



Weekly Bulletin – October 14, 2022



WHAT'S NEW THIS WEEK?

Hospital Price Transparency Playbook: Getting to a Fair Price

To support employers and other healthcare purchasers in an effort to stop paying indefensible hospital prices, the National Alliance of Healthcare Purchaser Coalitions has released the playbook, **“Beyond Hospital Transparency: Getting to a Fair Price.”** The National Alliance used feedback from our Employer Roundtable on hospital prices to finalize the playbook, so a special thank you to our employer members who participated in the roundtable! **The playbook helps employers/healthcare purchasers navigate and understand how best to leverage newly available hospital price and quality transparency data and tools from Sage Transparency (the Hospital Value Dashboard) to determine a fair price and demand accountability in local markets.** The playbook is attached to the Weekly Bulletin email as a PDF.

As a reminder, **Florida employers pay 345% of Medicare on average for hospital care. This level of cost shift puts Florida as the third highest priced state.** Our Employer Roundtable discussion identified

A graphic showing the number "345%" in a large, bold, white font against a red background. The percentage sign is slightly larger and more prominent than the numbers.

several market-based and policy strategies that would utilize the data in the Hospital Value Dashboard and the strategies identified in what was at the time the draft version of the playbook. Now that we have the final playbook in hand, it's time to move our strategies forward. **We hope you will be able to attend our “Getting to a Fair Price for Hospital Care in Florida” virtual meeting on Tuesday, November 1, 1PM – 3 PM.** You will

receive a calendar invitation and if you are unable to attend, we will be recording the discussion and post a link to it in the Weekly Bulletin.

At this meeting, we will:

- Go over the high points of the data found in the Hospital Value Dashboard for the main markets in Florida
- Review draft talking points that employers can use in discussions with their leadership
- Talk through the proposed “Getting to a Fair Price” Methodology from the playbook and what that would look like in Florida
- Identify which hospitals we want to meet with in the coming months
- Share an update on educating elected officials in Washington, DC and in Tallahassee on hospital pricing
- Discuss RAND 5.0 Hospital Price Transparency Study participation

If you have any questions, please contact karen@flhealthvalue.org



EMPLOYER LEARNING COLLABORATIVES

Enhanced Recovery After Surgery/Enhanced Recovery After Delivery (ERAS/ERAD) Employer Learning Collaborative (ELC)



*Dr. Luke Elms
Orlando Health*

Don't forget our next ERAS/ERAD ELC meeting will be held on Wednesday, **October 19 from 12 noon – 1:30PM** via Webex. This meeting will focus on ERAD and a women's health point of view. You will hear from providers, including **Dr. Luke Elms from Orlando Health**, and a patient, who is also a practitioner. If you did not receive a calendar invitation or would like more information, please contact Ashley@flhealthvalue.org.

To review the materials from previous Enhanced Recovery After Surgery/Enhanced Recovery After Delivery Employer Learning Collaborative meetings, please visit our Enhanced Recovery After Surgery/Delivery Employer Learning Collaborative webpage <https://flhealthvalue.org/our-work/enhanced-recovery-after-surgery-enhanced-recovery-after-deliverycollaborative/>

Mental Health/Substance Use Employer Learning Collaborative (ELC)

The third session of our Mental Health/Substance Use ELC is scheduled for **Wednesday, October 26 from 2PM – 3:30PM** via Webex.

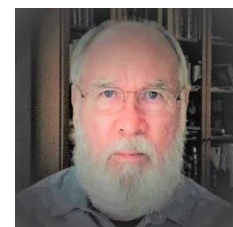
During this meeting we will focus on the network adequacy pillar of The Path Forward for Mental Health and Substance Use (MH/SU). At this meeting, we will:

- Review a draft of the employee survey discussed at the ELC meeting last month to identify any potential barriers to accessing in-network, timely care.
- Employers will be encouraged to ask their third-party administrator and if applicable, their solution provider and Employee Assistance Program provider to share data with them intended to evaluate the adequacy of the network of MH/SU treatment providers.



The network should include sufficient numbers and availability of MH/SU treatment providers so that plan members seeking care can obtain timely in-network appointments.

The featured speaker at the October 26th session will be Michael Yuhas. Michael serves as an advisor to the Path Forward for Mental Health and Substance Use. He has served as EVP for Magellan Health Services, CEO for Health Integrated, an integrated care management company, and Founder/CEO/Chairman for Integra ServiceConnect.



Michael Yuhas

Please contact karen@flhealthvalue.org if you did not receive a calendar invitation for this meeting or need it to be sent again.

To review the materials from previous Mental Health/Substance Use Employer Learning Collaborative meetings, please visit our Mental Health/Substance Use Employer Learning Collaborative webpage <https://flhealthvalue.org/our-work/mental-health-substance-use-elc/> The webpage includes the recording from Session 2 which focused on tele-behavioral health, as well as the recording of the kickoff meeting in August, and a review of the Path Forward Action Plan for Florida.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Employer Member Benefit: *Complimentary Webinar* – Lessons Learned from Recent Health Equity Efforts: A Coalition Roundtable – October 26, 2022, 12-1:30PM

[Register now](#) to participate in an upcoming National Alliance of Healthcare Purchaser Coalitions roundtable. National Alliance coalition members from across the country will share their experiences in prioritizing and activating health equity initiatives in their markets. They will share case studies, lessons learned, and future plans for driving health equity forward.

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IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

Employer Benefit: *Policy Brief* – Federal Litigation on ACA’s Requirement to Cover Preventive Services

This National Alliance policy brief explains a recent federal district court ruling regarding coverage of preventive care services recommended by the US Preventive Services Task Force.



Under a provision of the Affordable Care Act, all plan sponsors, including employers, are required to cover a specific set of preventive services with no cost sharing for enrollees. This court decision calls into question the constitutionality of that requirement, but it is unclear at this time how this ruling may apply outside of the litigants in this case. To view this brief and other National Alliance policy briefs, please click [here](#).

How a Texas Court Decision Threatens Affordable Care Act Protections – *an NPR online article*

The federal judge’s September 7 ruling in a Texas lawsuit filed by conservative groups claiming that the ACA’s mandate that health plans pay the full cost of preventive services is unconstitutional may lead to health plans and self-insured employers imposing cost sharing for preventive services on their members and workers.

If the preventive services coverage mandate is partially struck down, the result could be a confusing patchwork of health plan benefit designs offered in various industries and in different parts of the country. Patients who have serious medical conditions or are at high risk for such conditions may have a hard time finding a plan that fully covers preventive and screening services.

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

