



Benchmarking Insights

BPS Partners with DocuTrac, Inc.

BPS and DocuTrac, Inc. have announced a collaborative agreement to develop a comprehensive benchmarking initiative for professionals engaged in the private practice of mental health services. Benchmarking will be linked to DocuTrac's state-of-the-art electronic medical record documentation system, QuicDoc. QuicDoc has approximately 2,000 users in solo and group practices throughout the United States.

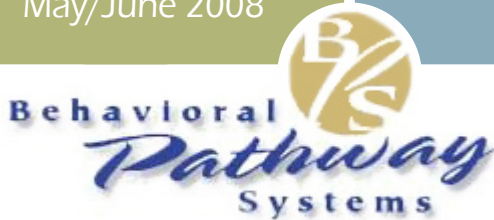
Seamless and secure electronic transmission of data from QuicDoc's database to the BPS benchmarking database will make data submission virtually effortless and instantaneous. QuicDoc's broad metric dataset will provide the foundation for a wide range of benchmarking dimensions covering the financial, operational, and clinical outcome domains of performance. This initiative is believed to be the first of its kind in making comparative benchmarking data available to mental health professionals engaged in private practice.

BPS is excited to be partnering with this innovative and highly respected electronic clinical documentation company. BPS and DocuTrac also anticipate developing integrated benchmarking initiatives for DocuTrac's other service lines including its enterprise solutions designed for larger counseling centers, outpatient clinics, alcohol and substance abuse centers, and community behavioral health agencies.

DocuTrac, Inc. is headquartered in Hagerstown, MD and currently provides electronic billing and documentation software to over 3,000 providers throughout the United States. Further information can be obtained by calling 800-850-8510.

Congressional Briefings

BPS benchmarking data has once again found its way to Capital Hill. BPS President Paul Lefkovitz provided persuasive empirical evidence of the effectiveness and efficiency of partial hospitalization in two Congressional Briefings on June 10, one for the Senate in the morning and the other for the House of Representatives in the afternoon. Paul was one of four individuals representing the Association for Ambulatory Behavioral Healthcare (AABH), the sponsor of the briefings in conjunction with Senator Sherrod Brown (D-OH) and Representative Eddie Bernice Johnson (D-TX). The response to the briefings was very positive and may very well lead to legislative action in support of more equitable Medicare reimbursement for partial hospitalization.



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BPS in the News

Several recent articles have featured BPS benchmarking activities.

Open Minds On-Line News recently ran a two-part report of the BPS process benchmarking project being conducted in concert with the Texas Council of Community MH/MR Centers.

The Alliance for Children and Families Magazine included a piece in its Spring, 2008 issue about the Benchmarking Initiative being conducted by the Alliance and BPS.

In its April, 2008 issue, National Council Magazine ran an article entitled, “Benchmarking provides the Context to Translate Outcomes to Action”. The article was authored by Paul Lefkovitz.

Upcoming Conferences

Paul Lefkovitz will be presenting a workshop entitled “Best Practices for Enhancing Access to Care: A Process Benchmarking Exercise” at a conference in Columbus, Ohio on June 18. The conference, “Performance Improvement: Building Skills for Everyday Use”, is sponsored by the Ohio Department of Mental Health and the Ohio Council of Community Behavioral Healthcare Providers. This process benchmarking exercise will also be followed by a one-year implementation tracking and impact project.

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