



Weekly Bulletin – August 18, 2023



WHAT'S NEW THIS WEEK?

The Joint Commission and National Quality Forum Join Forces to Improve Healthcare Quality, Safety, Equity, and Value

The National Quality Forum (NQF) has issued a press release announcing a new strategic partnership with The Joint Commission. NQF is an important partner for The Leapfrog Group, building national consensus on how quality is best measured and reported. This merger will strengthen and sustain the field of measurement, which is an essential building block of transparency and the drive for excellence.

Together, The Joint Commission and NQF can build upon their shared expertise in measuring quality and rationalizing the measurement landscape, so the focus shifts from competing measures to advancing key outcomes. Notably, NQF will continue to focus on accelerating widespread use of high impact, low burden measures that achieve affordable improvements in health for all. At the same time, the affiliation will bolster The Joint Commission's national and international processes in evidence-based, data-driven, and outcomes-oriented accreditation and certification, thereby accelerating improvements across the continuum-of-care while reducing the burden of measurement on healthcare organizations and workers.



Click on the image above to read the full press release.

If you have any questions, please contact Ashley Tait-Dinger at ashley@flhealthvalue.org



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

Employer Member Benefit: *Webinar* – Impact of COVID-19 on Employee Health – Wednesday, August 30, 11:00AM – 12:00PM ET

Join a panel of national experts including Florida Alliance President and CEO, Karen van Caulil, on August 30th for this live, virtual event. The panel will discuss how employers can transition their COVID related efforts to long-term management of COVID-19. This discussion is timely with the current uptick in cases and hospitalizations.

Featured Panelists



Wendy L. Wright, MD
Wright & Associates
Family Healthcare



Mark Cunningham-Hill, MD
Northeast Business Group
on Health



Mike Thompson
National Alliance of Healthcare
Purchaser Coalitions



Karen van Caulil, PhD
Florida Alliance for
Healthcare Value

This webinar is hosted by Moderna. To register, click [HERE](#).

A calendar invitation for this webinar has also been sent. If you need the invitation to be re-sent or have any questions, please contact Lisa Hain at lisa@flhealthvalue.org

Employer Member Benefit: *Resource* - Employers Guide to Running a Vaccination Clinic for COVID-19 and Flu

We hope you will bookmark our newest webpage on [Disease Prevention and Management](#). We will build out this page with important resources the Florida Alliance and/or our members have developed to assist employers and healthcare purchasers with the most pressing healthcare needs they face.



Currently posted you will find a resource provided by Florida Alliance Affiliate Member Pfizer, [Employer's Guide to Running a Vaccination Clinic for COVID-19 and Flu](#).

This guide covers vaccination facts and health disparities, employer best practices for vaccination clinics, planning a vaccination clinic for COVID-19 and flu, as well as communication tools and resources.

Please contact Karen van Caulil at karen@flhealthvalue.org if you have any questions.

Employer Member Benefit: *Resource* – 2023 Employer Select Respiratory Disease Playbook

You know COVID-19 is still a threat – but do your employees? How can you help keep COVID-19 top of mind for everyone in your organization, making sure they are up to date with the latest and most important COVID-19 guidance, information, and best practices?

For answers, check out Affiliate Member Pfizer's [2023 Employer Select Respiratory Disease Playbook](#) posted on our new [Disease Prevention and Management](#) webpage. This playbook contains education and resources on two critical respiratory illnesses that can be managed if vaccination schedules and treatment protocols are followed: COVID-19 and pneumococcal disease.

We are working to confirm a date for a webinar in September for Pfizer to present tools from their playbook.

Please contact Karen van Caulil at karen@flhealthvalue.org if you have any questions.

