



Weekly Bulletin – August 1, 2024



WHAT'S NEW THIS WEEK?

High-Cost Claims Virtual Workshop – August 5, 10:00AM – 12:00PM ET

On June 3, we held a successful in-person High-Cost Claims Initiative Workshop with several of our Employer Members. To broaden the impact of this initiative, the National Alliance is offering a virtual workshop to allow a larger number of employers to participate. **This virtual high-cost claims meeting aims to bring together Employer Members to collaboratively develop effective strategies for managing high-cost claims.** Subject matter expert, Dr. Christine Hale, Chief Medical Officer, Clinical Consulting at Lockton, will facilitate this meeting and leverage data-driven insights and best practices to enhance decision-making processes and address common high-cost claim barriers.



Dr. Christine Hale

A calendar invitation for this virtual workshop was sent out today. If you did not receive the invitation or need it re-sent, please contact Lisa Hain at lisa@flhealthvalue.org

There is also a pre-survey to complete to help understand current strategies, barriers, and areas of focus in managing high-cost claims. Pre-survey link:
https://nahpc.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_40XZheZDeP1hiwS

If you have any questions, please contact Karen van Caulil at karen@flhealthvalue.org



EMPLOYER MEMBER EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS, REPORTS, RESOURCES, AND EMPLOYER LEARNING COLLABORATIVES (ELC)

Florida Alliance All Employer Meeting – August 22, 2:00PM – 4:00PM ET

We urge all Employer Members to join us on Thursday, August 22 for a showing of an important film. This new documentary, ***It's not personal. It's just business Healthcare***, features two of our 2024 Annual Conference speakers, Chris Deacon, J.D., Principal Owner, VerSan Consulting, and Lester Morales, Founder and CEO, Next Impact, LLC.

Following the film, **Rosa Novo, Florida Alliance Board Chair and Administrative Benefits Director of Miami-Dade County Public Schools, and Stephanie Koch, Florida Alliance Board Vice Chair and Director of Human Resources at Hendry Marine Industries** will participate in a reactor panel following the showing of the documentary. We are fortunate to have Chris Deacon and Renzo Luzzatti (President, US-RxCare and also featured in this film) participating in the panel.

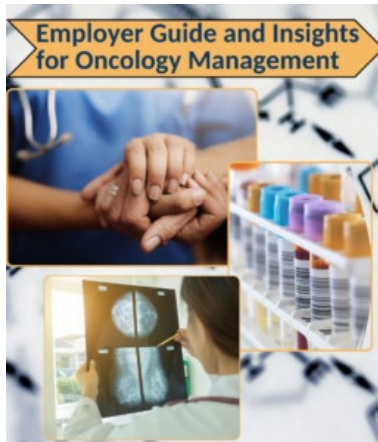


Click on the image above to view the trailer.

Calendar invitations have been sent out. The invitations will be updated with Webex details closer to the event. **We encourage you to invite your C-Suite leadership** to join us on August 22. Feel free to forward your calendar invitation. If you did not receive the calendar invitation or need to have it re-sent, please contact Lisa Hain at lisa@flhealthvalue.org.

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

Another Resource Added to our *Employer Guide and Insights for Oncology Management*



Affiliate Member Merck has provided us with a new resource for our *Employer Guide and Insights for Oncology Management*, **“What to Discuss Throughout Your Cancer Treatment.”** Patients can use this guide to help them make a treatment plan with their healthcare team. We have included this resource in the Navigating Care section of the Employer Guide

Click [HERE](#) to view our Employer Guide for more information and resources.

Please contact Karen van Caulil at karen@flhealthvalue.org with any questions about this new resource or the Employer Guide and please let her know if you have found the Employer Guide to be helpful.

Employer Member Benefit: Webinar – Patient Identification for Novel Gene Therapies – August 13, 1:00PM – 2:00PM ET

You are invited to attend the first in a series of gene therapy webinars sponsored by Affiliate Member Pfizer. During the webinar you will hear from a market access expert panel with real-world experience identifying appropriate patients for novel gene therapies.



Webinar objectives:

1. Review the methodology and approach to gene therapy patient identification analyses using a large claims database
2. Provide an overview of payer level patient identification and strategies for successful gene therapy initiatives
3. Review a case study to demonstrate the real-world application of a patient identification initiative

Register [HERE](#).

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

Webinar Recording Available – *Implications for Employers of Supreme Court Decision Ending Chevron Doctrine*

On June 28, the Supreme Court issued a landmark decision in two interlinked cases that [overturn a 40-year precedent](#), **significantly weakening the regulatory power of federal officials**. Understanding recent Supreme court decisions is essential for those involved in healthcare purchasing and policy.



For employer/healthcare purchasers, these changes could lead to increased volatility in the regulatory environment, impacting everything from Medicare reimbursement rates to FDA reviews of new medical technologies. Agencies might issue more conservative regulations to avoid legal pitfalls, potentially slowing innovation and adaptability in healthcare policies.

