



## Weekly Bulletin – January 24, 2025

This Weekly Bulletin is a benefit of your organization’s Employer Membership in the Florida Alliance and is meant to **ONLY** be shared within Employer Member organizations unless approval has been given by the Florida Alliance CEO.



### WHAT’S NEW THIS WEEK?

#### The “Dr. Jack Mahoney Healthcare Hero” Award – Nominations Requested



The Florida Alliance is seeking nominations for our Annual “Dr. Jack Mahoney Healthcare Hero” Award” which will be presented at our Annual Conference in May. Past awardees include Dr. Jack Mahoney for whom the award was named, Harris Rosen from Rosen Hotels & Resorts, Dr. Debra Pace from the School District of Osceola County, Dr. William Sappenfield of the Florida Perinatal Quality Collaborative, Linda Sutherland of the Healthy Start Coalition of Orange County, Tommy Inzina from BayCare, and Mayor Jerry Demings of Orange County. This award is presented to someone whose passion and leadership in driving healthcare quality and value has vastly improved the health of Floridians.

Please email Karen van Caulil at [karen@flhealthvalue.org](mailto:karen@flhealthvalue.org) if you would like to nominate someone for consideration or have any questions.



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

#### Employer Member Benefit: Mental Health Parity Compliance Employer/Healthcare Purchaser Toolkit Webinar – Wednesday, January 29, 2:00PM – 3:00PM ET



The Florida Alliance will be hosting a webinar to review and disseminate the final Mental Health Parity Compliance Employer/Healthcare Purchaser Toolkit that was developed in partnership with the National Alliance of Healthcare Purchaser Coalitions and the Bowman Family Foundation. This webinar will be held on Wednesday, January 29.

President and CEO Karen van Caulil along with Dr. Henry Harbin and Beth Ann Middlebrook, J.D. will be explaining the Mental Health Parity Compliance Employer/Healthcare Purchaser Toolkit which will greatly assist employers with how to work with their TPAs (and carve out mental health providers, if applicable) on ensuring appropriate analysis of their mental health data as it compares to their physical health data. We will also be discussing the recent complaint filed by the ERISA Research Industry Committee against the Mental Health Parity law and its implications.

You should have already received the invitation for the January 29 webinar from [info@flhealthvalue.org](mailto:info@flhealthvalue.org). If you have not yet received the invitation, please contact Lisa Hain at [lisa@flhealthvalue.org](mailto:lisa@flhealthvalue.org).

Click [HERE](#) to access the webinar recordings and slides from the first two Mental Health Parity Compliance sessions held in October and December 2024. You can also view the Department of Labor's Self-Compliance Tool for Mental Health Parity that was discussed in the December webinar on this link.

Please contact Karen van Caulil at [karen@flhealthvalue.org](mailto:karen@flhealthvalue.org) if you have any questions.

### **Cleveland Clinic Webinar: Maximizing Quality & Experience While Reducing Costs - Tuesday, February 4, 12:00PM ET**

Florida Alliance Healthcare Advisory Council Member Cleveland Clinic will host a webinar entitled "Maximizing Quality & Experience While Reducing Costs" on February 4. **The webinar will feature insights from Walmart and Cleveland Clinic on their Center of Excellence Program for Cardiac Surgery which improved care quality and outcomes, reduced unnecessary surgeries, and delivered significant cost savings.**



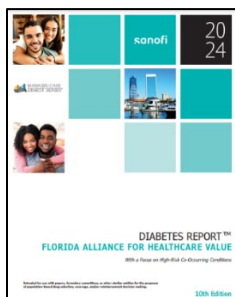
Topics:

- The value of Centers of Excellence programs
- Benefits of traveling for cardiac care
- Realized cost savings through surgical avoidance and global case rates
- How Walmart enhanced program utilization
- The ease of implementing Centers of Excellence directly with a healthcare provider

To register for the webinar click [HERE](#).

Please contact Ashley Tait-Dinger at [ashley@flhealthvalue.org](mailto:ashley@flhealthvalue.org) if you have any questions.

### **Employer Member Benefit: All Employer Member Meeting – Wednesday, February 19, 11:00AM – 12:00PM ET**



The Florida Alliance, in conjunction with Affiliate Member Sanofi has released the 10<sup>th</sup> Edition of *The Florida Alliance for Healthcare Value Diabetes Report* for 2024. **Jake Olson, Director, Account Manager of Managed Care Digest, and Miranda Walden, Pharmaceutical Regional Account Director, US Market Access of Sanofi will share insights into the data provided in the report, and how it may impact your employees and your organization.** The Diabetes Report focuses on pertinent demographic, laboratory, charge, and pharmacotherapy measures for Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes patients in Florida.