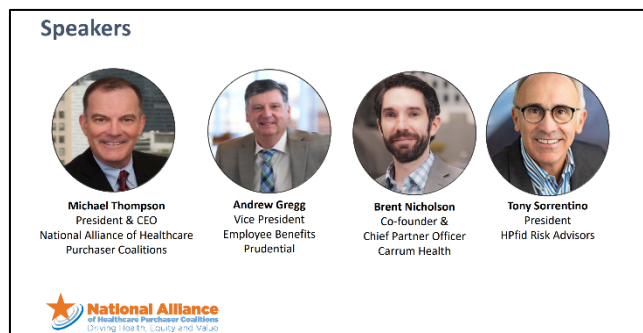


Follow-up: National Alliance Fiduciary Check-in Webinar – Reaching Fiduciary and Employee Satisfaction Goals

On August 17, the National Alliance held a webinar that explored how one employer implemented a value-based approach to ensure cost-effective, high-quality care while also delivering dramatically superior experiences to its members in times of need.

If you were unable to attend, we urge you to listen to the recording by clicking [HERE](#).

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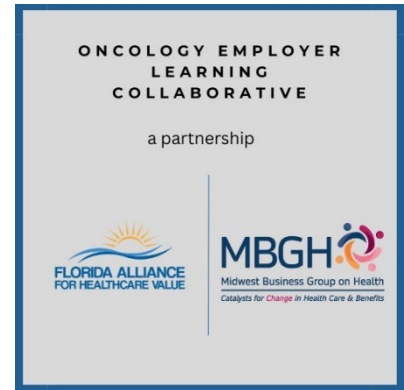
REMINDER: Oncology Employer Learning Collaborative (ELC) Kickoff Meeting – Tuesday, September 19, 10:30AM – 12:00PM ET

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.

If you did not receive a calendar invitation, please contact Lisa Hain at lisa@flhealthvalue.org



REMINDER: 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.

Karen van Caulil, Florida Alliance President and CEO, is the moderator of this 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](#).

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MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Thank You to Our Renewing Members!

Healthcare Advisory Council Member – **Nemours Children’s Hospital**



Affiliate Members – **Embold Health**



Welcome to our new Affiliate Members – **Green Imaging** and **Primasun**



[Green Imaging](#) was founded to contract with imaging facilities all over the United States offering employers and individual patients great rates for imaging exams by tapping into unused resources at imaging centers across the country. Green Imaging saves their patients time and money by minimizing bureaucracy – they are

paperless and work virtually. Their friendly and welcoming staff provide excellent care for many people who could not otherwise afford it with a virtual personal touch and handholding. With over 1700 clinics across the U.S. employers can offer radiology as a bolt-on to existing health plans to reduce the cost of quality diagnostic care for themselves and employees.

Green Imaging fosters healthcare pricing transparency, patient education, and employer education on cost savings opportunities and are helping shepherd the cultural shift to easier and more affordable health care. They understand healthcare is complicated and can serve as trusted advisors as healthcare consumerism grows.

For more information, contact Dr. Christin Dickerson, Founder and CEO at drdickerson@greenimaging.net



30% of the workforce have a sleep disorder that threatens productivity and safety costing \$63 billion in sleep-related workplace accidents and mistakes. [Primasun](#) has been proven to reduce workplace accidents by up to 73%, save \$500-\$700 per member per month in healthcare costs, and double employee retention by working with employers, payers, providers, and patients to pave a more

efficient and equitable pathway to fix sleep-related disorders and reduce strain on workplaces and the healthcare system.

Primasun combines advanced technology with a dedicated team of sleep physicians, respiratory therapists, and sleep coaches who evaluate a person's health holistically and design treatment plans that address underlying sleep issues and related chronic conditions. As a joint venture between ResMed and Verily, Primasun combines advanced sleep technology and cutting-edge healthcare research in one comprehensive digital health platform. Their leading, clinically effective platform provides an end-to-end care pathway for sleep disorders. They have the only platform that addresses the clinical aspects of sleep care for people with sleep disorders and can address people with conditions that are comorbid with sleep disorders.

Primasun is a holistic solution for fixing sleep providing coordinated sleep care, designed to help every person, everywhere, have a better quality of life.

For more information, contact Tyler Inabinette, Sales Development Representative, at tyler.inabinette@primasun.com