



Weekly Bulletin – August 5, 2022



WHAT'S NEW THIS WEEK?

August is National Immunization Awareness Month (NIAM)

This annual observance highlights the importance of getting recommended vaccines throughout your life. We know the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted all aspects of life, including the ability to attend important appointments and receive routine vaccinations. During NIAM, the Florida Alliance encourages you to remind your employees to talk to their doctor, nurse, or healthcare provider to ensure employees and their families are protected against serious diseases by getting caught up on routine vaccination.



The schedule for routine vaccinations has changed. For the most up-to-date vaccination schedule as suggested by the CDC:

Click [here](#) for the adult vaccination schedule.

Click [here](#) for the vaccination schedule for children.

August is also a critical time for those who are eligible to get vaccinated against COVID-19. To learn more about COVID-19 vaccination, check out the following websites:

[Your COVID-19 Vaccination / CDC](#)

[COVID-19 Vaccines for Children and Teens / CDC](#)

Great News! CMS Announces Continued Public Reporting of PSI-90



In June, The Leapfrog Group led a campaign to provide feedback to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) about the plan to suppress public reporting on PSI-90, a composite of ten serious preventable errors that kill 25,000 hospitalized patients each year. The Florida Alliance signed on to a letter submitted by

The Leapfrog Group. Some of you may have signed on as individuals, as well.

On Tuesday, August 2, CMS announced that they no longer plan to suppress PSI-90. They also offered powerful support for transparency and suggest we will not see proposals for data suppression in the

future. The Agency explained that they have found an alternative way to calculate PSI-90 without the confounding influence of COVID-19.

The leadership of CMS have long championed transparency and put patient safety at the top of the national agenda – which is why the proposed rule was so disappointing. CMS faces political realities that make transparency more difficult than it should be. **Last month our voices, as supporters of The Leapfrog Group, helped change that political reality. With this final rule, those CMS leaders stood true to their values and pledged to work for the benefit of patients and the public.**

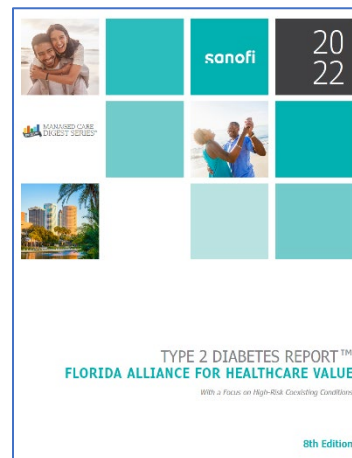


PROJECTS/EMPLOYER LEARNING COLLABORATIVES (ELCs)

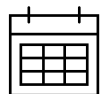
Florida Alliance for Healthcare Value Type 2 Diabetes Report™

Sanofi U.S. (Sanofi), in conjunction with the Florida Alliance, is pleased to present the eighth edition of the **Florida Alliance for Healthcare Value Type 2 Diabetes Report for 2022™**. A PDF of this report is attached to the email sent with this Weekly Bulletin. You may also access this report [here](#).

This report provides an overview of pertinent demographic, laboratory, charge, and pharmacotherapy measures for Type 2 diabetes patients in key local markets in Florida, with a focus on how high-risk coexisting conditions can impact diabetes care. The report also includes national benchmarks that can help providers and employers identify opportunities to better serve the needs of their patients. Publicly available data on disease prevalence, income, food availability, and Internet access offer insight into possible gaps around social determinants of health.



A preview of this report was presented at the first Diabetes/Obesity ELC meeting.



UPCOMING EVENT

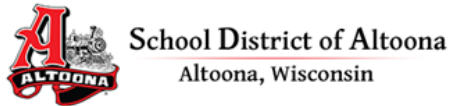
Don't forget to register for 27th Annual "Best of the Best!"

This year's 27th Annual "Best of the Best" event will be held on **Wednesday, September 14th, 9:00AM – 3:15PM, at the Caribe Royale Resort in Orlando.**



We're excited to feature representatives from Waste Pro, Hendry Marine, the Altoona Area School District, and Siemens Energy, including our Board member Doug Peddie!

The topics to be covered include **How Healthcare Navigation Can Be Used to Close Care Gaps and Support Employee Wellbeing, High-Cost Claims: Mitigating Costs and Improving Value for Patient Centricity, Innovation and Transparency in Drug Cost Management, and Advanced Primary Care and Direct Contracting.**



We will recognize this year's "Most Engaged Employer" at "Best of the Best."

"Best of the Best" is part of the Validation Institute's Health Benefits Nation 3-day conference which runs from September 14-16. **The Validation Institute has greatly reduced registration to \$99 for Florida Alliance members. The \$99 rate gives our members access to the full 3-day event, including "Best of the Best."**

To register for the 27th Annual "Best of the Best" as part of the Validation Institute's Health Benefits Nation 3-day conference, please follow these directions:

1. Go to the Validation Institute's Health Benefit Nation conference registration page by clicking [here](#).
2. Choose the Conference Rate: HR & Benefits Professional, Government, Non-Profit (\$295)
3. Scroll down and enter **FLAlliance** as your promotional code and **CLICK APPLY**.
4. Clicking APPLY allows your promotional code to be validated and you will see your total due change to \$99.
 - a. For an additional charge of \$79, Florida Alliance members may choose to add on the Capstone Project to earn their Certified Health Value Professional (CHVP) certification. The total cost for the conference with this OPTIONAL add-on is \$178.
5. Enter the Attendee Information as requested and continue through the rest of the registration form through to payment.

Please note that the Validation Institute has indicated that our Board members may attend at no charge. Board members, if you cannot attend, you may give your comp to one of your team

members. Please contact Karen van Caulil at karen@flhealthvalue.org to register. **Do not use the registration page if you are a Board member or are using the Board member comp.**