



## Weekly Bulletin – September 9, 2022



### WHAT'S NEW THIS WEEK?

#### Just Released – PLAYBOOK – Beyond Hospital Transparency: *Getting to Fair Price*

We are pleased to share the release of this hospital transparency playbook featuring Sage Transparency, the Hospital Value Dashboard.

It will help purchasers:

- Navigate the data
- Understand rights and responsibilities as a plan sponsor fiduciary
- Determine what a fair price is for hospital services in specific marketplaces
- Offer guidance about options available individually and collectively to achieve fair pricing for hospital services

Click [here](#) to access the Playbook.



You can also read Bloomberg Law online, *Employer Group Touts 'Playbook,' Data to Broker Hospital Prices*, for some analysis and a quote from Florida Alliance President and CEO, Karen van Caulil.

Click [here](#) to read the article.

#### September is National Recovery Month

Millions of Americans struggle with addiction as it continues to take a heavy toll on our communities. According to the CDC, over 107,000 people died from drug overdoses in 2021, the majority of them from fentanyl or another synthetic opioid. Alcohol-induced deaths rose to over 52,000 in 2021. COVID-19 has exacerbated the difficulties people experience, resulting in higher instances of substance misuse and addiction, anxiety, depression, suicidal ideation, and post-traumatic stress disorder. On the economic front, it is estimated that the addiction crisis costs around \$740 billion annually in lost work, health care, and engagement in the legal system. Employers are not helpless in assisting employees. Here are two toolkit offerings employers can use for implementation to better support their staff:

1. The Boston Medical Center offers a library of easy to access and adapt resources ([Supporting and Encouraging Employees | Boston Medical Center \(bmc.org\)](#)); and

2. The National Safety Council offers a toolkit on opioids and the workplace ([Opioids at Work Employer Toolkit - National Safety Council \(nsc.org\)](#))

In addition, employees should be reminded of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) National Helpline available to them, available in English and Spanish at 1-800-662-4357 should they prefer to speak to someone privately about their struggles and identify treatment options and support groups. This helpline is different from 988, which is designed for people in the midst of a mental health crisis, which is also a valuable resource.



## UPCOMING EVENT

**LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER for "BEST OF THE BEST!"**  
**Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>,**  
**9:00AM – 3:15PM at the Caribe Royale Resort, Orlando**



**We still have a few free passes left for "Best of the Best."** They are available on a first come, first served basis. Please email [lisa@flhealthvalue.org](mailto: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 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>.



"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 President of Human Resources  
Waste Pro USA

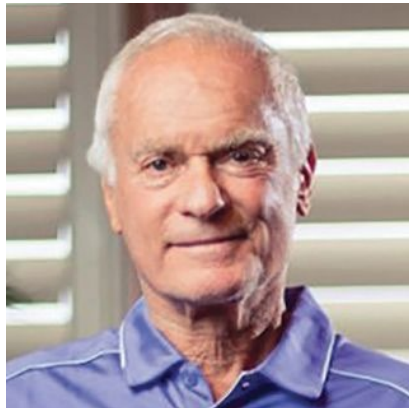
"The Hendry Marine Story: Our Journey  
to Self-Funding and Innovation"

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



## IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

### Taking Control of Health Care



Hotelier and philanthropist Harris Rosen, of long-time **Florida Alliance employer member Rosen Hotels & Resorts**, discusses the Rosen Medical Center and RosenCare, with the focus of the conversation on affordable care during a recent podcast on Spectrum News 13's "Beyond the Soundbite." To hear the podcast, click [here](#).

To learn more about RosenCare, join us at the Health Benefits Nation conference. Hear from Harris Rosen, Florida Alliance Board Vice Chair Ashley Bacot, and Rosen Hotels and Resorts Director of Health Services, Kenneth Aldridge, during the Keynote Panel, "RosenCare: The True Healthcare Solution" on Friday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at 8:50AM, the second and final day of the Health Benefits Nation conference at the Caribe Royale Hotel in Orlando. Moderating the panel is our own, Karen van Caulil, Florida Alliance President and CEO.

## **Please Respond! We Need to Boost our Response to the National Alliance Pulse of the Purchaser Survey**

There are still a few days left to complete The National Alliance of Healthcare Purchaser Coalitions 2022 Fall Pulse of the Purchaser Survey. This survey is being conducted 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. **We have had a very low response so far. 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 13<sup>th</sup> is appreciated.** If you have any questions, please contact Margaret Rehayem [mrehayem@nationalalliancehealth.org](mailto:mrehayem@nationalalliancehealth.org)