

Dear BHACA Community,

**BHACA Blast #50 Headlines:**

**POSTPONED: DSM-5 Personality Disorders: The Current Approach and Alternative Model with Dr. Joel Carr, Ph.D., LCSW, LPC**  
**We will announce the new date and registration in the coming weeks!**

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

- ***Webinar – Building Population-Based Integrated Delivery Systems for Vulnerable Populations***

**Date & Time:** Thursday, December 10, 12:00 – 1:00 PM Central time

**Organizer:** Health Management Associates

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

**Description:**

Designing and implementing population-based integrated delivery systems, particularly those involving multiple medical, behavioral health, dental and social service providers, has become a focus of states, health plans and providers themselves. This focus is growing to include people covered by Medicaid and other government programs, in addition to Medicare. New models are emerging and lessons are being learned about effective approaches. During this webinar, you'll hear from HMA experts about some of these approaches, as well as experiences to build upon.

Learning objectives:

- Understand the key elements of and best approaches to the design and implementation of multiple provider integrated delivery systems serving primarily Medicaid and uninsured populations.
  - Learn how Oregon's experience with the Coordinated Care Model is shaping both care delivery in that state as well as influencing other similar approaches across the country.
  - Learn about a model in Chicago, the Medical Home Network, which is now fully operating as an integrated delivery system for a significant Medicaid membership.
  - Hear discussion about barriers and challenges (as well as strategies to overcome them) as well as the emerging benefits to providers, payers and patients alike.
- ***New Brief: Improving Behavioral Health Access and Integration Using Telehealth and Teleconsultation: A Health Care System for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*** – A new brief from the National Academy for State Health Policy (NASHP)

explores emerging evidence which demonstrates that telehealth services and provider teleconsultation may be viable alternatives for individuals with medical and behavioral health comorbidities who are willing to participate and can deliver equal or better care when compared to traditional in-person care for individuals with behavioral health needs. See [full brief here](#).

- **Medicaid Innovation Accelerator Program** – CMS is launching a new Medicaid Innovation Accelerator Program (IAP) focusing on supporting states’ efforts to enhance, expand, and/or improve existing physical and mental health integration initiatives. Additional information is available [here](#), and an **informational webinar will take place on December 8 from 1:00 to 2:00 PM Central time. To register for the webinar, please [click here](#).**
- **“Psychologists in Integrated Health Care” Video Series** – The American Psychological Association’s “Psychologists in Integrated Health Care” video series is designed to promote awareness of how integrated care works and benefits society. The series provides a behind-the-scenes look at how psychologists in integrated health contribute to improved patient satisfaction and better health by working collaboratively with physicians, patients and families. As leaders, psychologists stimulate health care teams to treat an individual in context — not just as a sum of their symptoms — and appreciate the mind-body connection. Videos in the series include the following: Introduction, Pediatric Primary Care, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Family Medicine, and Super-Utilizer Team Care. To view the videos, please [click here](#).
- **Call for Proposals – Special Issue of Families, Systems & Health** – The Collaborative Family Healthcare Association’s (CFHA’s) journal, *Families, Systems & Health*, has put out a call for papers for a special issue to be titled “Strategies for Evaluating Integrated Care in the Real World.” For anyone who may be interested in submitting a paper, here are the details:

*Families, Systems & Health will devote an upcoming issue to increasing our readership’s ability to contribute to the empirical literature supporting integrated practice. We seek papers that demonstrate thoughtful evaluation of quality improvement efforts or research studies, whose findings generate generalizable lessons (i.e., contribute to the empirical literature). Accepted manuscripts will demonstrate for our readers implementation designs, evaluation strategies, and analytic approaches on a wide range of topics including but not limited to: health outcomes, access, patient experience, or costs. We are particularly interested in manuscripts reporting findings from projects using methods to “capture” clinical practice data such as from electronic health records, that make theoretical, conceptual or methodological contributions to the field, and that convey best practices and describe practical aspects of conducting research on integrated practice. Submissions should offer examples of thoughtful designs that are informed by a theoretical framework and add to the existing evidence base on integrated health care. Relevant submissions may include brief reports or research*

reports. All submissions will be peer-reviewed. **Deadline for submission is July 1, 2016.** Interested authors should review instructions for authors at <http://www.apa.org/pubs/journals/fsh/>. Questions about potential contributions should be directed to one of the guest editors. Guest Editors: Jodi Polaha, PhD, Department of Family Medicine, East Tennessee State University, [polaha@etsu.edu](mailto:polaha@etsu.edu); Jennifer S. Funderburk, PhD, VA Center for Integrated Healthcare, Syracuse VA Medical Center, [jennifer.funderburk@va.gov](mailto:jennifer.funderburk@va.gov); Deborah Cohen, PhD, Department of Family Medicine, Oregon Health & Science University, [cohendj@ohsu.edu](mailto:cohendj@ohsu.edu).

