled for **Wednesday, July 13, 2:00-3:30pm**. We look forward to hearing our speaker Jenny Goins from the Kentuckiana Health Collaborative present what actions employers need to take to reduce obesity and diabetes via support of lifestyle management and benefit design.

If you need additional information on the Diabetes/Obesity ELC, please contact Lisa Hain at lisa@flhealthvalue.org

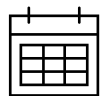
Sage Transparency Hospital Value Dashboard Employer Roundtable

Thank you to those of you who have responded to the calendar invitation that went out to all employer main contacts about the Sage Transparency Hospital Value Dashboard Employer Roundtable, but we haven't heard from all of you! This important employer roundtable will delve into the dashboard, but we will also discuss market level and policy strategies to get to a fair price for our employer members to pay for hospital care.



This meeting is being presented in partnership with the National Alliance of Healthcare Purchaser Coalitions and funded by Arnold Ventures. Mike Thompson, CEO of the National Alliance, will be coming to Orlando to assist with facilitation and is encouraging in-person attendance.

The Sage Transparency Hospital Value Dashboard is scheduled for **Tuesday, August 16, 1-5pm at Nova Southeastern University Orlando Campus, 4850 Millenia Boulevard, Room 300, Orlando, Florida 32829**. Please contact lisa@flhealthvalue.org for more information or to have the calendar invitation re-sent.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Complimentary Webinar – The New Hybrid Workplace Built on Resilience

On **Thursday, July 14, 1-2pm (ET)**, the National Alliance is hosting a complimentary webinar, *The New Hybrid Workplace Built on Resilience*. This webinar unveils new research showing organizations have not yet fully grasped the complex dynamics of effective hybrid work environments necessitated by the

pandemic. To enable greater resilience among employees and create a productive and engaged workforce, employers need to understand the critical factors needed to attract and retain talented employees today and into the future.



Jan Bruce
MeQuilibrium



Jeanne Meister
Future Workplace Academy and
Executive Networks



Michael Thompson
President & CEO
National Alliance of Healthcare
Purchaser Coalitions

To register for this free webinar, click [here](#).



IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

Consolidated Appropriations Act (CAA) of 2021: Which Employers/Plans Need to Comply?

During our Annual Conference on June 17th, a question was raised about whether public sector employers must comply with the CAA. The answer is, it's complicated! Not every type of employer-sponsored health plan has to comply with every element of the CAA (nor is any employer-sponsored health plan exempt from the entire CAA). To help make sense of how the CAA may affect our employer members and their health plans, we have put together a document that breaks down the main part of the CAA that pertains to employers. Please continue to check back to this [link](#) for updates.

Reminder: Leapfrog Needs Your Response to their Employer Health Plan Value Survey

If you haven't yet had a chance to complete Leapfrog's Employer Health Plan Value Survey, we hope you'll take a few minutes to do so. The Leapfrog Group is calling on all employers and purchasers to complete their brief survey to collect insights to better understand the employer perspective on their health plans. They specifically want to know if health plans help employers achieve value for their investment in health benefits: the highest quality health care at the best price.

Please complete this [5-minute survey](#) by **5pm on Friday, July 15**.



Life Saving Data

[A new report from the Office of the Inspector General at Health and Human Services](#) showed that 27% of Medicare hospital patients pre-pandemic experienced harm in a hospital. According to Leah Binder, President and CEO of the Leapfrog Group, almost half of the harm events identified could have been prevented if hospitals put **patient safety first**.

In recent years, the Leapfrog Group has seen major shifts in consumer and purchaser use of safety data to make decisions about their health care, especially through their [Hospital Safety Grade](#). Publicizing the vital data contained in the Hospital Safety Grade contributes to hospital safety improvement and provides information the public needs to protect the lives and health of their loved ones—as evidenced by the disturbing data in the report from the Inspector General.

The Florida Alliance for Healthcare Value is The Leapfrog Group Regional Leader in Florida. To get more information about Leapfrog, please contact Ashley Tait-Dinger at ashley@flhealthvalue.org

Encouraging Employees to Get Vaccinated – Don't Forget to Respond!

The Florida Alliance was chosen by our sister coalition, Northeast Business Group on Health, to participate in a project to explore **best practices in encouraging employees to get vaccines as recommended**, and we need your involvement!

What efforts do you have underway – or plan to take – to encourage vaccinations of all types among employees?

7-minute Flash Survey: Vaccinations

Your responses to the survey will help develop information and guidance, including information you can share with your employees! Survey results will be distributed in the coming months as well as the materials that are generated and inspired by the survey responses.



Please take the survey ASAP. They are waiting for us to provide 8 more responses: <https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/6876706/8374817ef8c0>

For our MEWA members, please share this survey with your member schools/banks. Thank you!