Additionally, businesses and plaintiffs now have a better chance of prevailing in lawsuits against federal regulations, which could undermine the stability of programs like Medicare and Medicaid that many employer-sponsored health plans rely on. This evolving judicial landscape requires us to stay vigilant and proactive in advocating for policies that ensure stability, equity, and value in the healthcare system for all employers and their employees.

Noted healthcare legal and policy expert and frequent speaker at Florida Alliance events, Chris Deacon, JD, provided a detailed analysis of the Supreme Court decision and its likely impact on self-insured employers during this National Alliance webinar that took place on July 10.

Click [HERE](#) to access the recording. Please note, much of the recording is audio only.

If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Karen van Caulil at karen@flhealthvalue.org



2024 Leapfrog Hospital and ASC Survey Results are Live

The results for Hospitals and Ambulatory Surgery Centers (ASCs) that submitted a 2024 Leapfrog Survey by June 30 are now live. New and updated results will be refreshed within the first five business days of each month through November.



Visit the Hospital and Surgery Center Ratings Website by clicking [HERE](#).

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

Excellence in Diagnosis: Recommended Practices for Hospitals (July 2024 Update)

Along with researchers at The Johns Hopkins University, The Leapfrog Group conducted a small study and found that hospitals were aware of the problem of diagnostic errors, but unsure where to start to solve it. In response, Leapfrog published [Recognizing Excellence in Diagnosis: Recommended Practices for Hospitals](#), a compilation of 29 evidence-based practices for hospitals to get started in tackling diagnostic errors.

The July 2024 report updated the 2022 recommendations on diagnostic practices by incorporating recent advances in quality measurement, field-testing practices, and feedback from hospitals. It presents 22 recommended practices or diagnostic excellence, along with new resources and strategies for improving diagnosis safety and quality.



RECOGNIZING EXCELLENCE IN DIAGNOSIS
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July 2024 Update

Get the July 2024 report by clicking [HERE](#).

For additional information or questions, please contact Ashley Tait-Dinger at ashley@flhealthvalue.org



IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

Wells Fargo Sued Over Employee Prescription Drug Costs (article, *Market Screener*)

Pharmacy Benefit Managers (PBMs) are facing increased government scrutiny over their role in escalating costs of prescription drugs. This week another class action lawsuit was filed, this time **against Wells Fargo & Co., accusing them of “mismanaging its employee health insurance plan and forcing tens of thousands of U.S. employees to overpay for prescription drugs.”** Specifically, former employees accuse Wells Fargo’s health plan of paying inflated prices to PBMs. This is just the latest lawsuit to accuse employer-sponsored health plans of failing to negotiate lower prices for drugs on behalf of participants, as prescription drug costs continue to rise in the US.



To read the full article, click [HERE](#).



HEALTH OBSERVANCES

September Health and Cultural Observances

September is National Recovery Month: “The Art of Recovery”



[National Recovery Month](#) began in 1989 as a national observance to promote and support new evidence-based treatment and recovery practices as well as the dedication of service providers who make possible long-term recovery.

Visit the [Recovery Month Toolkit](#) to learn more about how to support people in recovery and how to share this information with specific audiences.

Healthy Aging Month: Inspiration for All Ages

Health Aging Month is an annual observance designed to focus national attention on the positive aspects of growing older. It provides inspiration and practical ideas for adults, ages 45-plus, to improve

their physical, mental, social, and financial wellbeing. Read about making positive changes during Healthy Aging Month by [Celebrating September Healthy Aging Month by Reinventing Yourself](#).

Click [HERE](#) to download the National Alliance “Back to Basics” resources to promote the importance of prevention, early detection, and health improvement.

Hispanic Heritage Month: Celebration and Awareness

September 15 – October 15 is National Hispanic Heritage Month which pays tribute to the generations of Hispanic Americans who have positively influenced and enriched our national and society.

While this annual observance celebrates the history and culture of the US Latino and Hispanic communities, it also raises awareness of health risks and opportunities to improve and maintain good health.



Image is clickable.

- Hispanic Americans are [1.2 times](#) as likely to be obese than non-Hispanic whites
- About 40% of adults in the US are expected to develop type 2 [diabetes](#) in their lifetime; however, more than 50% of Hispanic people are expected to someday be diagnosed with it
- Hispanic people are [1.5 times](#) more likely to have kidney failure compared to other Americans

Resources to share:

- [2024 Hispanic Heritage Month Toolkit](#)
- [Latinos Living Healthy](#)
- [National Alliance for Hispanic Health](#)

More Noteworthy September Health Observances

- Cancer-specific events include [Blood Cancer Awareness Month](#); [Prostate Cancer Awareness Month](#); [Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month](#).
- [National Childhood Obesity Awareness Month](#): Discover numerous opportunities for families, schools, and communities to share information about their plans and events aimed at educating children on how to deal with health issues such as obesity



There will be no Weekly Bulletin sent out next Thursday, August 8 due to staff vacations.

We'll see you again on August 15.