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

- **Webinar Wednesday Series – SBIRT and EHRs - What's Your Take?**

**Organizer:** The Institute for Research, Education & Training in Addictions

- **What's Your Take on EHRs and SBIRT?**

**Date & Time:** Wednesday, December 2, 12:00 PM to 1:30 PM Central time

**Presenter:** John McAteer

- **My Take on EHRs and SBIRT**

**Date & Time:** Wednesday, January 6, 2016, 12:00 PM to 1:30 PM Central time

**Presenter:** Jim Winkle

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

- **Article: Health IT Outsourcing: a Rising Priority**

Nearly three-quarters (73 percent) of health systems with more than 300 beds -- and 81 percent of providers with fewer than 300 beds -- are shifting their focus to IT outsourcing for development and complex infrastructure services.

**To read the full article:** [Click Here](#)

- **Article: Where are we headed, post-HITECH?**

A new study by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) (along with researchers from Mathematica, Harvard School of Public Health and University of Michigan, School of Information) looks back on "highlights and milestones of the past eight years" and tries to assess how well the HITECH stimulus program has positioned the industry for a challenging future. Meaningful use has been both a boon for adoption and something of a bother for many of the providers trying to keep pace with its mandates, the report shows.

**To read the full article:** [Click Here](#)

- **Article: 'Post-EHR era'? Not so fast**

While 75% of hospitals now report having Electronic Health Records (EHRs), the vast majority of those not utilizing EHRs are considered small and rural. A recent study by *Health Affairs*, "Electronic Health Record Adoption In US Hospitals: Progress Continues, But Challenges Persist" shows that EHRs may not be quite as widespread and commonplace as some might think.

**To read the full article:** [Click Here](#)

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

- ***CMS Extends Deadline for Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS) Informal Review Process***

CMS is extending the 2014 Informal Review period. Individual eligible professionals (EPs), Comprehensive Primary Care (CPC) practice sites, PQRS group practices, and Accountable Care Organizations (ACOs) that believe they have been incorrectly assessed the 2016 PQRS negative payment adjustment now have until 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on December 16, 2015 to submit an informal review requesting CMS investigate incentive eligibility and/or payment adjustment determination. This is an extension from the previous deadline of December 11, 2015

**For More Information:** contact the QualityNet Help Desk at 1-866-288-8912 (TTY 1-877-715-6222) or Qnetsupport@hcqis.org Monday-Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Central Time. To avoid security violations, do not include personal identifying information, such as Social Security Number or Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN), in e-mail inquiries to the QualityNet Help Desk.

- ***Webinar: Provider Network Adequacy Monitoring: Findings and Recommendations from the 2015 Robert Wood Johnson Foundation-Funded Survey of States and Health Plans***

Tuesday, December 8, 2015, 12 to 1 p.m. CST — Invest in network standards. Monitor program-wide provider capacity. Increase after-hours access. Deploy data analytics. Increase states' role in network oversight. These are some of the key findings and recommendations from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation-funded survey of health plans and state regulators concerning provider network adequacy compliance and monitoring standards. The survey, conducted by Health Management Associates (HMA), was designed to identify important trends and potential challenges in provider access monitoring and compliance given the dramatic increase in health insurance coverage under the Affordable Care Act. During this webinar, HMA Principals Karen Brodsky and Barbara Markham Smith will outline nearly a dozen findings and recommendations, providing a roadmap for both states and health plans seeking more effective and efficient ways of ensuring adequate provider access for members.

**To register:** [Click Here](#)

- ***Lack of claims rejection post ICD-10 may give 'false sense of security'*** *Healthcare Payer News* reports that while CMS said it was "pleased to report that claims are processing normally," it's worth keeping in mind that the government agency has taken several temporary steps to smooth the transition to ICD-10 which may be masking problems that could manifest themselves down the road.

**To read the full article:** [Click Here](#)

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

- ***"Care that Matters: Quality Measurement and Health Care"*** – This article, hot off the press, "propose[s] a set of core principles for the implementation of quality measures with greater validity and utility" than some currently utilized measures. To read the article, please [click here](#).

- ***“The Current State of Behavioral Health Quality Measures: Where Are the Gaps?”***

This review examined the extent to which existing behavioral health quality measures address the priority areas of the National Behavioral Health Quality Framework (NBHQF) as well as the extent to which the measures have received National Quality Forum endorsement and are used in major reporting programs.

**To read the abstract and purchase the full text:** [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.