



Thanks to those who joined us on May 8<sup>th</sup> for, “Brief Behavioral Interventions in Primary Care: Billing Considerations & Clinical Training,” with special thanks to our collaborators, the Harris County Healthcare Alliance, The Council on Recovery, and Beacon Health Strategies, as well as our panelists, Emilie Becker, MD, Katy Caldwell, Rodney McDonald, RN, MSN, Heidi Schwarzwald, MD, MPH, and break-out session presenters, Stacy Ogbeide, PsyD, Kavon Young, MD, Blanca Hernandez, PhD, Rodolfo Orna, LMFT, and Stephanie Chapman, PhD, who were all so generous with their time, energy, and expertise.

Dear BHACA Community,

Happy National Mental Health Awareness Month! For Mental Health Month resources from National Mental Health America, please [click here](#).

**BHACA Blast #36 Headlines:**

- **Materials from Last Week’s Event “Brief Behavioral Health Interventions in Primary Care: Billing Considerations and Clinical Training”** are available at ....

All best,

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

- ***New edition of eSolutions*** – The latest edition of the Center for Integrated Health Solutions' online newsletter, *eSolutions*, focuses on ***alcohol treatment within integrated care***, and, as always, also includes other information and resources. To read, please [click here](#).
- ***Webinar from Center for Integrated Health Solutions – From Homeless to Healthy: How to Effectively Reach People who Experience Homelessness (and keep them engaged)***  
**Date & Time:** Tuesday, May 19, 1:00 PM Central time  
**To Register:** [Click here](#)  
**Presenters:** Richard Cho, MCP, Senior Policy Director, U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness; James Withers, MD, Medical Director, Operation Safety Net, Pittsburgh Mercy Health System; Jason Howell, MBA, PRSS, Director, Texas Recovery Oriented Housing Network, National Alliance on Recovery Residences  
**Description:**  
What can integrated primary and behavioral health care providers do to connect with individuals who experience homelessness - and keep them engaged in services? Individuals experiencing homelessness face many challenges that can prevent them from engaging in primary and behavioral health care integrated services, such as a trauma history, distrust of the health care system, extended periods of homelessness, or unresolved substance use issues. Join this webinar, a partnership between the SAMSHA-HRSA Center for Integrated Health Solutions and the SAMHSA Homeless and Housing Resource Network, to learn considerations for working with the homeless population. Hear how a SAMHSA Primary and Behavioral Health Care Integration (PBHCI) grantee provides mobile services and medical outreach to engage clients and how sober housing may be an option for those also seeking substance use treatment. After this webinar, participants will:
  - Recognize the considerations and challenges to providing health care services to people experiencing homelessness.
  - Understand how various options for care – including sober housing and mobile clinics – can be implemented to remove common barriers to care for people who experience homelessness.

- Have strategies for engaging those among the homeless population who have co-occurring substance use and mental health conditions.
- ***Diabetes and Depression*** – The co-occurrence of behavioral health issues with many chronic health conditions is one reason for the importance of integrated health care. An upcoming educational session at Mental Health America of Greater Houston will explore the interaction between diabetes and depression. The event will feature ***Marisa Hilliard, PhD, Clinical Psychologist and Behavioral Scientist, Assistant Professor of Pediatrics at Baylor College of Medicine in the Psychology Section of Texas Children’s Hospital.*** To learn more or register for the **May 20<sup>th</sup>** event, please [click here](#).

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

- ***Comments due May 29<sup>th</sup> re. Stage 3 of Meaningful Use.*** Review the proposed rulemaking on **Stage 3**. Submit public comments electronically at [regulations.gov](http://regulations.gov).
- ***Comments due May 29<sup>th</sup> re. the standards for EHR certification for 2015.*** Review the proposed rule here: [Review the 2015 Edition Proposed Rule \[PDF – 2.4 MB\]](#). Submit comments via [regulations.gov](http://regulations.gov).
- ***Comments due June 15<sup>th</sup> regarding modifications to Meaningful Use.*** [Modification to Meaningful Use in 2015-2017 NPRM](#) – Proposes revised requirements for eligible professionals, eligible hospitals, and critical access hospitals participating in the EHR Incentive Programs in years 2015 through 2017. Submit comments via [regulations.gov](http://regulations.gov).
- ***An overview of the recent (April, 2015) Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS) conference points to the future of health IT:*** Nearly 43,000—a small village of technology experts—attended the conference this year in Chicago. Moving beyond discussions of meaningful use, an emphasis at the conference this year was leveraging technology to measure outcome (vs. process) measures. [http://www.healthcareitnews.com/news/looking-back-himss15-toward-future-health-it?mkt\\_tok=3RkMMJWWfF9wsRojsqTKZKXonjHpfsX56eoqUaO%2BlMI%2FoER3fOvrPUfGjI4HT8VgI%2BSLDwEYGJlv6SgFQ7LHMbpszbgPUhM%3D](http://www.healthcareitnews.com/news/looking-back-himss15-toward-future-health-it?mkt_tok=3RkMMJWWfF9wsRojsqTKZKXonjHpfsX56eoqUaO%2BlMI%2FoER3fOvrPUfGjI4HT8VgI%2BSLDwEYGJlv6SgFQ7LHMbpszbgPUhM%3D)

