

A graphic with a dark blue background on the left and a light blue background on the right. The text is white and dark blue. The left side says 'SAVE THE DATE' in large letters, followed by 'Wednesday, Sept. 11 3-4 pm ET'. The right side says 'Integrated Behavioral Health: The Journey to Becoming the Standard of Care' in dark blue, followed by 'A panel discussion with the National Integration Academy Council' in a smaller dark blue font.

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## **AHRQ Academy to Host Panel Discussion with National Integration Academy Council in September**

Several members of the National Integration Academy Council (NIAC) will discuss the evolution of behavioral health integration (BHI) and its increasing emergence as the standard of care. The panel, *Integrated Behavioral Health: The Journey to Becoming the Standard of Care*, will review the current state of BHI in primary care, provide an overview of its history, and discuss the future of integration. The NIAC has served as the technical expert panel for AHRQ's Academy for Integrating Behavioral Health and Primary Care since its founding in 2010.

[Register for the Panel](#)

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## What's New in Integration?



The Biden-Harris administration announces another \$31.4 million in funding opportunities for priority behavioral health needs, including over \$5 million for BHI initiatives.

[Learn more>>](#)



The American Medical Association's BHI Collaborative has posted the recording of its latest webinar, *How Integrated Behavioral Health Can Strengthen Value-Based Care*.

[Learn more >>](#)



The CalHIVE BHI Improvement Collaborative has several resources for primary care sites integrating behavioral health, including webinars, templates, manuals, and more.

[Learn more >>](#)

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## Other AHRQ and HHS Highlights

### [NIH HEAL Initiative Seeks Input](#)

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) has published a Request for Information (RFI) to understand how scientific research can address the urgent public health challenges of opioid use disorder, overdose, and chronic pain. The RFI's final response date is July 31, 2024.

## [CMS Releases NOFO for “The Innovation in Behavioral Health Model”](#)

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services announced a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) to test approaches for addressing the behavioral and physical health, as well as health-related social needs, of people with Medicaid and Medicare. NOFO applications are open until September 9, 2024.

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## [Eating Disorder Resources for Clinicians and Patients from AHRQ-funded Conference](#)

Access the resources and tools featured during the Project ROADMAP (Research Optimization for Addressing Eating Disorders Management in Adolescent Primary Care) conference.

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## Upcoming Events



### [Navigating the Suicidal Crisis with Your Outpatient Client](#)

- **Date:** Thu, Aug 8, 2024
- **Time:** 2-3pm EDT
- **Host:** National Council for Mental Wellbeing



### [mHealth Apps for Tobacco Cessation and Guidance for Evaluation and Implementation](#)

- **Date:** Thu, Aug 15, 2024
- **Time:** 2-3pm EDT
- **Host:** National Behavioral Health Network for Tobacco and Cancer Control

[Access the Full Calendar](#)

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# About the AHRQ Academy

The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) created the Academy to respond to the recognized need for a national resource and coordinating center for those interested in behavioral health and primary care integration. Guided by the National Integration Academy Council, the Academy organizes the knowledge base, research, and expert insight on why and how to integrate behavioral health in primary care effectively on a meaningful scale. The Academy Community is an online community of individuals and practices interested in and committed to integrating behavioral health in primary care.

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