

Dear BHACA Community,

**BHACA Blast #69 Headlines:**

A recording of BHACA's most recent event, "Being a Clinician in a Legal World," is available online at <http://www.nbhp.org/being-a-clinician-in-a-legal-world.html>. While CEUs are no longer available, we encourage you to view the excellent panel presentation.

All the best,

The BHACA Team

Marion Coleman, NBHP Executive Director ([nbhp.marion@gmail.com](mailto:nbhp.marion@gmail.com))

Alejandra Posada, MHA IHC Program Director ([aposada@mhahouston.org](mailto:aposada@mhahouston.org))

Tracey Greenup, Program Manager ([nbhp.tracey@gmail.com](mailto:nbhp.tracey@gmail.com))

Lauren Pursley, Program Coordinator ([lpursley@mhahouston.org](mailto:lpursley@mhahouston.org))

Ashley Singleton, Evaluation Specialist ([nbhp.ashley@gmail.com](mailto:nbhp.ashley@gmail.com))

NBHP website – [www.nbhp.org](http://www.nbhp.org)

MHA website – [www.mhahouston.org](http://www.mhahouston.org)

**BHACA: Integrated Health Care (IHC)**

- ***New Issue of Collaborations*** – The latest issue of the AIMS Center's online newsletter, *Collaborations*, features information about a ***new proposed rule to the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule*** (also see more below under "Maximizing Third Party Funding Streams Revenue"), an ***update on NCQA HEDIS depression metrics*** (also see more below under "Outcome-Based Evaluation"), and more. To view, please [click here](#).
- ***Webinar – Before You Say Ahhhh...Integrating Oral Health and Behavioral Health in Primary Care Settings***  
**Date & Time:** Wednesday, September 7, 12:00 – 1:00 PM Central time  
**To Register:** [Click here](#)  
**Organizer:** SAMHSA-HRSA Center for Integrated Health Solutions  
**Presenters:** Renée W. Joskow, DDS, MPH, FAGD, FACD, Senior Dental Advisor, Health Resources and Services Administration; Anita D. Glick, MSW, Program Consultant and Project Leader, National Interprofessional Initiative on Oral Health, Associate Dean and Professor Emerita, University of Colorado School of Medicine  
**Description:**  
Behavioral health care providers are increasingly called upon to fill new roles on the primary care team. These roles often call for mastery of knowledge and skills related to a variety of complex health issues, including oral health. As an integral component of overall health, oral health can have a significant impact on a client's emotional and physical well-being. Sign up for this webinar to learn how behavioral health workers in integrated care settings can engage clients who may have oral health concerns. As part of the integrated care team in settings with and without oral health providers, behavioral health staff can educate clients regarding their oral health conditions, support proper oral hygiene, address dental care anxiety and build effective referral

systems to get their clients oral health services. This webinar will offer tips and resources to engage in a discussion of oral health concerns and will highlight elements of an effective oral health referral process. After this webinar, participants will 1) engage clients in effective conversations about their oral health, 2) identify when a client may have an oral health concern, and 3) list resources and strategies for effectively addressing oral health issues.

- ***Webinar – Strategies for Success in Integrating HIV Care into Behavioral Health***

**Date & Time:** Wednesday, September 14, 1:00 – 2:30 PM Central time

**To Register:** [Click here](#)

**Organizer:** SAMHSA-HRSA Center for Integrated Health Solutions

**Presenters:** Kelly Wagner, Mayatech Corporation; Nicole White, RN, MS, Manager of Nursing, Brandywine Counseling Center

**Description:**

People who experience mental health challenges or addictions are at significantly increased risk for contracting HIV, and people with HIV are more likely to develop a mental illness or addiction. That's why behavioral health providers are in a key position to curb the spread of HIV and help people with HIV gain access to life-saving treatment. Join this webinar to learn how behavioral health providers and health systems are effectively addressing HIV, substance use treatment and primary care together. Presenters from SAMHSA-funded providers will share their best practices and how they overcame real-world barriers while integrating behavioral health treatment and HIV care.

