



Network of Behavioral Health Providers

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A recording of NBHP's most recent event, "The Executive Orders on Immigration: Providing Information and Support to Families," is available online. The first video is Zenobia Lai providing an overview of the current Executive Orders and what they mean. The second video is Dr. Yznaga discussing clinical approaches to helping refugee children. While CEUs are no longer available, we encourage you to view these excellent presentations.

To view the presentation, please [click here](#).

All the best,

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Clinical Practice

- ***Seniors respond to depression treatment at home:*** A pilot program for delivering behavioral health services to seniors and their caregivers at home and in the patient's primary language has been shown to reduce rates and severity of depression and anxiety, and improve overall quality of life, according to recently released preliminary results. The initiative, known as Insights, is part of the Independence at Home (IAH) community service of SCAN, a not-for-profit Medicare health plan based in Long Beach, Calif. Insights began providing services to address depression, anxiety and related behavioral health conditions in seniors and caregivers in early 2016. Program services are provided at no cost to health plan members. Participants in the program must be at least 55 years old and reside in Los Angeles or Orange County, Calif. As of this month, 273 seniors have been referred to Insights by community-based programs, local medical groups and other IAH programs, and 172 have enrolled. To view more of this Behavioral Healthcare Executive article, please [click here](#).

EHRs, Security, and IT

- **Webinar - 2017 Trends in Telemedicine Technology**

Date & Time: Friday, June 9, 11:00 AM Central time

To Register: [Click here](#)

Organizer: HIMSS

Description: Telemedicine continues to be a healthcare IT area of great interest for clinicians and patients/consumers as organizations look to expand access to care and the services they provide while increasing convenience. Building upon critical insights uncovered from past studies, the HIMSS Analytics 2017 Essentials Brief: Inpatient Telemedicine Study highlights four years of market data focused on the adoption of telemedicine technology across the U.S. inpatient market. Additionally, HIMSS Analytics has for the first-time produced insights on the adoption of Telemedicine technology in the outpatient market with the 2017 Essentials Brief: Outpatient Telemedicine Study. This study will provide market data focused on current telemedicine solution adoption rates and plans to purchase as well as insight into some of the barriers to adoption currently facing outpatient practices today.

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

- **Payment Reform Toolkit:** APA is here to help you decide what is best for your practice. To learn about these new programs and requirements, they recommend first starting with the MACRA 101 Primer in the Payment Reform Toolkit. Then you can move on to fact sheets for more detailed information regarding the Merit-Based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) performance categories and “Advanced” APMs. They also recommend watching the webinar series, which includes a basic “Quality Reporting 101” webinar for clinicians with limited experience in quality reporting. To view more of this APA article, please [click here](#).

Outcome-Based Evaluation

- **A Tipping Point for Measurement-Based Care Video:** A Tipping Point for Measurement-Based Care" is a video created by the University of Washington Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences. This video summarizes the findings of Dr. John Fortney's [literature review](#) that examined theoretical and empirical support for measurement-based care. To view the video, please [click here](#).
- **Data for Mental Health Awareness Month:** SAMHSA's Data Archive (SAMHDA) has developed key resources and tools for behavioral health researchers just in time for Mental Health Awareness Month. SAMHDA's recently enhanced Public-use Data Analysis System (PDAS) allows users to perform online analyses to create crosstabs and perform logistic regression from a web browser, and users can download their results. To view this data, please [click here](#).

- ***Webinar - Insight-Driven Outcomes: A Focus on Risk, Quality and Provider Networks***

Date & Time: Wednesday, June 7, 12:00 PM Central time

To Register: [Click here](#)

Organizer: HIMSS

Description: As provider organizations continue on their journey toward value-based outcomes and reimbursement, such as MACRA, they face many critical decisions that will impact their business and patient outcomes. The risk is too high to rely on assumptions and interpretations, providers must be able to take insight-driven actions around key areas such as managing risk, improving quality and provider network operations; areas that can significantly impact cost and quality outcomes. Join this upcoming webinar to learn how provider organizations are adopting an insights-driven culture that delivers improved value-based outcomes.

Public Policy/Advocacy

- ***Congressional Briefing Showcases Unique Mental Health Treatments for Military Members:***

The Congressional Mental Health Caucus collaborated with the Military Mental Health Caucus to host a briefing showcasing specialized treatment options for active military members and veterans. The panelists included providers from the National Intrepid Center of Excellence (NICoE) at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, dog trainers from the Warrior Canine Connection, and a bipartisan group of Congressional Representatives. To view more of this National Council for Behavioral Health article, please [click here](#).

- ***Capitol Hill Briefing Examines How IMD Rule Restricts Addiction***

Treatment: The Treatment Communities of America, in cooperation with the Bipartisan Heroin Task Force and the Addiction, Treatment and Recovery Caucus, held a Congressional staff briefing on the Medicaid Institute of Mental Diseases (IMD) Exclusion, its impact on addiction and recovery services, and necessary steps to address the issue. The IMD exclusion, established in 1965, prohibits Medicaid from paying for residential treatment for mental health and substance use disorders (SUDs) in facilities of 16 beds or more. As a result of the policy, capacity for residential addiction treatment has been limited. The briefing emphasized the importance of greater resource allocation towards addiction and recovery services, as only 18% of clients who need treatment for SUDs receive it per the National Institute on Drug Abuse. To view more of this National Council for Behavioral Health article, please [click here](#).

The nonprofit Network of Behavioral Health Providers (NBHP) consists of mental health and substance use providers in the greater Houston area. NBHP provides a forum for the behavioral health leaders in the community to work together on issues of common concern. Working on its own and in partnership with other entities at both the local and state levels, the Network has become a strong voice on behalf of behavioral health service providers and the individuals they serve. To learn more, visit our website at nbhp.org.