

Network of Behavioral Health Providers

Behavioral Health Blast #2

Hello everyone,

We know all of you are watching the national scene regarding the new administration's decisions and actions pertaining to the repeal and replacement of the ACA. In the midst of the uncertainty and confusion, we will continue to provide you with resources and new information on aspects of behavioral health provision that are important for you to stay on top of. To our three original BHACA categories, we have added two more thus far— Clinical Practice and Public Policy/Advocacy. And again, our goal is to meet your needs so if there are other categories or specific topics you would like us to include/research, just let us know.

All the best,

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Clinical Practice

- ***New Guide for Providing a Trauma-Informed Approach in Human Services:*** The Administration for Children and Families, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, the Administration for Community Living and the Offices of the Assistant Secretary for Health and the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation at HHS have developed a “Guide to Trauma-Informed Human Services.” The Guide is intended to provide an introduction to the topic of trauma, a discussion of why understanding and addressing trauma is important for human services programs, and a “road map” to find relevant resources. To view more, please [click here](#).

Choosing a Certified Electronic Health Record System

- ***Webinar – Cyberthreats, Ransomware, Malware: Is Your Healthcare Organization Prepared?***
Date & Time: Thursday, February 9, 11:00 AM Central time
To Register: [Click here](#)
Organizer: HIMSS
Description: The digital economy is transforming the healthcare market sector. The required pace of innovation is accelerating, patients have higher expectations than ever, and new competitors are emerging from nontraditional markets. At the same time, the healthcare market has long been a favorite target of cyberattackers, and

despite healthcare provider's best efforts, cybersecurity threats are rising and attacks are more successful than ever. Healthcare systems need a more effective, adaptable approach to detecting and stopping cyberthreats. This webinar will discuss how to protect your organization from ransomware, malware and other cyberthreats as well as the solutions available to stop them.

- ***New rule improves the exchange of medical information in ways that protect the privacy of people receiving substance use treatment:*** The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) finalized changes to Confidentiality of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Patient Records regulations, (42 CFR Part 2) to facilitate health integration and information exchange within new health care models while continuing to protect the privacy and confidentiality of patients seeking treatment for substance use disorders. To view more, please [click here](#).

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

- ***Webinar – Leveraging Special Enrollment Periods to Maximize Coverage Opportunities for Behavioral Health Populations***

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

To Register: [Click here](#)

Organizer: National Council for Behavioral Health

Description: As open enrollment for health insurance Marketplaces and Medicare comes to an end on January 30, there may still be opportunities to assist eligible clients with obtaining insurance coverage using Special Enrollment Periods (SEPs). SEPs are periods of time outside of the usual open enrollment period for individuals with unique life events to sign up for health insurance. This webinar will review:

- The scope and purpose of Special Enrollment Periods (SEPs)
 - Special Enrollment Periods eligibility considerations
 - Screening strategies for behavioral health and other healthcare settings for SEPs and coverage eligibility
 - Strategies to assist clients in maintaining their coverage
- ***Quality Payment Program:*** The Quality Payment Program is part of the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015 (MACRA) and includes two tracks — Advanced Alternative Payment Models (APMs) and the Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS).
 - MIPS will replace three Medicare reporting programs:
 - EHR Incentive Program (Meaningful Use)
 - Physician Quality Reporting System
 - Value-Based Payment Modifier

The Quality Payment Program's first performance period opens on January 1, 2017 and closes December 31, 2017. Participation in MIPS can start as early as January 1, 2017 or as late as October 2, 2017. The first payment adjustments based on performance go into effect on January 1, 2019. To view more, please [click here](#).

Outcome-Based Evaluation

- **Webinar – Data-Driven Medicine: Actionable Insights From Patient Data**
Date & Time: Thursday, January 26, 11:00 AM Central time
To Register: [Click here](#)
Organizer: HIMSS
Description: Successful population health and value-based care initiatives require access to accurate data and information. Hear how efficient aggregation and normalization of community-wide health and care records on a health information exchange, combined with systematically applied innovative clinical logic can improve patient safety and expose gaps in care or missing diagnoses. See how a view of relevant patient information presented within providers' workflow can dramatically increase clinical awareness, improve patient care and allow the care team to manage to and act on - what matters.

Public Policy/Advocacy

- **Webinar – Uniting to Protect Behavioral Health: Advocacy Webinar Series**
Date & Time: Wednesday, February 1, 2:00 PM Central time
To Register: [Click here](#)
Organizer: National Council for Behavioral Health
Description: With numerous emerging threats to Medicaid and behavioral health services, the National Council will hold biweekly policy webinars to provide updates on the latest news and advocacy opportunities out of Washington. They will monitor and provide updates on issues that matter most, including: the repeal and replacement of the Affordable Care Act, proposed reforms to Medicaid and details on government spending for behavioral health care programs. Each webinar will feature a specific Call to Action.