



## Weekly Bulletin – November 18, 2022



### WHAT'S NEW THIS WEEK?

#### The Leapfrog Group Announces Fall 2022 Hospital Safety Grades



On Wednesday, November 16, Leapfrog released the Fall 2022 Hospital Safety Grades. There was good news for Florida! **Seventy-two (39.3%) of the 183 Florida hospitals that completed the Safety Grade Survey received an “A” grade.** Based on the percentage of “A” grades, **Florida now ranks among the top 10 states with the highest percentage of “A”- rated hospitals**, a great achievement since the Spring 2022 ranking of #17. To view the press release, click [here](#).

For the **Fall 2022 Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade State Rankings**, click [here](#).

Click [here](#) to see individual hospital grades.

If you have any questions about the Hospital Safety Grades, please contact Ashley Tait-Dinger at [ashley@flhealthvalue.org](mailto:ashley@flhealthvalue.org)

#### National Family Caregivers Month

November is National Family Caregivers Month. Did you know that over 53 million Americans are unpaid caregivers to family, friends, and neighbors? Nearly a third of adult caregivers are helping someone with a mental illness. Caregiving can often have a significant impact on their life, including the burdens it may place on the caregiver's own mental health.



With this in mind, it is vital for caregivers to take care of their own mental health. Supporting caregivers with information and resources can help them maintain their mental health and better serve loved ones with mental illness. **It is likely you have employees who are caring for someone close to them. Mental Health America has developed an online guide to help caregivers new and old to care for themselves and those they care for:**

<https://mhanational.org/caregivers/caregivers-guide>

## **New Guide: Creating a Vaccination-Friendly Culture**

Employers are in a unique position to increase trust in the science of vaccines and improve vaccination rates as part of their efforts to promote health and well-being among employees and family members.

The Northeast Business Group on Health (NEBGH), our sister coalition, invited the Florida Alliance and some of our employer members to participate in a vaccination project earlier this year.

With our input, **NEBGH has produced a guide that outlines steps employers can take to support employees and their families in getting vaccinated, promoting vaccines, communicating the importance of vaccination as essential to good health and well-being, and increasing vaccination rates in employee populations and beyond.**

Click [here](#) to view the guide.



## **Thank You and Congratulations, Patrick Peters!**



***Patrick Peters***

*Benefits & Wellness Administrator  
Orange County Government*

Board Member Patrick Peters is retiring from Orange County Government next week. We would like to acknowledge his long-time service to the Florida Alliance.

**Patrick has been a devoted and passionate member of our organization and has served on the Board of Directors for many years, nearly the entire time as an Executive Committee member and Officer of the Corporation.**

Wishing Patrick good health and happiness for the future! Thank you!



## EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND EMPLOYER LEARNING COLLABORATIVES (ELC)

### Mental Health/Substance Use Employer Learning Collaborative (MH/SU ELC)



On Tuesday, November 15, we held Session #4 of the MH/SU ELC. Many thanks to Cheryl Brown Meriwhether from ICARE and Angad Buttar and Michelle Mangum from Shatterproof for their excellent presentations! To review the slides, the meeting recordings, and other materials from this session and all the sessions of the Mental Health/Substance Use ELC meetings, please visit: <https://flhealthvalue.org/our-work/mental-health-substance-use-elc/> This webpage also includes the resources that are referenced at each session.

As follow up to last week's brief summary regarding the Total Brain Mental Health Index Q3 2022 report, please click [here](#) to view a copy of the full report.

### Employer Member Benefit: Complimentary Webinar – The Leapfrog Group CAA Compliance Webinar Series: Mental Health Regulations, Audits, and Enforcement in the Time of CAA Compliance – December 16, 2022, 12:00PM-1:00PM

Mental health parity under the CAA leaves many employers concerned as they try to comply with the law and its little to no guidance. These panelists will analyze the regulatory landscape and what is next for mental health parity audits.

**THE LEAPFROG GROUP CAA COMPLIANCE WEBINAR SERIES**

**Session 5: Fiduciary Oversight in Light of Mental Health Access Challenges**  
*Free Toolkit and Guidance to Make Sure You're Prepared*

**December 16, 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM ET**



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