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

- **Most Texas Medicaid providers will need to re-enroll in the coming months:** “Any provider enrolled with Texas Medicaid before January 1, 2013, must be fully re-enrolled by March 24, 2016, to avoid an interruption in payments.” Click here to learn more: [www.hhsc.state.tx.us/stakeholder/2015/may-june/3.shtml](http://www.hhsc.state.tx.us/stakeholder/2015/may-june/3.shtml).
- **HHSC offers ICD-10 transition resources:**  
<http://www.hhsc.state.tx.us/stakeholder/2015/may-june/4.shtml>
- **Volunteer for Medicare ICD-10 end-to-end testing in July** – forms accepted May 11 through 22 (deadline extended). During the week of July 20 through 24, 2015, a final sample group of providers will have the opportunity to participate in ICD-10 end-to-end testing with Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) and the Common Electronic Data Interchange (CEDI) contractor. CMS is accepting additional July volunteers from May 11 through 22, 2015. Don’t miss your chance to participate in end-to-end testing with Medicare prior to the October 1, 2015, implementation date. Volunteer forms are available on your MAC website, or here on [CEDI](#).
  - [MLN Matters® Article #MM8867](#), “ICD-10 Limited End-to-End Testing with Submitters for 2015”
  - [MLN Matters Special Edition Article #SE1435](#), “FAQs – ICD-10 End-to-End Testing”
  - [MLN Matters Special Edition Article #SE1409](#), “Medicare FFS ICD-10 Testing Approach”

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

- **New Standardized Texas Health Steps Measures on the Horizon:** At a BHACA co-sponsored event on Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, Dr. Emilie Becker, Mental Health Medical Director, Medicaid and CHIP Division, HHSC, stated that there are efforts underfoot for Texas Health Steps to introduce standardized screening tools. In the running are the following measures. (Please click on the measure to be directed to more information.)
  - [Pediatric Symptom Checklist \(PSC-35\)](#)
  - [Pediatric Symptom Checklist-Youth \(PSC-Y\)](#)
  - [Personal health Questionnaire-9 \(PHQ-9\)](#)
  - [CRAFFT](#)
- **CMS makes annual update to the 2016 eQMs (electronic clinical quality measures).** eQMs are built into certified electronic health record (EHR) systems, and allow behavioral health providers to report quality data to CMS for

various programs, such as Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS), Inpatient Quality Reporting Program, and EHR Incentive Programs. The changes for 2016 include 29 updated measures for eligible hospitals and 64 updated CQMs for providers. [http://www.healthcareitnews.com/news/cms-makes-annual-update-2016-ecqms?mkt\\_tok=3RkMMJWWfF9wsRojsqTKZKXonjHpfsX56eoqUaO%2BlMI%2FoER3fOvrPUfGjI4HT8VgI%2BSLDwEYGJlv6SgFQ7LHMbpszbgPUhM%3D](http://www.healthcareitnews.com/news/cms-makes-annual-update-2016-ecqms?mkt_tok=3RkMMJWWfF9wsRojsqTKZKXonjHpfsX56eoqUaO%2BlMI%2FoER3fOvrPUfGjI4HT8VgI%2BSLDwEYGJlv6SgFQ7LHMbpszbgPUhM%3D)

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

- **New Online Mental Health Channel** – The newly launched, web-based Mental Health Channel has a mission to “create engaging, enlightening, informative programming, commercial free, to help all viewers improve their mental health.” To take a look, 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.