



Weekly Bulletin – January 20, 2023



WHAT'S NEW THIS WEEK?

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN! 2023 Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors – Open Meeting for All Members and the Public on Wednesday, March 29, 2023 • 1:00PM - 3:00PM ET

We're excited to announce that registration is now open for our virtual 2023 Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors. Back by popular demand is our **keynote speaker, Dr. Marty Makary**, Johns Hopkins Surgeon, Professor of Public Health Policy at the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health, and best-selling author of "Improving Wisely" and "The Price We Pay."



Dr. Marty Makary

In addition to hearing from Dr. Makary, this event offers the opportunity to learn about the important work the Florida Alliance is undertaking to improve the quality and value of health care in Florida. Join us on March 29 to:

- "Meet" our 2023-2024 Board of Directors and Executive Committee
- Review our 2022 Annual Report and 2023 Plan of Work

This is a **FREE** event. To register, click [here](#).

Are Employers Satisfied that Health Plans Drive Quality, Safety, and Value? – Webinar – January 26 • 2:00PM-3:00PM ET

Join Leapfrog and major employer leaders for the announcement of employer perspectives on their health plans and a discussion of their implications. Don't miss out on the opportunity to hear the findings of the 2022 employer survey on health plan effectiveness in achieving healthcare quality, safety, and value, which will be published on January 26 during a webinar of employer leaders.



Find out how results have changed since 2020 when Leapfrog last administered the survey. Leapfrog President and CEO Leah Binder will present the survey results, and leaders from The Boeing Company, Northwestern Mutual, and Walmart will discuss the impact of the results. [Register today.](#)

ICER Publishes Second Annual Assessment of Barriers to Fair Access Within US Commercial Insurance Prescription Drug Coverage



On Tuesday, January 17, the Institute for Clinical and Economic Review (ICER) published its second annual “Barriers to Fair Access” assessment of prescription drug coverage policies. While many key elements of fair access were not able to be assessed, the analysis found that major payer coverage policies for 19 drugs demonstrated high concordance with many fair access criteria related to cost sharing, clinical eligibility, step therapy, and provider restrictions. Further, the report’s findings suggest that major improvements are needed in the transparency of coverage policy information for consumers, and in reducing the complexity of the prior authorization process for both clinicians and patients. Finally, because five payers chose to revise policies for 11 drugs initially judged to be out of line with fair access criteria, it is clear that greater transparency into payer coverage policies can lead to positive change for patients.

Click [here](#) for full report. Click [here](#) for supplemental materials.



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-elc/>. 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 the Center for Workplace Mental Health’s programs or need one to be sent again.

Employer Member Benefit: *Webinar* – Achieving Value through Health: Latest Evidence on Pharmacogenomics -Wednesday, January 25 • 3:00PM – 4:00PM ET.

Pharmacogenomics (PGx) is a core element of precision medicine, reducing the likelihood of adverse drug reactions and optimizing therapeutic efficacy. The panelists will review and discuss the latest evidence on improving outcomes and affordability for certain PGx treatments in areas such as mental health and cancer.

Speakers



K. Andrew Crighton, MD
Crighton Consulting Group; National Alliance Medical Director Advisory Council



Jeffrey Shaman, PhD
Coriell Life Sciences



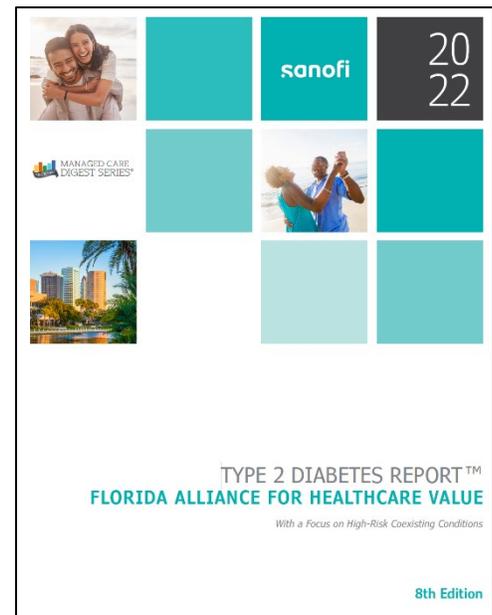
Michael Thompson (MODERATOR)
National Alliance of Healthcare Purchaser Coalitions

Click [here](#) to register for the Achieving Value through Health webinar.

Employer Member Benefit – *Diabetes Resources: Affiliate Member Sanofi Provides Data from their Managed Care Digest Series*

Florida Alliance Affiliate Member Sanofi has provided resources that complement our recent Diabetes/Obesity Employer Learning Collaborative (ELC). The data, drawn from the **Managed Care Digest Series**® data set, provides patient claims insights for the major Florida markets compared with a national benchmark.

As we enter 2023 and the first effective year of the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA), Sanofi has provided some historical data on annual out-of-pocket costs paid by Type 2 diabetes patients for various antidiabetic therapies. In 2021, the costs for patients receiving GLP1 were \$285, and \$187 for those on a Long-Acting Insulin. It will be interesting to see how these values trend after implementation of the IRA. In alignment with this insight, included with the resources is one of Sanofi’s many Population Health education resources.



Click [here](#) to visit our Diabetes/Obesity ELC webpage to view these resources from Sanofi as well as the recordings, the Florida Diabetes Report, and other resources from last year’s ELC.



In Case You Missed It

Florida Alliance Healthcare Advisory Council Member Cigna CEO David Cordani says coming Biosimilar Wave offers “tremendous” opportunity – Fierce Healthcare, January 11, 2023



David Cordani

David Cordani, Cigna CEO, spoke at the J.P. Morgan Healthcare Conference recently about Biosimilars. He said:

"Big picture: This is a tremendous social opportunity to create some more affordability...This is a really important societal win in terms of getting higher adoption of the biosimilars..."

Read the full article [here](#).



Fiduciary Check-in: A Case Study in Fiduciary Activation

On January 12, the National Alliance of Healthcare Purchaser Coalitions hosted another Fiduciary Check-in webinar. Michael Thompson, President and CEO, moderated and was joined by Tony Sorrentino, President of HPfid Risk Advisors and Mark Pinsley, Controller of Lehigh (PA) County.



Mark had a very interesting point of view. He is the auditor for the fiduciary that is a public entity. His role is to make sure the fiduciary is doing what is required of them. Traditionally, they were focusing on the fixed costs plan management. He has shifted the focus to the third-party providers and whether they are providing the best prices for medical services and drugs and satisfying their employees/customers. Mark's main guidance was the Hospital Price Transparency Final Rule and Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 (the CAA), but he also used the Transparency in Coverage Final Rule and the No Surprises Act.

Tony summed it up best with 2 points:

- The CAA is not requiring perfection of plan fiduciary but does require effort. You must prove you are making a good faith effort as a fiduciary.
- A plan fiduciary can delegate responsibility but NOT liability.

Click [here](#) to view the full recording. It is only 30 minutes and very interesting.