



Weekly Bulletin – January 13, 2023



WHAT'S NEW THIS WEEK?

Free and Open to the Public: *Webinar* – ICER's Barriers to Fair Access: Evaluating 2022 Coverage Policies, January 18 • 12:00PM ET

The Institute for Clinical and Economic Review (ICER), an independent non-profit research institute that produces reports analyzing evidence on the effectiveness and value of drugs and other medical services, is hosting a webinar on January 18th which will provide an overview of this year's [Barriers to Fair Access](#) report (being released on January 17th). **Click [here](#) to register for this free webinar** featuring ICER Executive Vice President Sarah Emond and two leading patient advocates, Mary Dwight, Senior Vice President and Chief Policy & Advocacy Officer at Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, and Meghan Buzby, Executive Director, Coalition for Headache and Migraine Patients.



Free and Open to the Public: *Webinar* – Leveraging ICER Analytics: Gene Therapies for Hemophilia A and B, January 19 • 12:00PM

Join Steve Pearson, MD, MSc, President of the Institute for Clinical and Economic Review (ICER) and ICER's Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer Sarah Emond, MPP for this free 45-minute webinar that will demonstrate how payers, manufacturers, policy makers, and others can leverage the results of ICER's assessment on gene therapies for hemophilia A and B within ICER Analytics. **Click [here](#) to register.**



Employer Member Benefit: *Resources* – New COVID-19 Employer Resources

As COVID-19 continues to evolve, recent variants are more transmissible than earlier variants. **Florida Alliance Affiliate Member, Pfizer, has provided new educational materials about booster shots.**



Click [here](#) for a COVID-19 Booster flyer from Pfizer that addresses questions including:

- **What is an updated COVID-19 booster shot?**
- **Why get an updated COVID-19 booster shot?**
- **Who should get an updated COVID-19 booster shot?**

Moderna/Modern Wellness has also provided new educational materials about vaccination after a COVID-19 infection, breakthrough infections, and a guide to bivalent booster vaccines.



If you had a COVID-19 infection, your protection normally decreases over time and may be incomplete. **A COVID-19 vaccine is recommended for people who had a previous infection.**

Click [here](#) for a flyer from Moderna/Modern Wellness for more information and to find out how long to wait after an infection before getting the vaccine.

There are cases where people who had been fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and who were up to date with the recommended vaccines still got a COVID-19 infection. These cases are known as “breakthrough infections.”

Click [here](#) for a flyer from Moderna/Modern Wellness that addresses questions about breakthrough infections including:

- **Why does a “breakthrough infection” happen?**
- **Why should I get a COVID-19 vaccine if a breakthrough infection is possible?**
- **What does the CDC recommend?**

The bivalent COVID-19 booster vaccine is a newer vaccine that was created to protect against the Omicron variant of COVID-19 in addition to the original strain of COVID-19 virus. The bivalent vaccine is given as a single booster dose to people who have already completed a primary series of COVID-19 vaccine, or 2 months after the last monovalent booster dose.

Click [here](#) for a flyer from Moderna with information about booster vaccines including how and why they were developed along with CDC recommendations.

We continue to compile COVID resources for employers on a webpage. For these and other COVID-19 resources, click [here](#).



Employer Educational Programs And Employer Learning Collaboratives (ELC)

Reminder: Mental Health/Substance Use Employer Learning Collaborative January 25, 2023 • 1:00PM - 2:00PM ET

Don't forget, we're hosting our 5th webinar in this ELC series on Wednesday, January 25th. Our featured speaker will be **Emma Jellen, the Interim Director of the Center for Workplace Mental Health**. Emma will be sharing the various tools, resources, programs, and information they have developed to promote and support the mental health of employees and their families, including their Notice. Talk. Act. @ Work program.



Emma Jellen

We will also discuss an opportunity to participate in a Path Forward employer roundtable being held in Dallas in April and look at Employee Assistance Program best practice.

To review the slides, the meeting recordings, and other materials from all the sessions of the Mental Health/Substance Use ELC meetings, please visit our Mental Health/Substance Use ELC webpage <https://flhealthvalue.org/our-work/mental-health-substance-use-etc/>. This webpage also includes the resources that are referenced at each session.

Please contact karen@flhealthvalue.org if you did not receive the calendar invitation for the upcoming January 25 session on innovations in MH/SU or need one to be sent again.



In Case You Missed It

Search Announced for Catalyst for Payment Reform's (CPR) New Executive Director

Suzanne Delbanco will be changing and reducing her role at CPR due to needing treatment for ovarian cancer. Suzanne, one of the nation's leading voices in health policy and for healthcare purchasers become CPR's founding Executive Director in 2010 and has led the

organization to its current prominence as a national leader in improving the quality and affordability of health care, on behalf of those who use and pay for care. Suzanne will be staying on as a senior advisory



and continue to offer guidance, but she feels strongly – and the CPR Board agrees – that CPR should have a leader who can devote full energy to the organization.

Interim leaders will be Andréa Caballero, Program Director, and Ryan Olmstead, Director of Member Services. The Board will be integrally involved to support the CPR staff as needed and will lead the search for a new Executive Director.

CPR has an exciting agenda underway for 2023 and will continue to serve the needs of its members and push the health care system to produce higher-value health care, whether through market forces or policy. The job description can be found [here](#).