- ***Webinar – Using Focused Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (FACT) in Primary Care Behavioral Health (PCBH)***

**Date & Time:** Wednesday, September 14, 11:00 AM Central time

**To Register:** [Click here](#)

**Organizer:** Collaborative Family Healthcare Association (CFHA) Primary Care Behavioral Health Special Interest Group

**Presenters:** Bridget Beachy, PsyD, Director of Behavioral Health, Community Health of Central Washington; David Bauman, PsyD, Behavioral Health Education Director, Central Washington Family Medicine

**Description:**

In this webinar, the presenters will provide attendees with a basic overview of the Primary Care Behavioral Health (PCBH) model. Additionally, they will discuss how contextual approaches, specifically Focused Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (FACT), can help fulfill the PCBH mission in a synergistic manner. Attendees will be educated on the philosophy of contextualism and introduced to how to structure PCBH patient visits utilizing this FACT approach. A case example will be outlined and the FACT protocol of “Contextual Interview -> Psychoeducation -> Brief FACT intervention” will be presented.

### **BHACA: Choosing a Certified Electronic Health Record System**

- ***Webinar – Cyber Hacking, ePHI Security & HIPAA***

**Date & Time:** Monday, September 19, 1:00 PM Central time

**To Register:** [Click here](#)

**Organizer:** Healthcare IT News

**Presenters:** Todd Greene, Director of IS Governance Risk, and Compliance Carolinas HealthCare System

**Description:** In today's healthcare IT environment, there is the dual challenge of compliance and security – that is, how does one stay HIPAA compliant and stop cyber hackers from accessing electronic protected health information? This webinar will discuss the current state of cyber security, electronic protected health information transmittals and HIPAA requirements.

- **Majority of healthcare leaders elevating cybersecurity as a priority, according to HIMSS:** As cybercriminals continue to assault the healthcare industry, most health executives are elevating data security as a business priority, according to the 2016 HIMSS Cybersecurity Survey. While the report suggests providers are addressing cybersecurity concerns, "more progress needs to be made so that providers can truly stay ahead of the threats," Piechowski added. Some of the areas requiring attention: vulnerabilities in email, mobile devices and the internet of things. To view more, please [click here](#).

### **BHACA: Maximizing Third Party Funding Streams Revenue—Resources Related to Insurance Billing and Credentialing**

- **Lunch and Learn – Using Data to Get Paid in Behavioral Healthcare**

**Date & Time:** Wednesday, September 21, 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM Central time

**To Register:** [Click here](#)

**Organizer:** Behavioral Healthcare Panel Series

**Description:** Behavioral Healthcare magazine has organized a panel of experts to discuss relevant issues facing providers of all stripes in mental health, substance use, and eating disorder treatment organizations: residential treatment centers; IOP settings; sober living homes; and private practices; among others.

- **Webinar – Provider-Payer Collaboration and the Impact on Population Health**

**Date & Time:** Wednesday, September 14, 12:00 PM Central time

**To Register:** [Click here](#)

**Organizer:** HIMSS

**Description:** Population health management (PHM) is a journey that requires a sound strategy, solid IT and data infrastructure and a clear understanding of continuous quality improvement efforts in order to make a significant and lasting impact on patients and communities. Increased provider-payer collaboration can have a lasting and positive impact on improving patient and population outcomes. The principles of population health management and their supporting technologies can help ease this shift to value-based care. They align the metrics, incentives, and interventions that guide decision-making for healthcare networks, clinicians, and patients. A population health framework supports collaboration among payers, providers, and community partners—a critical component to developing a program

that can be implemented at scale and sustained over time. Attendees will learn how to optimize their provider-payer relationships in order to transform their current population health management strategy and achieve the best results possible during their transition to value-based care.

