



Weekly Bulletin – December 19, 2024

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ACTION ITEM

New Project Opportunity - Making Direct Contracting Easier Survey – Deadline to respond extended to Wednesday, January 8



PLEASE RESPOND

You may recall that in the Florida results from the National Alliance of Healthcare Purchaser Coalition’s *Pulse of the Purchaser* Survey that was released this fall, there was great interest expressed by our Employer Members who responded to the survey in pursuing direct contracting as a strategy to drive value in their health plans. In response to that feedback, we have identified a potential solution that was brought to our attention by Jeff Hogan of Upside Health Advisors, LLC. Jeff was the moderator of a panel at our Annual Conference in May 2024 on advanced primary care and is an adviser to a new initiative called OpenNetworks.

OpenNetworks is a direct contracting marketplace that is open to any healthcare purchaser seeking transparently priced healthcare services, and to any provider willing to deliver them. They have built a network platform that is designed for today’s transparency demands and data-sharing needs. Purchasers can see real costs. There are no “favored nation” clauses. They have developed flexible contracting models and have simplified the process for direct contracting. They have also added the ability to curate networks to meet specific cost, quality, and geographic requirements.

OpenNetworks wants to expand to Florida. They have engaged with the Florida Alliance to explore this new approach, but before we move forward, we will need some baseline information from you and a better idea of your needs. **We have created a survey to learn more about your experience and/or interest in direct contracting** – or your lack of experience and/or interest – whatever the case may be!

For those interested in learning more about OpenNetworks, we will have a roundtable discussion the week of February 3 (date and location still to be determined).

Please respond to the survey by January 8. Click [HERE](#). Thank you to our members who have already responded!

To view a video on *Open Networks: Transforming Healthcare in America Overview*, click [HERE](#).

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



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

29th Annual “Best of the Best” Attendee Material



The 2024 “Best of the Best” was a great success! We hope those of you who were able to attend found the sessions interesting and informative. If you were unable to attend the “Best of the Best” or would like to revisit the information provided by our speakers, please click [HERE](#).

For those who attended, please click [HERE](#) to take the Florida Alliance Employers Creating a Vaccine Friendly Culture Program survey. Please respond by Wednesday, January 8th.

Thank you to Healthcare Advisory Council member Florida Blue for hosting this event again!



Thank you to our generous sponsors!



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Employer Member Benefit: Achieving Mental Health Parity Compliance



The second part of the two-part webinar on **Achieving Mental Health Parity Compliance** was held Thursday, December 12 with several of our Employer Members and invited guests. Dr. Henry Harbin, Foong-Khwan Siew, and Beth Ann Middlebrook were on hand to walk through the Employer Toolkit to assist employers with how to work with their TPAs and carve out mental health providers on ensuring their appropriate analysis of the data.

Click [HERE](#) for the webinar recordings and slides from both sessions. You can also view the DOL's Self-Compliance Tool for Mental Health Parity that was discussed in the webinar.

The final toolkit will be shared with our Employer Members in early January.

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Employer Member Benefit: Understanding Cell and Gene Therapy and Its Impact on the Workforce

The National Alliance of Healthcare Purchaser Coalitions hosted a webinar on Tuesday, November 12 to help employers better understand cell and gene therapies (CGT) and how to pay for them. Attendees gained knowledge on these life-preserving and life-saving benefits, profoundly affecting patients and their families. CGTs are costly, ranging between \$300,000 and \$3.5 million per treatment. **Randy Wyse from the Jacksonville Police and Firefighter Health Insurance Trust spoke from the employer's point of view.**



Click [HERE](#) to listen to the webinar.

To view the Action Brief "Understanding Cell and Gene Therapy and its Impact on the Workforce" click [HERE](#).

To view the Action Brief "An Employer Roadmap to Addressing Cell and Gene Therapies" click [HERE](#).

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Employer Member Benefit: Employer Case Study – Transforming Primary Care: Innovative Employer Strategies Webinar



The National Alliance held a webinar entitled "Employer Case Study – Transforming Primary Care: Innovative Employer Strategies for Reducing Healthcare Costs and Enhancing Access" on Monday, December 9. The webinar showcased the Advanced Primary Care (APC) 7 pillars and how APC improves access to coordinated, high-value care. In this webinar, it was stated that the best way to improve health care quality, patient experience, and reduce cost is ensuring access to APC. APC access results in 33% lower cost and 19% lower odds of dying prematurely. **The discussion focused on innovative strategies for reducing healthcare costs and achieving better outcomes.**

Click [HERE](#) to view the recording and [HERE](#) for the slides from the webinar.

