Privacy and security: Communication of behavioral health information

On Jan. 27, 2021, the Behavioral Health Integration (BHI) Collaborative held the latest webinar in the Overcoming Obstacles BHI webinar series: "Privacy and Security: Know the Rules for Communication of Behavioral Health Information."

View webinar slides (PDF).

About the event

This BHI Collaborative-hosted interactive webinar provided an overview of the current behavioral health privacy and security landscape, reviewing what is safe, secure and permissible under applicable federal laws and regulations such as CFR 42 Part 2 and HIPAA. Experts provided key considerations regarding state BH/SUD rules and real-world insights as to how to safely integrate patient care while preserving patient privacy.

Moderator

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Speakers

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About the BHI Collaborative

The American Medical Association along with seven leading medical associations have established the BHI Collaborative, a group dedicated to catalyzing effective and sustainable integration of behavioral and mental health care into physician practices.

With a focus on primary care, the Collaborative is committed to ensuring a professionally satisfying, sustainable physician practice experience and will act as a trusted partner to help them overcome the obstacles that stand in the way of meeting their patients’ mental and behavioral health needs.


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988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline

With an increased number of people reporting worsening mental health in recent years, it is imperative that people are aware of the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline (formerly known as the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline) telephone program.

People experiencing a suicidal, substance use, and/or mental health crisis, or any other kind of emotional distress can call, chat or text 988, and speak to trained crisis counselors. The national hotline is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

The previous National Suicide Prevention Lifeline phone number (1-800-273-8255) will continue to be operational and route calls to 988 indefinitely.