

Dear BHACA Community,

**BHACA Blast #73 Headlines:**

***BHACA Event: Data Visualization with Evergreen Data***

Don't miss out!! This workshop is a rare and exciting opportunity from nationally recognized group Evergreen Data from Michigan. During this workshop you will learn more about the next frontier in making your agency's important work and successes stand out from the crowd.

**Location:** The Council on Recovery, 303 Jackson Hill St, Houston, TX 70007

**Date & Time:** Thursday, November 3, 2016, 9:00am – 12:00pm

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

**Cost:** Pre-event pricing is \$40 for members of the Network of Behavioral Health Providers, \$60 for nonmembers. Day of the event pricing is \$50 for Network members and \$75 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 October 31, 2016.

**Reserve your spot (limited space):** [http://bit.ly/DataVisualization\\_2016](http://bit.ly/DataVisualization_2016)

***REGISTRATION NOW OPEN: BHACA Event: Integrated Health Care for Children & Adolescents***

**Description:** Join us to learn from three organizations in Houston that are leading the way in serving pediatric clients with integrated health care. A plenary panel will provide an overview of issues in pediatric integrated care, and breakout sessions will provide in-depth information about each organization's work serving children and/or adolescents, including takeaways that attendees can use in their own service settings.

**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.

**For more information and to reserve your spot:** <http://bit.ly/IHCNov2016>

All the best,

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

- ***Recommendations Report on Financing and Provider Preparation for Integrated Health Care*** – Last week, Mental Health America of Greater Houston released a report entitled *Integrated Health Care Initiative: A Recommendations Report on Financing and Provider Preparation for Integrated Health Care*. This report is the culmination of over a year of work by MHA and 30 collaborative partners, including the Network of Behavioral Health Providers and several member agencies. The consensus recommendations in the report are also a launching point for the next phase of this work, the operationalization and implementation of the recommendations. To download the report, please [click here](#). For more information or if interested in collaborating on this work, please contact Alejandra Posada at [aposada@mhahouston.org](mailto:aposada@mhahouston.org).
- ***Resources from 2016 Collaborative Family Healthcare Association (CFHA) Conference*** – CFHA's annual conference – focused on collaborative, integrated health care – was held in Charlotte, NC, earlier this month. To access resources from the conference, including PowerPoints and handouts provided by presenters, please [click here](#). These materials will be publically available until December 31. ***Also...save the date...the next CFHA annual conference will be held right here in Houston, Texas, on October 19 – 21, 2017! If interested in serving on the planning committee, please contact conference co-chair Alejandra Posada at [aposada@mhahouston.org](mailto:aposada@mhahouston.org).***
- ***Casting a Wider Net in Behavioral Health Screening in Primary Care: A Preliminary Study of the Outcome Rating Scale*** – This recent study compares the use of the Patient Health Questionnaire (PHQ-9 and PHQ-2) to the Outcome Rating Scale (ORS), an ultra-brief, widely used measure of global distress across life functioning, among adult patients in primary care. Although results are preliminary, investigators found that the ORS may cast a wider net in identifying patients with significant distress in primary care. To read the article, please [click here](#).

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

- ***ONC finalizes rule giving it more oversight of EHRs:*** The Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT has [finalized a rule \(PDF\)](#) that will give it more oversight over certifying electronic health records and other technologies that store, share and analyze health information for consumers. The rule also gives the ONC the authority to ask developers to pull noncompliant products from the market. To view more, please [click here](#).
- ***EHR upcoding: Tips for avoiding compliance headaches and legal violations:*** Electronic health records make it easier than ever to create detailed patient files even for long or complex encounters but the technology has a dark side: EHR upcoding. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, in fact, is more concerned than ever about overcoding – and balancing medical necessity with meaningful use. To view more, please [click here](#).

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

- ***Webinar – MACRA’s Final Rule: Updates to CMS’s Quality Payment Program and its Impact on Medicare Part B Reimbursement***

**Date & Time:** Tuesday, November 8, 1:00 PM Central time

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

**Organizer:** National Council for Behavioral Health

**Presenters:** Elizabeth Arend, MPH, Quality Improvement Advisor, National Council for Behavioral Health and Nina Marshall, MSW, Senior Director of Policy and Practice Improvement, National Council for Behavioral Health

**Description:** The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) released the final Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015 (MACRA) rule, which makes sweeping reforms to payments under Medicare Part B and goes into effect on January 1, 2017. To learn about the MACRA final rule and how you and your organization can prepare for CMS’s Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS), you are invited to attend this webinar, MACRA’s Final Rule: Updates to CMS’s Quality Payment Program and its Impact on Medicare Part B Reimbursement.

- ***CMS delivers MACRA final rule for Quality Payment Program:*** CMS posted the final version of its Physician Quality Payment Program under MACRA. The agency said it adds flexibility to the program to overhaul how physicians are paid under Medicare. The rule, which since its proposal in April garnered more than 4,000 public comments, cements the two payment tracks already proposed. 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.

**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.