



## Weekly Bulletin – March 17, 2023



### WHAT'S NEW THIS WEEK?

#### Conflict Over Employer's Right to their Healthcare Claims Data



Employers and other self-insured healthcare purchasers have long faced obstacles to gaining access to and using their healthcare claims data to fulfill their plan fiduciary obligations. **We believe that purchasers have a right to gain access to and use their own data, but often these rights are denied.**

#### Florida Alliance Employer / Healthcare Purchaser Rights ©

At the Florida Alliance, we believe that employers and healthcare purchasers have the right to:

- Advocate for better value in the health care they purchase for their employees
- Transparency of the costs and quality of the care they purchase
- Be proactive and empowered purchasers of health care, seeking out innovative ways to generate value for their employees and their families
- Use their healthcare data to support new partnerships made in an effort to accelerate value
- Expect that quality is measured in a meaningful way
- Ensure that plan members have the best patient care imaginable

Click [HERE](#) to read about the latest battle from an employer trying to gain access to their claims data.



### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Registration is open for the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference – Wednesday, April 19, 7:45AM – 4:30PM at the Rosen Centre Hotel, Orlando – REGISTER TODAY!!**

**Codes for complimentary registration for our employer members have been sent out to our main contacts for each organization.** Please contact Tish Middleton, [tish@flhealthvalue.org](mailto:tish@flhealthvalue.org), if you have any questions.

This year's conference, ***Blueprint for Change – Best Care at a Transparent and Fair Price***, has a great line up of speakers and panelists including:



*Marilyn Bartlett*



*Lea Ann Biafora*



*Jennifer Cloutier*



*Scott Conard, MD*



*Christin Deacon*



*Cynthia Fisher*



*Daryl Gottlieb*



*Christine Hale, MD*



*Alex Jung*



*Pete Scruggs*



*Chris Syverson*

Topics covered will be healthcare services and drug price transparency, fiduciary responsibility, managing high-cost claims, and other important information to ensure better care at a transparent and fair price. Please visit [30th Annual Conference - Florida Alliance for Healthcare Value](#) for more information. To go directly to registration, click [HERE](#).



## **Employer Member Educational Programs And Employer Learning Collaboratives**

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### **Mental Health/Substance Use Employer Learning Collaborative – Session 7 March 27, 10:00AM – 11:30AM**

The use of Measurement Based Care is regularly utilized in the provision of physical health care, such as blood pressure monitoring, blood glucose measurement, oxygen saturation, and heart rate monitoring.

However, the same cannot be said for behavioral health professionals. Only 18% of psychiatrists and 11% of psychologists routinely use similar tools as a part of their clinical practice despite evidence demonstrating that clinical outcomes can improve between 20 to 60 percent with regular usage.



**Dr. Henry Harbin**

The next Mental Health/Substance Use Employer Learning Collaborative (MH/SU ELC) session will cover this topic. Dr. Harbin is a psychiatrist with over 40 years of experience in the behavioral health field and has held a number of senior positions in both public and private health care organizations. The recently published Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute guide on the use of MBC in the treatment of MH/SU disorders makes a compelling case for the widespread adoption of tools employers should require provider networks to use to ensure the provision of high-quality care.

You may view the report in advance by clicking [here](#).

Please visit <https://flhealthvalue.org/our-work/mental-health-substance-use-elc/> to view past sessions of the **MH/SU ELC**.

If you did not receive a calendar invitation for this session or need the invitation to be resent, please contact Lisa Hain, [lisa@flhealthvalue.org](mailto:lisa@flhealthvalue.org)



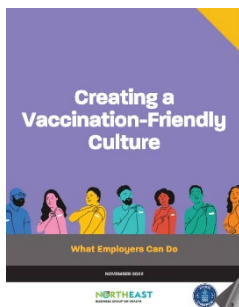
## In Case You Missed It

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### **Immune Fitness & Vaccination: Overcoming Misinformation and Trust Issues**

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 wellbeing among employees and family members. On March 9, the National Alliance of Healthcare Purchaser Coalitions held a webinar on this topic.

Click [here](#) to listen to the recording, download the presentation, and see some of the great panelists including Litjen Tan, MS, PhD, Chief Strategy Officer for Immunization Action Coalition.



*Click on the image to the left for actionable resources from our sister coalition, the Northeast Business Group on Health. The Florida Alliance staff participated in the development of this report.*



## Health Observances

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### Getting Ready for April - Autism Acceptance Month

Autism Acceptance Month, previously named Autism Awareness Month, promotes awareness about autism, along with inclusion, and self-determination.

According to the World Health Organization, about one in 270 people has Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). ASD is a group of developmental disabilities that causes challenges in many areas including social, communication, and behavior. Visit [Autism Society](#) for more information.

Here are some additional resources that you may consider sharing with your employees:

Click [here](#) for a printable guide from the Autism Society of Florida on workplace Advocacy and Support for autistic employees.

For a step-by-step parent's autism advocacy guide, click [here](#). Each step outlines one vital aspect of advocacy and allyship such as emphasizing acceptance and avoiding assumptions.

