



WHAT'S NEW THIS WEEK?

First-of-its-Kind Program Addresses Growing Need for Improved Diabetes Care



The Leapfrog Group announced a new partnership with the American Diabetes Association (ADA) to recognize hospitals showing a strong commitment to the safety and well-being of individuals living with diabetes.



The new recognition program is entitled “**Recognized Leader in Caring for People Living with Diabetes.**” This program offers a clear opportunity to communicate to their employees and covered members the hospitals that are delivering high quality care for people living with diabetes, especially when people living with diabetes face additional issues when visiting a hospital, issues that can result in errors, infections, or accidents.

Click [HERE](#) to read the ADA’s press release.



Please contact Ashley Tait-Dinger at ashley@flhealthvalue.org if you have any questions.

Pharmacy Benefit Management Institute (PBMI) 2023 Annual Conference



PBMI’s 2023 Annual Conference is being held September 6-8 at the Caribe Royale Resort, Orlando. During this 3-day event, **healthcare experts will engage in discussions of real-world strategies for cost containment and quality improvement in the pharmacy benefit management space.** It is a great opportunity to network and learn from other professionals in the industry.

We are excited to announce that Karen van Caulil, Florida Alliance President and CEO, has been invited to moderate a panel discussion on the National Alliance’s recently released Pharmacy Benefit

Management Playbook. Speakers on the panel include Mike Thompson, CEO of that National Alliance of Healthcare Purchaser Coalitions, and Cora Opsahl, Director of 32BJ Health Fund.



Karen van Caulil



Mike Thompson



Cora Opsahl

For more information or to register for the event, click [HERE](#).

If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Hain at lisa@flhealthvalue.org



Employer Member Educational Programs, Reports, Resources, And Employer Learning Collaboratives (ELC)

Reminder: Employer Member Benefit – Complimentary Webinar: Coverage of Anti-Obesity Medication, Thursday, August 24, 3:00PM – 4:00PM ET

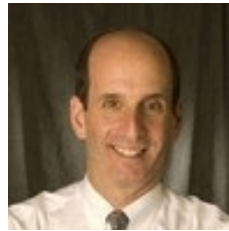
We hope you will join us for this timely discussion on coverage of anti-obesity medications.

Florida Alliance President and CEO Karen van Caulil will facilitate a discussion with Brock Hoglund, Benefits Analytics and Innovation Manager at The Walt Disney Company, and Bruce Sherman, MD, former Corporate Medical Director for Walmart and consulting Medical Director at Whirlpool, and a medical advisor to the National Alliance for Healthcare Purchaser Coalition.

Speakers



Brock Hoglund



Bruce Sherman, MD

If you did not receive a calendar invitation for this webinar or need the invitation to be re-sent, please contact Lisa Hain at lisa@flhealthvalue.org

Thank you to Affiliate Member Novo Nordisk for sponsoring this webinar!



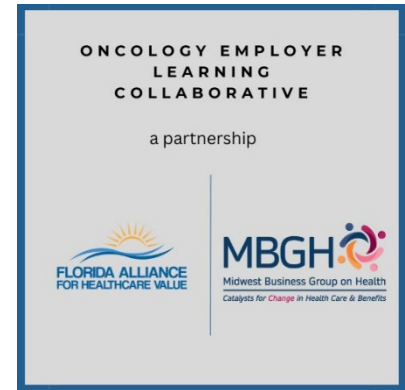
Oncology Employer Learning Collaborative (ELC) Kickoff Meeting – Tuesday, September 19, 10:30AM – 12:00PM ET

The Florida Alliance, in partnership with the Midwest Business Group on Health, is kicking off an important series of webinars, our 2023 Oncology Employer Learning Collaborative, on Tuesday, September 19th. The series will include three webinars during the fall.

The first webinar will focus on prevention, screening, early identification, and site of care strategies.

Thanks to Affiliate Members Genentech, Merck, and Pfizer for their support of this initiative.

Look for a calendar invitation coming by COB on Friday, August 11th. If you do not receive a calendar invitation, please contact Lisa Hain at lisa@flhealthvalue.org

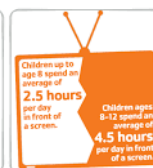


HEALTH OBSERVANCES

September is Filled with Opportunities to Share Healthy Tips

As summer wanes and many return to daily routines, healthy and helpful celebrations and reminders can help employees and their families get back on track:

- National Recovery Month unites the nation's strong and proud recovery community.
- Healthy Aging Month encourages people to rejuvenate by taking positive measures to improve their overall health.
- Hispanic Heritage Month opens the door to improve health equity.
- Cancer-specific events take aim at early detection and its hope of saving lives.
- Childhood Obesity Month equips parents and caregivers to prevent obesity.



Get the National Alliance September health and cultural observances newsletter to hit the easy button on employee communications.

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October Observances Have Something for Everyone

Plentiful October health and cultural observances offer employers and opportunity to serve diverse workforce interests and needs:

- Depression Education & Awareness Month raises awareness and combats stigma.
- As many as 9 in 10 Americans lack health literacy, interfering with their ability to find, understand and use health information and services wisely.
- Disability Employment Awareness Month showcases supportive, inclusive employment policies and practices.
- Help employees and their families become breast cancer aware. Breast cancer affects 1 in 8 women, with about 85% occurring in women with no known history of the disease.



Get the newsletter for even more observances!

GET THE OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

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IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

From “F” to “A”: See How One Hospital Transformed its Patient Safety Outcomes



An “F” grade from the Leapfrog Group in the spring of 2021 was a major wake-up call for hospital leaders at St Bernard Hospital on Chicago’s South Side. While the hospital had a quality department to report data and follow regulatory requirements set by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, St. Bernard didn’t have one person overseeing safety efforts or coordinated leadership to improve certain areas of patient care. A change in mindset led the hospital to add a position for a chief quality and patient safety officer and established a role for a quality manager/sepsis coordinator. These, and other changes, helped the hospital earn a “C” in the spring of 2022 and an “A” this past spring.

To read about the secret to St. Bernard’s success, click [HERE](#).

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Important Emotional Support Resource Launched One Year Ago



The 988 Lifeline is a national network of local crisis centers that provides free and confidential emotional support to people in suicidal crisis or emotional distress 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. 988 was launched in July 2022, and people can access it via call, text, or chat. Additional support options are available through 988 to veterans, people whose first language is not English, and the LGBTQ+ community.

Please share information regarding this valuable and free resource with additional information that can be found here: [Lifeline \(988lifeline.org\)](https://www.988lifeline.org)

Please contact David Cavalleri at david@flhealthvalue.org if you have any questions.