

Dear BHACA Community,

BHACA Blast #72 Headlines:

SAVE THE DATE: BHACA Event: Integrated Health Care for Children & Adolescents

Location: The Council on Recovery: 303 Jackson Hill St, Houston, TX 77007

Date & Time: Thursday, November 10, 2016, 8:00am – 12:15pm

CEU Credit: 3 hours CEUs available for social workers, LMFTs, LPCs, and LCDCs

Cost: Pre-event pricing is \$20 for members of the Network of Behavioral Health Providers, \$35 for nonmembers. Day of the event pricing is \$25 for Network members and \$40 for nonmembers. Credit cards, cash and checks made payable to the Network of Behavioral Health Providers will be accepted both in advance and at the door. All pre-event payments must be received by November 7, 2016.

All the best,

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BHACA: Integrated Health Care (IHC)

- ***New Guide to Expanding the Behavioral Health Capabilities of the Workforce*** – A [new guide](#) from the American Hospital Association (AHA) Workforce Center offers strategies to help hospitals and health systems expand the behavioral health capabilities of their workforce. Building on an AHA [white paper](#) in June on how hospitals and health systems are bridging the gap between the need for behavioral health care in their communities and a shortage of trained specialists, the new guide offers tools and suggestions for overcoming common challenges organizations face in assessing, educating and partnering with others to strengthen their behavioral health workforce.

BHACA: Choosing a Certified Electronic Health Record System

- ***Proposed changes to 42 CFR Part 2 will affect providers:*** Although it has been nearly 30 years since the addiction treatment disclosure rules of Title 42 CFR, Part 2 have undergone change, the climate of gathering, sharing and protecting data has been anything but static. Proposed rule modifications are now in development, and they will require the careful attention of providers. To view more, please [click here](#).

- **Webinar – Hackers Want Your Data: What You Must Do To Strengthen Cybersecurity Before and After an Imminent Attack**

Date & Time: Friday, October 21, 1:00 PM Central time

To Register: [Click here](#)

Organizer: HIMSS

Presenters: Micheal Born, Vice President, Global Technology and Privacy Practice Lockton Companies; Andrew Wild, Chief Information Security Officer QTS

Description: Learn three actions you can take to minimize risks and costs and recover more quickly when an attack happens. This panel discussion will focus on why hackers target healthcare organizations and three ways to strengthen your cybersecurity. Experts will tell you how to proactively identify risks, transfer risks and effectively manage costs, and why you need to move your data to a trusted cloud provider.

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

- ***The least you need to know about MACRA:*** For the last several years, the financial forecast for the Medicare program has been rather shaky. While funding isn't in immediate danger of running out, trends indicate that insolvency could come as early as 2028. This situation has historically created a prompt for Congress, by law, to take action—specifically, to cut provider payments—in order to keep Medicare operating in the future. To view more, please [click here](#).
- ***CMS sheds new light on ICD-10 after grace period ends:*** The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services on Oct. 1, 2016 ceased the year-long grace period wherein it accepted ICD-10 claims as long as they were submitted in the right family of codes. CMS has now revised its Q&A "Questions and Answers Related to the July 6, 2015, CMS/AMA Joint Announcement and Guidance Regarding ICD-10 Flexibilities." Here are the key revision hospitals and coders need to understand: To view more, please [click here](#).

BHACA: Outcome-Based Evaluation

- ***Webinar – Make MACRA Work for You: Integrate MACRA and CQM requirements in a way that does not impact physician productivity and satisfaction***

Date & Time: Wednesday, November 2, 1:00 PM Central time

To Register: [Click here](#)

Organizer: Healthcare IT News

Presenters: David Lareau, Chief Executive Officer, Medcomp Systems; Dr. Jay Anders, Chief Medical Officer, Medcomp Systems

Description: See how any quality measures can be integrated with physician documentation that is almost transparent to the clinical user. This approach will show

how CQMs can be integrated seamlessly at the point of care to assure compliance, and can be easily added to any EHR or HIS.

- ***Health systems use data to predict behavioral health risks:*** As the healthcare system shifts payment models to favor comprehensive care, more stakeholders are looking for new tools that offer strategic advantages. One such tool is large-scale data analysis. Data analysis, for example, might help to predict a patient's risk of depression in advance so clinicians can address it early and possibly offer referrals to behavioral health providers long before the condition becomes severe. According to Karen Handmaker, vice president of population health strategies for IBM, such predictive modeling is valuable to medical systems and primary care providers that are increasingly being reimbursed based on comprehensive care. To view more, please [click here](#).

BHACA: Additional Items of General Interest

- ***Key Findings from the 2015 National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH)*** – On September 8, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) released its annual **Key Substance Use and Mental Health Indicators in the United States**, using data from the **2015 National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH)**. For 2015, the report found that 17.9 percent of adults (43.4 million) experienced some form of mental illness and 4.0 percent (9.8 million) had a serious mental illness (SMI). In addition, roughly 34.2 million adults received mental health services in 2015, including 6.4 million adults with SMI. SAMHSA found that some forms of substance use continued to decrease from 2002 rates, including tobacco use and underage alcohol use. However, approximately 21.7 million individuals aged 12 years and older were in need of substance use treatment and only 2.3 million received treatment at a specialty facility. For the full key findings report, please [click here](#).
- ***HHS awards more than \$44.5 million to expand the nation's behavioral health workforce:*** The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced more than \$44.5 million in awards to training programs to increase the number of mental health providers and substance abuse counselors across the country. The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) are funding 144 new and continuing grants through the [Behavioral Health Workforce Education and Training \(BHWET\) program](#), which supports clinical internships and field placements for an array of professional and paraprofessional behavioral health disciplines and occupations. 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.