Click [HERE](#) for the "Advance Primary Care A Purchaser Playbook for Action"

Click [HERE](#) for the Advanced Primary Care Infographic.

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Top Hospitals and Top Ambulatory Surgery Centers (ASC's) Released by Leapfrog

The Leapfrog Group announced 18 hospitals on their 2024 list of Top Hospitals and 13 ambulatory surgery centers to their list of Top Ambulatory Surgery Centers (ASCs) from Florida.

These awards honor top hospitals and ASCs on patient safety and quality. The winning facilities were recognized as part of Leapfrog's 2024 Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner on Tuesday, December 17. Florida Alliance Vice President Ashley Tait-Dinger was on hand to present the awards.

The Top Hospital award categories are teaching, general, rural and children's hospitals that publicly report their performance through the Leapfrog Hospital Survey and meet the high standards defined in the Top Hospitals methodology. The data reported includes infection rates, maternity care, and a hospital's ability to prevent medication errors, among other standards.



Elzbieta Dziekonski, Ashley Tait-Dinger, Colonel Steven L. Coffee, Amanda Greene, and Tanika Smith

Congratulations to Florida Alliance Healthcare Advisory Council Members **AdventHealth Altamonte Springs (teaching), AdventHealth Apopka (general), AdventHealth DeLand (general), AdventHealth for Children (children), AdventHealth New Smyrna Beach (general), AdventHealth Orlando (teaching), AdventHealth Wauchula (general), AdventHealth Winter Park (teaching), Orlando Health Arnold Palmer Hospital for Children (children), Orlando Health's Health Central Hospital (general), Orlando Health Orlando Regional Medical Center (teaching), Orlando Health South Lake Hospital (general), and Orlando Health Winnie Palmer Hospital for Women and Babies (teaching)**. Along with John Hopkins All Children's Hospital (children), Lakewood Ranch Medical Center (teaching), Larkin Community Hospital (teaching), Nicklaus Children's Hospital (children), and Wolfson Children's Hospital (children).

To view the full list of facilities honored as 2024 Top Hospitals click [HERE](#).

Congratulations to **Baptist Health Endoscopy Center at Coral Springs, Baptist Health Endoscopy Center at Flagler, Baptist Health Endoscopy Center at Galloway North, Baptist Health Endoscopy Center at Galloway South, Baptist Health Eye Surgery Center at Sunrise, Baptist Health Surgery Center at Bethesda West, Baptist Health Surgery Center Coral Gables, Baptist Health Surgery Center at Kendall, Baptist Health Surgery Center at Miami Beach, Baptist Health Surgery Center at Northpoint, Baptist Health Surgery Center at Plantation, Baptist Health Surgery Center at South Miami, and Baptist Health Surgery Center at South Palm** for winning the award which honors ASCs.

To view the national results for Top ASCs, click [HERE](#).

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NATIONAL & REGIONAL INVOLVEMENT OF FLORIDA ALLIANCE TEAM & EMPLOYER MEMBERS

Congratulations to Florida Alliance President and CEO Karen van Caulil for being re-elected as Chair of the State Consumer Health Information and Policy Advisory Council for 2025.

The mission of the advisory council is to provide insight and expertise to the Agency for Health Care Administration regarding the publication and dissemination of health-related data and statistics with goals that include identifying, standardizing, and sharing of health-related data across federal, state, local, and private stakeholders.



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IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

National Alliance of Healthcare Purchaser Coalitions Annual Forum – Awardee Video and Presentations

Ashley Bacot, Health Plan Architect, at Rosen Hotels & Resorts accepted the “Employer/Purchaser Excellence” award on behalf of Rosen Hotels & Resorts at the National Alliance Annual Forum that was held in November.

Please click [HERE](#) to view the awardee video, **Ashley Bacot speaks on how Rosen Hotels & Resorts became self-insured and have their own on-site clinic, giving their employees zero deductibles, zero coinsurance and 90% of prescription drugs are zero copays.**



The National Alliance has also shared the presentations from their Annual Forum. **The Annual Forum showcased leaders, innovators, and changemakers committed to harnessing the power of employers to drive meaningful collaboration.** The discussions and insights shared were both inspiring and impactful, fostering an invaluable exchange of ideas and connections.

To view the presentations, please click [HERE](#). You will need to click on the “Agenda with Presentations” tab. The passcode is 2024AF.



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**Wishing all our Employer Members a Happy, Healthy, Joyous,
and Safe Holiday!**

The Weekly Bulletin will be back in your inbox on Friday, January 10.

