

Dear BHACA Community,

BHACA Blast #74 Headlines:

LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER FOR TOMORROW'S EVENT!

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 subsequent 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.

NEW Location: Mental Health America of Greater Houston, 2211 Norfolk, Suite 810, Houston, TX 77098 ***PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN LOCATION***

Date & Time: Thursday, November 10, 2016, 8:30am – 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)

- ***Integrated Health Care for Older Adults*** – The SAMHSA-HRSA Center for Integrated Health Solutions (CIHS) recently published a report entitled ***Growing Older: Providing Integrated Care for an Aging Population***. This report guides clinicians on the best approaches for providing integrated care to older adults suffering from substance use disorders and mental illness. It explains the importance of assessing clients for cognitive deficits and adapting behavioral interventions to help clients gain maximum benefit from treatment. To download the report, please [click here](#). For a CIHS webpage listing additional resources related to integrated care for older adults, please [click here](#).
- ***Early Childhood Mental Health Toolkit: Integrating Mental Health Services into the Pediatric Medical Home*** – This toolkit provides information

on the financing, systems support, family partnership, and staffing information necessary to integrate early childhood mental health services into the pediatric medical home. It was developed through a partnership between the Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services, the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and the Boston Public Health Commission with funding from SAMHSA. For more information and to download the toolkit, please [click here](#).

BHACA: Choosing a Certified Electronic Health Record System

- ***Webinar – 42 CFR Part 2 Updates and What This Means to You***
Date & Time: Tuesday, November 15, 1:00 PM Central time
To Register: [Click here](#)
Organizer: Relias Learning
Presenters: Rebecca Murow Klein, Associate Director, Government Affairs, Association for Behavioral Health & Wellness (ABHW) and Charles Gross, PhD, Vice President Behavioral Health and Physical Health Integration, Anthem Government Business Division
Description: This webinar will discuss the barriers that are created by 42 CFR Part 2 and the negative consequences that can result in care delivery when a treating provider isn't aware of a person's SUD history. Webinar participants will also learn about updates that are being made to this regulation and whether or not these changes successfully eliminate the obstacles created by the initial law and accompanying regulations.
- ***CMS gives providers 90-day reporting period and eases other meaningful use EHR objectives:*** The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services gave healthcare providers what they have rallied long and hard to get as participants in the Meaningful Use EHR Incentive Program: a 90-day EHR reporting period in 2016 and 2017. To view more, please [click here](#).

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

- ***Medicare finalizes substantial improvements that focus on primary care, mental health, and diabetes prevention:*** The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) finalized the 2017 Physician Fee Schedule final rule that recognizes the importance of primary care by improving payment for chronic care management and behavioral health. The rule also finalizes many of the policies to expand the Diabetes Prevention Program model test to eligible Medicare beneficiaries, the Medicare Diabetes Prevention Program (MDPP) expanded model, starting January 1, 2018. This is the first time a prevention model from the CMS Innovation Center will be adopted under the CMS authority to expand successful payment and service delivery models to reach all eligible beneficiaries. To view more, please [click here](#).

- **Medicare Advantage as an advanced payment model is in MACRA's distant future:** Medicare Advantage is leading the way in value-based payment for plans serving a growing senior citizen population, so why, insurers have asked, doesn't it count towards the advanced alternative payment model under the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act? Medicare Advantage takes on risk by being paid a capitated amount. However, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services has said MA does not qualify, at least right now, as an APM, the more advanced of two payment models under MACRA. To view more, please [click here](#).

BHACA: Outcome-Based Evaluation

- **Informal Review for 2017 PQRS Results:** If you believe that the 2017 PQRS negative payment adjustment is being applied in error, you can submit an informal review request within 60 days of the September 26 release date of the 2015 PQRS feedback reports. Informal review opened on September 26 and closes on November 30, 2016 at 11:59 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. CMS will investigate the merits of your informal review request and issue a decision within 90 days of receipt. To request an informal review, all requests must be submitted via a web-based tool on the [Quality Reporting Communication Support Page](#). 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.