



## Weekly Bulletin – September 23, 2022



### WHAT'S NEW THIS WEEK?

#### The 27<sup>th</sup> Annual “Best of the Best”

It was great to see many of you in person at the Caribe Royale Resort in Orlando for our 27<sup>th</sup> Annual “Best of the Best” on September 14<sup>th</sup>. The “Best of the Best” and the two-day Health Benefits Nation conference that followed were filled with informative speakers, panel sessions, and discussions, including Florida Alliance Board Chair Rosa Novo from Miami-Dade County Schools, Vice Chair Ashley Bacot, Rosen Hotels & Resorts, and Board Member Doug Peddie, Siemens Energy. Karen van Caulil, Florida Alliance President and CEO, wore several hats during the 3-day event, chairing the overall conference, moderating panels, and speaking during the Total Person Health panel presentation.

**Congratulations to the City of Miami, the recipient of this year’s “Most Engaged Employer” Award.** Accepting the award was Florida Alliance Board Member, Ann-Marie Sharpe, Director of Risk Management at the City of Miami. Thank you to Memorial Healthcare System for sponsoring this year’s award.

Attendee materials from “Best of the Best” can be found [here](#).



*Matt Muhart, Memorial Healthcare System  
and Ann-Marie Sharpe, City of Miami*

#### Welcome to our New Board Member



Welcome to our newest member of the Board of Directors, Carolee Richendollar, MA, CEBS! **Carolee is Vice President of Operations for the Florida Bankers Health Consortium.** Carolee is an experienced employee relations and communications professional in the employee benefit industry.

Thank you, Carolee, for agreeing to serve on the Board!

## Welcome to our newest members – Patriot Rail and PeopleOne Health!

Our newest **Employer Member**, [Patriot Rail](#), headquartered in Jacksonville, Florida, is one of North America’s safest and most reliable rail and rail services solutions companies. They operate regional and short line freight railroads, a scenic rail excursion train, and two rail-related services companies with over 600 total rail miles across the United States.



With a focus on preventative practices and building health, [PeopleOne Health](#), our newest **Affiliate Member**, offers their members access to a dedicated medical team, mental health support, nutritionists and health coaches, and pharmacy guidance with no additional out-of-pocket expense. For more information about PeopleOne Health, please contact:

[Jordan.taradash@peopleonehealth.com](mailto:Jordan.taradash@peopleonehealth.com).

## New Chair of State Consumer Health Information and Policy (SCHIP) Advisory Council



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Congratulations to Florida Alliance President and CEO, Karen van Caulil, for being elected as chairperson of the State of Florida’s SCHIP Advisory Council. The advisory council is established in Florida Statute to provide insight and expertise to the Agency for Health Care Administration regarding publication and dissemination of health data across federal, state, local, and private stakeholders. Karen has been a member of the advisory council representing employers for the past ten years.



## Employer Learning Collaboratives

### Mental Health/Substance Use Employer Learning Collaborative (ELC) – September 27 at 10AM

The **second session of our Mental Health/Substance Use ELC is scheduled for Tuesday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 10AM** via Webex. We hope you can join us for the meeting which will focus on tele-behavioral health. Please contact [karen@flhealthvalue.org](mailto:karen@flhealthvalue.org) if you did not receive a calendar invitation or need it to be sent again.



Calendar invitations have also gone out for **Session #3, scheduled for October 26 at 2PM**. This meeting will focus on the network adequacy pillar of The Path Forward. Employers will be encouraged to ask their third-party administrator (TPA), their solution provider if MH/SU services are carved out, and Employee Assistance Program provider to

provide data to evaluate the adequacy of the network of MH/SU treatment providers. The TPA's provider network should include sufficient numbers and availability of MH/SU treatment providers so that plan members seeking care can obtain timely in-network appointments.

If you missed the ELC Kickoff on August 30<sup>th</sup>, or just want to review any of the information discussed including the Path Forward Action Plan for Florida, please visit our Mental Health/Substance Use Employer Learning Collaborative webpage <https://flhealthvalue.org/our-work/mental-health-substance-use-elc/>

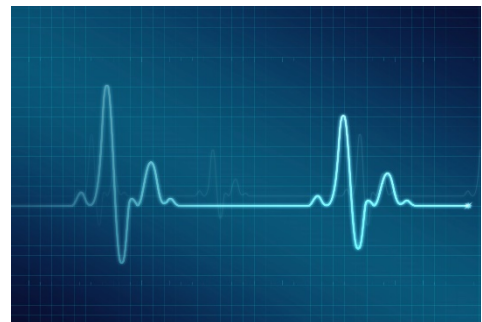


## IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

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### Last Call to Submit 2022 Fall Pulse of the Purchaser Survey – Please Complete by TODAY!

This is a final call to submit the National Alliance of Healthcare Purchaser Coalitions' 2022 Fall Pulse of the Purchaser Survey. The goal of the survey is 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.**



[Click Here to Complete Survey by September 23<sup>rd</sup>](#)

### Embold Health Announces Partnership with ICUBA to Improve Health Care for its Members

On September 13th, it was announced that Embold Health, a Florida Alliance affiliate member, entered into a partnership with Florida Alliance employer/healthcare purchaser member, Independent Colleges and Universities Benefits Association, Inc. (ICUBA), to provide its members with insights into physician performance and improve the quality of healthcare for their entire community.



You can read the full press release [here](#).

## The Oncology Care Model and Its Successor

An article posted in *Managed Healthcare Executive* in July describes the Oncology Care Model (OCM) which was introduced in 2016 by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) in an effort to improve the quality and coordination of care for cancer patients. The program aimed to do so by bundling payments for care and encouraging collaboration among providers. Practices could bill Medicare for a \$160 monthly enhanced oncology service (MEOS) for each beneficiary receiving chemotherapy. Participating practices were also eligible for retrospective performance-based payments (PBPs) that were measured by financial benchmarks and quality metrics.

The latest evaluation which came out in December 2021 for the program that ended in June showed that practices participating in the OCM spent an average of \$298 less per episode than a comparison group of practices not participating in the model. The reduced spending was concentrated in the care of lung cancer, lymphoma, colorectal cancer, and high-risk breast cancer patients.

**François de Brantes, Senior Vice President of Episodes of Care at Signify Health (a Florida Alliance Affiliate member)** believes OCM was an important pilot to demonstrate how to involve specialty care providers.



François de Brantes  
Signify Health

On June 27, CMS announced the successor program to OCM, which it is calling the Enhancing Oncology Model (EOM).

Read the full article [here](#).

**Karen van Caulil will be presenting on an oncology-specific panel in late October on “New Strategies for Insurance Benefit Designs: From the Simple to the Complex.” It would be very helpful if you could take a few minutes to share information on your oncology delivery and payment strategies with Karen as she prepares for this panel. Please reach out to [karen@flhealthvalue.org](mailto:karen@flhealthvalue.org) – thank you!**