



Pictured above: Thanks to Phil Beckett, PhD, CTO, Greater Houston Healthconnect, and Mike Eber, JD, MPH, Principal of The Eber Law Firm, PLLC, for a knowledgeable and informative presentation on “Safe Electronic Data: Managing Behavioral Health Confidentiality in the Age of Electronic Health Record Systems (EHRs), Health Information Exchanges (HIEs), and Coordinated Care” for BHACA at Jewish Family Service earlier this June.

Dear BHACA Community,

There’s still time to join us next week for a live viewing of the SAMHSA webinar mentioned below! BHACA is also pleased to announce that we have been accepted to present at not one but three upcoming state and national conferences! Thanks to you for making this work possible through your participation and input.

BHACA Blast #39 Headlines:

Tuesday, June 30: Live Viewing & Discussion of Webinar from SAMHSA-HRSA Center for Integrated Health Solutions (CIHS)

Title: Medical Monitoring in Behavioral Health: The Role of the Psychiatric Medical Team

Location: Mental Health America of Greater Houston (2211 Norfolk, Suite 810)

Date & Time: Tuesday, June 30, 2015, 11:45 AM (webinar begins at 12:00 PM) to 2:00 PM

Registration for Live Viewing and Links to Additional Webinar

Information: <http://www.mhahouston.org/events/432/>

Live Viewing Description: As a group, we will be viewing and discussing this CIHS webinar. Please feel free to bring your lunch to eat during the webinar.

BHACA presentations have been accepted at three upcoming conferences!

- **Texas Behavioral Health Institute: Integrated Approaches to Healthy Living**, Austin, Texas, August 11-14 – Presentation titled “Are You ACA Ready? Preparing a Behavioral Health Provider Community”
- **Collaborative Family Healthcare Association** annual conference (a preeminent national conference regarding integrated health care), Portland, Oregon, October 15-17 – Presentation titled “The Greater Houston Behavioral Health Affordable Care Act Initiative: Leveraging Collective Impact to Advance Integrated Health Care Practice and Policy”
- **National Association of Social Workers – Texas State Conference**, Galveston, Texas, November 12-14 – Presentation titled “Behavioral Health’s Bottom Line: The Reimbursement Landscape After Health Reform”

Featured Outcome Measures are back! See the “Outcome-Based Evaluation” section for the blast #39 Featured Outcome Measure – the [Mini Mental State Examination, 2nd edition \(MMSE-2\)](#).

Happy Summer!

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BHACA: Integrated Health Care (IHC)

- **Psychiatry and Integrated Care – “The Value of Collaborative Care”** – We know that preparing both medical and behavioral health providers to practice in integrated health care settings is key to the provision of high-quality integrated care. [This article](#), recently published in *Psychiatric News*, discuss the why and what of preparing psychiatrists for integrated health care settings.
- **New Edition of Collaborations** – The latest edition of the AIMS Center’s online newsletter, *Collaborations*, has a focus on **evidence-based behavioral interventions in primary care**. To access the newsletter, please [click here](#).

- ***New Reports from Institute for Clinical and Economic Review (ICER)*** – ICER has recently issued a report entitled *Integrating Behavioral Health into Primary Care* which examines evidence on clinical effectiveness and value of efforts to integrate behavioral health into primary care settings. Two companion documents, a policy brief and an action guide, have also been released. Links to all three documents are available [here](#).
- ***Webinar from the SAMHSA-HRSA Center for Integrated Health Solutions – Why Integrated Care Providers Must Address Viral Hepatitis***
Date & Time: Wednesday, July 8, 1:00 PM Central time
To Register: [Click here](#)
Description:
 Five to seven million people in the U.S. are infected with the Hepatitis C virus (HCV), and at least half are unaware of their infection. Individuals with mental health and substance use conditions are at increased risk for infection, which means integrated primary and behavioral health care providers have the potential to significantly decrease the rate of infection. Medical advances in HCV treatment in the last year emphasize the role of integrated care settings to address this public concern. In partnership with the SAMHSA-funded Addiction Technology Transfer Centers, CIHS invites you to join this webinar to learn more about providing services to people with HCV and to those at risk for the infection in safety-net settings. You will learn how to address both the HCV-related medical issues and the underlying behavioral health issues that increase risk of infection. You'll also learn about a new resource for continuing education on treating HCV.
- ***Registration Now Open for Collaborative Family Healthcare Association Conference*** – The Collaborative Family Healthcare Association (CFHA) annual conference is a national integrated health care educational and networking opportunity. Registration is now open for the 2015 conference, to take place in Portland, Oregon, in October. For more information or to register, please [click here](#). (BHACA staff members will be presenting about BHACA at the conference!)

