



## 2026 Behavioral Health Management Forum

*Effectively Integrating Behavioral Health Across the Care Continuum: Implementing Viable Value Based Health and Population Health Strategies, and Enhancing Quality of Care for the Well-Being of Members*

**June 25 – 26, 2026 • Swissotel Chicago • Chicago, IL**

### Overview

Behavioral health has gained national attention, and there has been increasing pressure on behavioral health providers, hospitals, health systems and health plans to effectively tackle this complex issue. In order to improve treatment, outcomes and cut costs, behavioral health providers and health plans are taking proactive steps to ensure that their members receive access to quality behavioral healthcare. Treatment for disorders such as anxiety and depression, amongst children and seniors, as well as those with substance abuse issues, require a more integrated coordination of care. The current healthcare landscape has created an opportunity for coverage and access to services, many behavioral health providers and health plans are now focusing their efforts on integrating behavioral and medical care.

We have created a high-level forum featuring knowledgeable leaders and executives from hospitals, health systems and health plans who will share their perspectives, valuable insights and expertise on how to be best equipped for the rapidly evolving landscape of behavioral health management. Attendees will benefit from learning about best practices and strategies that have been deployed to address the challenges presented by the current healthcare environment impacting hospitals, health systems and health plans in effectively managing behavioral health. This exclusive event targets senior level executives in order to maximize educational and networking opportunities.

### Intended Audience

From Hospitals, Health Systems, Health Plans, Behavioral Health Centers, Employer Plans, TPAs, Managed Care Organizations & Other Payers:

*Chief Executive Officers, Chief Medical Officers, Chief Financial Officers, Chief Operations Officers, Chief of Psychiatry, Chief Information Officers*

*Also, Presidents, Vice Presidents, Directors & Managers of:*

- Behavioral Health
- Medical Management
- Strategic Planning
- Member Engagement
- Health Management
- Managed Care
- Health Promotion & Wellness
- Utilization Management
- Provider Relations
- Case Management
- Government Relations
- Accountable Care
- Health Information Management
- Operations
- Care Management
- Clinical Operations
- Disease Management
- Quality Improvement
- Community Health
- Mental Health
- Finance
- Reimbursement
- Network Management
- Compliance
- Episodes of Care
- Claims Management
- Outpatient Services
- Marketing
- Government Programs
- Risk Management

*This program is also geared towards Mental Health Facilities, States, Government Agencies, Vendors, Healthcare Consultants, Solution Providers, Disease Management Organizations, Third Party Administrators, IT & Business Process Outsourcing Companies, Enrollment Brokers and More!*

**Preliminary Agenda**

*(Topics Subject to Change Based on Final Speaker Presentations)*

**Day One – Thursday, June 25, 2026**

7:15 *Conference Registration & Morning Breakfast*

8:00 *Chairperson's Opening Remarks*

**8:15 Value Based Care: Means to Reduce Psychiatric Admissions and Readmissions**

**9:00 Effective Community Outreach Initiatives to Improve Health Outcomes within Behavioral Health Management**

9:45 *Networking Break & Refreshments*

**10:15 Integrating Behavioral Health Approaches in the Management of Chronic Pain**

**11:00 Utilizing Digital Tools and Telehealth within Behavioral Health to Expand Access and Improve Care Delivery**

**11:45 Best Population Health Management Strategies within Behavioral Health Management**

12:30 *Luncheon for All Attendees & Speakers*

**1:30 Implementing Value Based Health Strategies within Behavioral Health**

**2:15 Panel Discussion: Creating High Quality Outcomes and Reducing Costs within Behavioral Health Management**

3:15 *Networking Break & Refreshments*

**3:45 Best Practices for the Management and Treatment of Substance Abuse Disorders**

**4:30 Enhancing Patient Engagement and Shared Decision-Making in Behavioral Health**

5:15 *End of Day One*

**Day Two – Friday, June 26, 2026**

7:15 *Morning Breakfast*

8:00 *Chairperson's Recap of Day One*

**8:15 Integrating Behavioral Health Care in Emergency Department: Innovations and Interventions for Improved Patient Outcomes**

**9:00 Addressing Physical Health Disparities in Individuals with Serious Mental Illness Through Integrated**

*9:45 Networking Break & Refreshments*

**10:15 Transforming Care through Alternative Treatment Options for Behavioral Health Management**

**11:00 Building Bridges: Health Plan and Provider Partnerships in Transitions of Care, Behavioral and Social Health Determinants**

**11:45 Mental Health in Special Populations: Addressing the Unique Behavioral Health Needs of Children, Adolescents, and the Elderly**

*12:30 Conference Concludes*

**Workshop Session**

Thursday, June 25, 2026 • 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

**Evaluating and Incorporating Effective Quality Measures within Behavioral Health Management**