



WHAT'S NEW THIS WEEK?

Mental Health/Substance Use Employer Learning Collaborative Kicks Off

On August 30th, we kicked off our Mental Health/Substance Use (MH/SU) Employer Learning Collaborative (ELC). The ELC will take place over the next 12 months. During Tuesday's meeting we heard updates from Miami-Dade County, Brevard County, Tampa Bay, and Orange County on activities that have already been initiated with employers to improve the MH/SU system of care. In addition, we explained the five pillars of [The Path Forward for Mental Health and Substance Use](#):

- Improve in-network access to MH/SU care providers
- Expand screening and testing for MH/SU conditions (measurement-based care)
- Expand MH/SU integration into primary care settings including pediatrics and OB/GYN (the collaborative care model),
- Improve tele-behavioral health access, quality, cost, and integration with primary care; and
- Resolve legacy mental health parity compliance issues.

Attendees were solicited for their feedback regarding the draft *Path Forward – Florida* action plan that was also presented.

Tommy Inzina, CEO of BayCare, was recognized with our “Dr. Jack Mahoney Healthcare Hero” award for his impactful work in mental health in the Tampa Bay area.

If you were unable to attend the kickoff meeting, we have created a webpage for the MH/SU ELC. To view the action plan and the slides, click [here](#). A recording of the meeting will be added to the webpage soon.

The next meeting will be held virtually on Tuesday, September 27, from 10AM – 11:30AM. A calendar invitation will be sent out soon. The focus of this meeting will be on tele-behavioral health.

Please provide any feedback on the draft action plan that you have to Karen@flhealthvalue.org



Shown: Tommy Inzina (BayCare), FL Alliance Board Member Kim Ramos (The Mosaic Company), Carrie Zeisse (Tampa Bay Thrives)

September is Suicide Prevention Awareness Month

While suicide prevention is important to address year-round, **Suicide Prevention Awareness Month** provides a dedicated time to come together with collective passion and strength to address this difficult topic.

Suicidal thoughts, much like mental health conditions, can affect anyone regardless of age, gender, or background. In fact, suicide is often the result of an untreated mental health condition. Suicidal thoughts, although common, should not be considered normal and often indicate more serious issues.

The recent launch of the **988 Suicide and Crisis Hotline** is another resource for individuals going through a difficult time to find comfort and support.



For more information on Suicide Prevention Awareness Month and resources for those struggling or in a crisis, visit the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) [Suicide Prevention Awareness Month webpage](#).



POLICY ACTIVITY

Employer Member Resource – [Surprise Billing Final Regulations Policy Brief](#)

This Health Policy in Transit summarizes the No Surprises Act final rules that were issued by the US Department of Health and Human Services, Department of Labor, and Treasury on Friday, August 19, 2022. These final rules clarify and officially finalize the policies described in the Interim Final Rules issued in July and October of 2021, taking into account the outcome of federal litigation on the independent dispute resolution (IDR) process.



To read this brief and other Health Policy in Transit Briefs from the National Alliance, click [here](#).

If you have any question about the final regulations, please reach out to Karen@flhealthvalue.org



UPCOMING EVENT

**LESS THAN 2 WEEKS AWAY! Wednesday, September 14th,
9:00AM – 3:15PM at the Caribe Royale Resort, Orlando**



The Validation Institute has given us a few **free passes** for “Best of the Best.” They are available on a first come, first served basis. Please email lisa@flhealthvalue.org ASAP if you would like to take advantage of one of the passes. Otherwise the cost to attend is \$99 this year and includes registration for the conference on the 15th and 16th.



"Advanced Primary Care and Direct Contracting...A School's Success Story"

Charles Prijatelj, EdD
Superintendent of Schools
Altoona Area School District

"How Healthcare Navigation Can Be Used to Close Care Gaps and Support Employee Wellbeing"

Doug Peddie, MBA
Benefits Manager/
US Benefits Transition Lead
Seimens Energy



"Best of the Best in Pharmacy Benefit Management"

Shannon Early, SPHR, SHRM-SCP
Vice Preseident of Human Resources
Waste Pro USA

"The Hendry Marine Story: Our Journey to Self-Funding and Innovation"

Stephanie Koch, SPHR, SHRM-SCP
Director of Human Resources
Hendry Marine Industries, Inc.



***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.**



IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

ICER Publishes Evidence Report on Treatments for Obesity Management

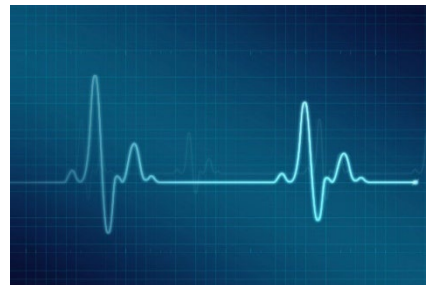


On Wednesday, August 31, the Institute for Clinical and Economic Review (ICER) posted its revised Evidence Report assessing the comparative clinical effectiveness of several anti-obesity medications. This revised Evidence Report follows a draft version of the report that was previously open for a four-week public comment period as highlighted in our July 15 Weekly Bulletin. The reviewed medications were also discussed during our Diabetes/Obesity ELC this summer.

To read the full report, click [here](#).

Don't Forget! - 2022 Fall Pulse of the Purchaser Survey

The National Alliance of Healthcare Purchaser Coalitions is conducting its 2022 Fall Pulse of the Purchaser Survey to learn about employers' current directions. Over the past several years, this survey has highlighted employer key trends in healthcare delivery and payment reform. The survey will take no more than 10 minutes to complete – all responses will remain confidential. **If at least 8 employer members complete this survey, the Florida Alliance compiled results will be sent to us.**



Key Areas of the Survey

- Workforce environment
- Health strategies (including reproductive benefits)
- Pharmacy drug strategies
- Hospital price transparency
- High-cost claims
- Impact of potential health reforms

[Click Here to Complete Survey](#)

Your response by Tuesday, Sept 13th is appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact Margaret Rehayem mrehayem@nationalalliancehealth.org

Employer Member Benefit – Complimentary Webinar – September 15 · 2:00PM-2:30PM (ET)
Fiduciary Check-in: How to Receive Optimal PBM Value & Service

Every plan fiduciary has a right and a responsibility to know how intermediaries are being paid and to ensure the best interests of the plan sponsor and plan members are being served.

This webinar will cover the implications of common PBM conflicts and questions to ask PBMs to achieve optimal service and value on behalf of your organization and employees.

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