- ***CMS Proposes Rule to Cover Collaborative Care Services:*** In July 2016, The Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS) published a proposed rule to the 2017 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule that includes coverage for behavioral health collaborative care. This change allows primary care clinics to bill Medicare for collaborative care management (CoCM) tasks such as psychiatric consultation and care manager interventions and follow-up over time. The CMS rule covers CoCM for Medicare patients with common behavioral health diagnoses that are frequently encountered and diagnosed in primary care, not just CoCM for patients diagnosed with depression. Under the proposed rule, CoCM services would be billable in 2017 under a series of G codes. The specific G codes proposed by CMS can be found on page 41 of the [Medicare 2017 Physician Fee Schedule](#). The proposed rule is open for public comment through September 6, 2016. To view more, please [click here](#).

### **BHACA: Outcome-Based Evaluation**

- ***NCQA HEDIS Depression Metrics Update:*** The National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) recently released next year's Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS) measures. The 2017 HEDIS measures include two measurement-based depression metrics based on PHQ-9 scores over time. The first measure, Utilization of the PHQ-9 to Monitor Symptoms for Adolescents and Adults, was introduced in 2016 and has been revised and simplified for reporting in 2017. The second measure, Depression Remission or Response for Adolescents and Adults, is in its first reporting year. This measure allows health plans to assess and report the percentage of health plan members 12 years and older with a diagnosis of depression who had evidence of response or remission within 5 to 7 months of their initial diagnosis. Remission is documented by a PHQ-9 score less than 5 points and response is indicated by a 50 percent decrease over the initial PHQ-9 score. These two measures are the only two for which health plans have the option of using an Electronic Clinical Data System (ECDS) such as a registry or other clinical management tracking system in addition to their electronic health record (EHR) to capture reporting data. To view more, please [click here](#).
- ***Webinar – Improving Healthcare with Analytics: The Essentials to Creating a Data-Driven Organization***  
**Date & Time:** Thursday, September 8, 1:00 PM Central time  
**To Register:** [Click here](#)  
**Organizer:** HIMSS Industry Solutions  
**Presenters:** Joe Warbington, Healthcare Market Development Director, Qlik; Charlotte Davies, Healthcare Consultant; John Martin, Director of Enterprise Analytics, The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

**Description:** Countless healthcare systems and providers have embarked on a transformative journey with analytics. The ultimate aim is to foster an information-driven culture, where healthcare workers from nurses to executives make decisions based on timely, accurate information from any device in any location. How do successful health systems transform their internal culture and processes to reflect the various demands of patients, stakeholders, and clinicians while also ensuring safety and profitability? Join these presenters, as they discuss the essential elements to create a data-driven organization and ensure value generation from analytics investments.

### **BHACA: Additional Items of General Interest**

- ***SAMHSA Releases Parity Implementation Resource for States:*** As attention is gaining around parity and the implementation of the Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act (MHPAEA), SAMHSA released a resource for states that provides guidance on best practices in parity enforcement. The guide utilized input from seven states and insurance commissioners who identified five primary components that they considered essential for implementation and monitoring of parity:
  - Open channels of communication
  - Standardization of materials
  - Creation of templates, workbooks and other tools
  - Implementation of market conduct exams and network adequacy assessments
  - Collaboration with multiple agencies and stakeholder groups.

To view more, please [click here](#).

**About BHACA:** The Behavioral Health Affordable Care Act (BHACA) Initiative is a major collaborative endeavor of the Network of Behavioral Health Providers (NBHP) and Mental Health America of Greater Houston (MHA) designed to support Greater Houston area mental health and substance use providers in responding to the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and other recent healthcare reforms across four domains: (1) enhancing and increasing the delivery of integrated health care (IHC), (2) maximizing third party funding streams revenue, (3) adopting certified electronic health record (EHR) systems, and (4) developing outcome-based evaluations. The BHACA Initiative is generously funded by Houston Endowment Inc., The Meadows Foundation, the United Way of Greater Houston Community Response Fund, and the Rockwell Fund.