



## Weekly Bulletin – April 14, 2023



### ACTION ITEM

#### PLEASE RESPOND TO THIS 2 to 3 MINUTE SURVEY!

##### Getting to a Fair Price Survey

In last week's bulletin the Florida Alliance referenced a recently developed survey regarding challenges employers have faced in gaining access to their claims data. We still need your help with this important survey.



Several employer members have been working with the Florida Alliance to conduct a cost savings analysis and/or trying to get their data into the RAND Hospital Price Transparency Study, and they have encountered significant delays, barriers, and challenges to obtaining the needed data – their own data! **The survey should only take a few minutes to complete, and your responses will be kept completely confidential. We intend to share the results at our April 19 conference and will also share the results in a future bulletin, so your immediate response is requested.**

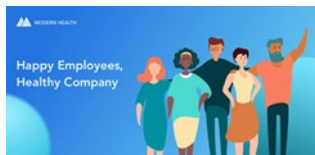
Please click on this link to respond: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NVSMQ9F>

To review a PDF copy of the survey, please click [here](#). If you have any questions or experience any difficulties completing the survey, please contact David Cavalleri at [david@flhealthvalue.org](mailto:david@flhealthvalue.org). **Many thanks to those who have already completed the survey!**



### WHAT'S NEW THIS WEEK?

#### A Benchmarking Toolkit for Employee Mental Health Benefits



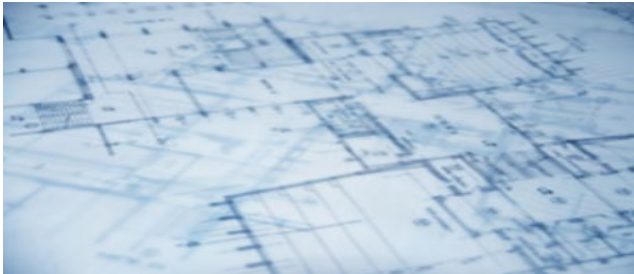
Modern Health has recently released a new guide entitled "A Benchmarking Toolkit for Employee Mental Health Benefits" to assist employers in determining and evaluating mental health offerings. The guide also offers suggestions for improving employee mental health benefit engagement and utilization. There are several links to other educational materials that may be of interest to employers, such as employee retention and EAP considerations. The guide is available [here](#).



## UPCOMING EVENTS

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### FINAL HEADCOUNT DUE TODAY! 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference



***Blueprint for Change –  
Best Care at a Transparent and  
Fair Price***

**Wednesday, April 19, 7:45AM – PM 5:00PM at the Rosen Centre Hotel, Orlando**

**Codes for complimentary registration for our employer members were 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.

**Conference sessions include:**

- Which Door? A Parable for Corporations to Solve the Costs of Health Care in the U.S.
- Illustrating the Power of “Small Data” to Improve Health Outcomes
- Transparency, Accountability, and Action “All Star” Panel
- Addressing High-Cost Claims Panel Session: Part One
- Addressing High-Cost Claims Panel Session: Part Two – Oncology Challenges and Solutions
- The Four Rights: Ensuring Patients Get the Right Care at the Right Place at the Right Time for the Right Price
- Using the Blueprint to Effect Change

We will also present this year’s Dr. Jack Mahoney “Healthcare Hero” Award to a deserving individual who has been innovative and proactive in health care. The presentation will be made during lunch.

Click [HERE](#) to access the agenda and other pertinent information. **We hope to see you there!**

Many thanks to our sponsors!



Our wonderful speakers are shown below:



**Kenneth Aldridge**  
Rosen Medical Center



**Marilyn Bartlett**  
Center for Health System  
Costs, National Academy for  
State Health Policy



**Lea Ann Biafara**  
Beacon Advocates



**Jennifer Cloutier**  
Innovu



**Scott Conard**  
Converging Health



**Christin Deacon**  
VerSan Consulting



**James Dolan**  
EY-Parthenon



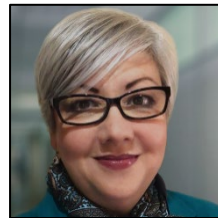
**Cynthia Fisher**  
Patient Rights Advocate  
Foundation



**Daryl Gottlieb**  
GRAIL



**Christine Hale**  
Lockton Dunning Benefits  
Associates



**Alex Jung**  
EY-Parthenon (retired)



**Sally Ann Polson**  
MedWatch LLC



**Pete Scruggs**  
Golsan Scruggs



**Chris Syverson**  
Nevada Business Group  
on Health



**Jordan Taradash**  
PeopleOne Health



**Amy Tennis**  
MedWatch LLC



## HEALTH POLICY

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### **New Legislation Aims to Widen First-Dollar Telehealth Coverage**



The “Telehealth Expansion Act” is a bill that has been introduced by a bipartisan group of six US representatives and senators. It is an extension of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES) Act and would increase access to telehealth services by allowing people with Health Savings Accounts (HSA) to have access to telehealth services without the requirement to meet a deductible. The CARES Act, which was signed in March 2020, allowed HSA-qualified high-deductible health plans to cover telehealth services before a deductible was met.

Click [here](#) to learn more.

### **Federal Litigation on ACA’s Requirement to Cover Preventive Services**

A remedy order was issued on March 30, 2023, by the judge who issued an opinion on September 7, 2022, finding that the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) experts’ appointments violated the Constitution’s Appointments Clause. The court vacated all actions of the “tri-agencies” (U.S. Departments of Health and Human Services, Labor, and Treasury) regarding implementation and enforcement of the Affordable Care Act’s (ACA) requirement to cover USPSTF preventive services that have “A” or “B” ratings without cost-sharing.

To read the National Alliance Health Policy in Transit Brief on this topic, click [here](#).



### **Federal Judge’s Ruling to Block ACA Requirement for No-Cost Preventive Care is Unpopular**

A new Morning Consult [survey](#) found that half of the general American public disapprove of Judge Reed O’Connor’s decision to strike down the ACA [Section 2713](#), which required health plans to cover certain preventive services at no cost.

The decision has resulted in backlash from patient advocacy groups who said it would create uncertainty about coverage for hundreds of millions of people and could create significant barriers to what can be life-saving care.

## End of COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE) – Health Policy In Transit Brief



The COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE) is set to terminate on May 11, 2023. The termination of the PHE has many implications across the entire healthcare system and raises several questions on

whether and how certain provisions will continue to apply regarding COVID-19 testing, COVID-19 vaccines, and telehealth. Click [here](#) for a high-level overview of the potential implications and considerations for employers developed by the National Alliance.

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### EMPLOYER MEMBER EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND EMPLOYER LEARNING COLLABORATIVES (ELC)

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## How Can Your Company Help End HIV in the U.S. by 2030?



Ending the HIV epidemic in the U.S. is something we thought was impossible, but it is finally within our reach. No single sector or company can do this alone. The U.S. Business Action to End HIV is a growing coalition committed to filling gaps and accelerating progress to help end HIV in the U.S. by 2030.

Click [here](#) to register for the virtual National Employers Summit on April 20 at 2pm ET where you can learn more about why HIV matters to your business and how you can support workers and communities affected by HIV.

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### In Case You Missed It

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## CMS removes 7 drugs from List Marked for Price Hike Penalties



After recalculating average sales prices, Medicare removed seven drugs from the list of medicines that were announced earlier this month that would be subject to penalties under a provision of the Inflation Reduction Act.

To view more information, click [here](#).