



Acuity Behavioral Health and Cone Health enter into a Multi-Year License Agreement

Software company implements proprietary patient acuity and workload measurement solution at Cone Health for use in their inpatient psychiatric units.

GREENSBORO, NC., May 31, 2023 – Acuity Behavioral Health (Acuity), the developer and provider of the Behavioral Health Acuity Index (BHAi), an evidence-based patient acuity and workload measurement solution for inpatient psychiatric facilities, is pleased to announce that it has executed a multi-year license agreement with North Carolina-based Cone Health. Under the terms of the Agreement, Cone Health will utilize Acuity’s proprietary BHAi software application in their inpatient psychiatric units to accurately measure patient acuity and unit-level acuity in order to project next-day staffing and resource requirements. Under terms of the Agreement, Cone Health will also work closely with Acuity to enhance and document the BHAi model to facilitate enhanced reimbursement negotiations with payors.

According to Dr. Archana Kumar, Cone Health’s Chief of Psychiatry and Medical Director for Cone Health’s Behavioral Medicine Service Line, “Our work with Acuity Health is critically important as we are seeing increasing patient numbers across all of our psychiatric settings, and these patients are presenting with increasingly severe symptomology. The combination is severely impacting our work at Cone Health and every other healthcare system treating patients suffering from severe mental illness.”

“We are delighted to have this opportunity to work with the wonderful team at Cone Health.” said Jim Zyperski, Managing Director at Acuity, “Their use of the BHAi in adult and pediatric inpatient units provides a wealth of modeled data that can be analyzed to further Cone Health’s goals to enhance patient care and safety, to ensure the safety of nursing staff serving these patients, and to improve operational effectiveness across all of Cone Health’s psychiatric units.”

About Cone Health:

Cone Health is a not-for-profit health care network serving people in Alamance, Forsyth, Guilford, Randolph, Rockingham, and surrounding counties in North Carolina. Our brand promise – We Are Right Here With You – is shared by our more than 13,000 employees, 1,800 physician partners and 1,000 volunteers.

As one of the region’s largest and most comprehensive health networks, Cone Health has more than 100 locations, including five hospitals, six ambulatory care centers, three outpatient surgery centers, Six urgent care centers, two retirement communities, and more than 120 physician practices. These include primary and specialty care through Cone Health Medical Group and Triad HealthCare Network.

About Acuity Behavioral Health:

Acuity Health, created by and for behavioral health providers, has developed a clinical and management support solution to improve the quality of care in inpatient psychiatric settings. The solution, the Behavioral Health Acuity Index (BHAi) provides a rapid and accurate measure of patient acuity within inpatient settings. The BHAi was created by the nation's leading behavioral health experts to improve [Type here]



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patient care, reduce safety risks, and to address the increasingly acute status of mental health patients. The BHA I represents the first of its kind process model to standardize measurement of patient acuity and workload for inpatient psychiatric settings. To learn more, please visit www.acuity-health.com or follow Acuity on [LinkedIn](#) .

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