



Weekly Bulletin – August 12, 2022



WHAT'S NEW THIS WEEK?

Go Back to School with Catalyst for Payment Reform's FREE Courses – A Florida Alliance Employer Member Benefit



Florida Alliance partner, Catalyst for Payment Reform (CPR), an independent, nonprofit corporation, seeks to improve the way the healthcare market functions. By providing resources, often for free to our members, they work to catalyze employers, public purchasers, and others to implement strategies that produce higher-value health care.

CPR is currently offering **two FREE online courses** to help you learn more about specific strategies you can use to get better value:

Introduction to High-Value Health Care Purchasing

This introductory course will cover foundational topics to help HR/benefits professionals take the first step toward becoming a high-value healthcare purchaser.

For more information and to register, click [here](#).

Strategies for High-Value Health Care Purchasing

This course will cover high-value purchasing strategies to help employers and other healthcare purchasers take action to get better value for their healthcare dollar.

For more information and to register, click [here](#).



PROJECTS/EMPLOYER LEARNING COLLABORATIVES (ELCs)

Workplace Mental Health



The Florida Alliance is a member of the Integrated Benefits Institute (IBI). IBI recently shared a research article examining changes in employee mental health through a re-imagined workplace program. [Lyra Health | A Smarter Approach to Emotional Health](#), a workplace mental health organization focused on measurement-based care (MBC) and evidence supported treatments (EST), partnered in this effort. The workplace modified its offering of traditional EAPs (average of 3 to 5 sessions) into a more robust counseling offering where participants participated in an average of 25 counseling sessions. In addition, clinicians who participated in this study were selected for their use of ESTs and knowledge of MBC.

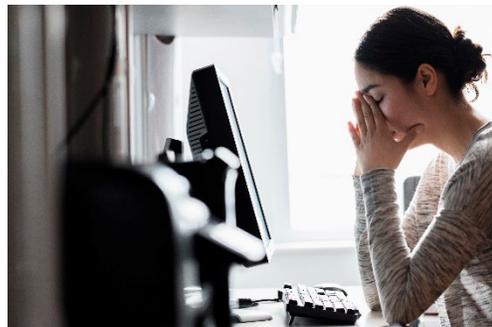
The study approach and design aligns with our upcoming Mental Health/Substance Use ELC launching later this month. Measurement-Based Care is one of the key tenets of The Path Forward for Mental Health and Substance Use that we will discuss during the ELC.

Results from the study showed positive changes in absenteeism (missing work), presenteeism (going to work sick) as well as statistically significant improvements in anxiety and depression symptoms based on their scores from several evidence supported measures. Learn more about the study here:

[Examining changes in presenteeism and clinical symptoms in a workforce mental health benefits program \(tandfonline.com\)](#)

A New Tool to Find High-Quality Addiction Treatment Launched in Florida

At the request of Florida Blue and Shatterproof, Karen van Caulil participated on the advisory council that assisted in the development and deployment of a new tool that launched in June to help Floridians seek high-quality and appropriate addiction treatment. ATLAS®, an Addiction Treatment Locator, Assessment, and Standards Platform, www.TreatmentATLAS.org, evaluates addiction treatment facilities' use of evidence-based best practices, includes an assessment to understand the appropriate level of care, and offers an easy-to-use dashboard to allow those in need and their loved ones to search for and compare facilities using criteria such as location, services offered, and insurance accepted so they can find the best treatment for their unique needs.



ATLAS also gathers and displays anonymous feedback from clients on their experiences at facilities. Just as we use consumer reviews to select goods and services in other areas of healthcare, this feedback helps to inform others' care decisions.

We will discuss ATLAS further during our Mental Health/Substance Use ELC scheduled to kick off at the end of August.

Please contact David Cavalleri, Director of Research and Evaluation, at david@flhealthvalue.org if you have any questions about the ELC.



UPCOMING EVENT

Don't forget to register for the 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.** A copy of the agenda is attached to the email sent with this Weekly Bulletin.



School District of Altoona
Altoona, Wisconsin



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, all 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.
6. Payments made are non-refundable.

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.**



NATIONAL INVOLVEMENT OF FLORIDA ALLIANCE TEAM & EMPLOYER MEMBERS

Leapfrog’s Annual Meeting – December 6, 2022, Washington, DC



The Leapfrog Group’s Annual Meeting on December 6th, “Right NOW: The Urgency of Patient Safety,” will focus on the crucial need to address and improve patient safety in America’s healthcare system today. The meeting will bring together stakeholders from all sides of health care – employers, policymakers, hospital and ASC leaders, patient advocates, and other industry partners – to discuss how to take immediate action to prioritize patient safety in American health care.

The Florida Alliance’s own **Ashley Tait-Dinger**, and Florida Alliance Board Chair and Executive Benefits Director of Miami-Dade County Schools, **Rosa Novo**, along with representatives from AdventHealth and Sepsis Alliance, are scheduled to present, “Ten Years of the Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade: How One State Harnessed the Power of Transparency.”



Ashley Tait-Dinger



Rosa Novo

Registration is now open for this event. **Take advantage of Early Bird registration with 15% off** your ticket with code EARLY15. Find more information including the agenda [here](#).



IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

The Weight of the Burden by François de Brantes, *Senior Vice President, Signify Health, a Florida Alliance Affiliate Member*

While the full weight of healthcare costs is borne by all of us, the burden of healthcare costs is unevenly and inequitably distributed. But the burden doesn’t have to be so regressive.



Read François’ full article published in LinkedIn [here](#).