The Florida Alliance will also be holding a brief All-Employer Member meeting directly after the presentation of the Diabetes Report.

Calendar invitations have been sent out. If you did not receive the calendar invitation or need to have it re-sent, please contact Lisa Hain at [lisa@flhealthvalue.org](mailto:lisa@flhealthvalue.org).

Click [HERE](#) to read the 10<sup>th</sup> Edition of Sanofi Diabetes Report.

Please contact Karen van Caulil at [karen@flhealthvalue.org](mailto:karen@flhealthvalue.org) if you have any questions.

**SAVE THE DATE! 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors – Tuesday, March 4, 2:00PM – 3:30PM ET**



The Florida Alliance for Healthcare Value's Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors is a free event for all our members and offers the opportunity to learn about the important work the Florida Alliance is undertaking to improve the quality and value of health care in Florida, including new opportunities to engage in our research and educational activities.



*Jessica Brooks Woods*

**We are excited to announce that our keynote speaker is Jessica Brooks Woods, CEO of the National Association of Benefits and Insurance Professionals.** Jessica previously served as the President and CEO of the Pittsburgh Business Group on Health for 10 years, where she orchestrated initiatives that revolutionized healthcare value, access, equity, and quality for employers. She introduced the Health Desk, an innovative service redefining patient care standards. She launched a book in 2023 called "Race Forward: An Employer's Guide to Health Equity." Jessica has spoken at numerous national conferences with a special emphasis on health equity.

**The Florida Alliance for Healthcare Value 2024 Annual Report will be presented at this meeting as well as our 2025 Plan of Work. We will also introduce our 2025-2026 Board of Directors and Officers.**

Click [HERE](#) to register for the Annual Meeting.

Please contact Lisa Hain at [lisa@flhealthvalue.org](mailto:lisa@flhealthvalue.org) if you have any questions.

**SAVE THE DATE! 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference – Thursday, May 1 at the Rosen Centre Hotel, Orlando** - Registration is opening soon!

Thank you to Rosen Hotels & Resorts for their generous support of the Florida Alliance in making the Rosen Centre Hotel venue possible for us.

The Florida Alliance will be presenting the Harris Rosen "Most Engaged Employer" Award and the Dr. Jack Mahoney "Healthcare Hero" Award.



**We are finalizing the sessions and speakers now and it is shaping up to be a great event!**

As we shared last week, National Alliance President and CEO Shawn Gremminger will speak on "The Future of Employer Sponsored Health Coverage." Miami-Dade County Public Schools Administrative Benefits Director and Florida Alliance Board Chair Rosa Novo, 32BJ Health Fund Executive Cora Opsahl, and Phifer's Vice President of Human Resources Russell DuBose will present on "Engaging in Health Policy and Advocacy to Drive Value in Health Care."

More details on speakers and sessions to come in next week's Bulletin!

If you have any questions, please contact Karen van Caulil at [karen@flhealthvalue.org](mailto:karen@flhealthvalue.org)



## MEMBER BENCHMARKING REQUEST

### Employer Member Question (asking again!) – Pharmacy Benefits Management and Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme

An Employer/Healthcare Purchaser Member of the Florida Alliance has asked us to collect a response to the following question:

**Have any of our Employer Members worked with or have information on the following disruptor PBM/PBAs that they would be willing to share?**

- Capital Rx
- Navitus
- Rightway
- Slate Rx
- WellDyne
- Affirmed Rx
- ProCare Rx
- US-Rx Care

Please respond directly to Ashley Tait-Dinger at [ashley@flhealthvalue.org](mailto:ashley@flhealthvalue.org).



### Employer Member Question (asking again!) – Steerage to High-Quality Healthcare Providers

An Employer/Healthcare Purchaser Member of the Florida Alliance has asked us to collect a response to the following questions which we have updated from last week:

**Do you work with a carrier that has allowed you to modify your plan design to steer your members to high-quality healthcare providers based on cost and quality? Which carrier is it? Do you have any service level agreements, cost reduction targets, and/or hospital-based utilization targets for this population?**

If the answer is “yes,” please respond directly to Karen van Caulil at [karen@flhealthvalue.org](mailto:karen@flhealthvalue.org).

**Do you have a question you would like to ask of our Employer Members? Please let Karen know if so, and we will include it in a future Bulletin.**



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