BHACA: Choosing a Certified Electronic Health Record System

- ***Dissatisfaction leading to EHR replacement trend:*** “More and more buyers of electronic health records are finding themselves having second thoughts and opting to replace their existing [EHR] systems, according to a new report.” Read more: [Click here](#).
- ***Honest and scrupulous attestation of meaningful use is nothing to mess around with, as evidenced by a recent federal indictment here in Texas.*** Read more: [click here](#).

- **ICD-10 Readiness Checklist, from a Healthcare IT Standpoint:** [Click here.](#)

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

- **98 Days to ICD-10!** Get ready: [Click here.](#)
- **Debates continue about the passage of ICD-10 “safe harbor” legislation to cushion implementation.** Read more: [Click here.](#)
- **Many behavioral health providers need to begin Medicaid re-enrollment applications “immediately,” to quote TMHP: “Reminder: All providers that render services through Medicaid managed care organizations must re-enroll by **March 24, 2016**** (Information posted May 22, 2015)

“As a reminder, any Texas Medicaid provider enrolled before January 1, 2013, must be re-enrolled by March 24, 2016. This re-enrollment requirement applies to those providers that render services through Medicaid managed care organizations (MCOs) or through traditional fee-for-service Medicaid.

“Just as providers must be enrolled in Texas Medicaid before they can be contracted and credentialed by a managed care organization (MCO) or dental plan, providers must be re-enrolled with Texas Medicaid to maintain credentialing with their plan. In order for providers to maintain credentialing with their Medicaid MCOs, providers must be sure they are fully re-enrolled before the March 24, 2016 deadline.

“To be considered fully re-enrolled providers must:

- Submit a completed re-enrollment application.
- Receive a notification from the Texas Medicaid & Healthcare Partnership (TMHP) that their application has been approved.

“Important: To allow sufficient time for re-enrollment application processing, providers are **encouraged to begin this process immediately.**

“For more information, call the TMHP Contact Center at **1-800-925-9126.**”

BHACA: Outcome-Based Evaluation

- **BHACA Blast #39: Featured Outcome Measure – *Mini Mental State Examination, 2nd edition (MMSE-2)***
 - **What is the MMSE-2?** The Mini Mental State Examination, 2nd edition (MMSE-2) is a quick way to assess mental status for deficits in organic or psychiatric functioning. It is commonly used to screen for dementia and to estimate the severity and progression of cognitive impairment. The MMSE-2 can be used to follow the course of cognitive changes in an individual over

time, making it an effective way to document an individual's response to treatment.

- **What does it measure?**

It is an 11-question measure that tests five areas of cognitive function:

- § Orientation
- § Registration
- § Attention
- § Calculation
- § Recall
- § Language

The maximum score is 30. A score of 23 or lower is indicative of cognitive impairment.

- **For which populations/age(s) is the MMSE-2 appropriate?**

The MMSE-2 is appropriate for older, community dwelling, hospitalized and institutionalized adults.

- **How long does the MMSE-2 take to complete?**

The MMSE-2 takes only 5-10 minutes to administer.

- **How is it administered?**

The MMSE-2 should be administered routinely, systematically and thoroughly to more accurately assess older adult cognitive function.

- **Can I get the MMSE-2 in other languages?**

The MMSE-2 can be found in many languages, including German, French, Spanish for the US, and Simplified Chinese. [Click here](#) for more languages, pricing and general information.

- ***HOT OFF THE PRESS (June 23, 2015): The Core Quality Measures Collaborative*** – Formed in 2014, the Core Quality Measures Collaborative comprises representatives of health plans, national physician organizations, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, and the National Quality Forum (NQF). The Collaborative is working on compiling a set of core quality measures aligned with NQF's Triple Aim priorities of better care, improved population health, and reduced cost of care. Read more about the Collaborative and its work in [this Health Affairs blog post](#).

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.