

Emergency Department Behavioral Health Collaborative members save Georgia hospitals \$935,980

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ATLANTA, Georgia— Today, Vizient Southern States' Emergency Department Behavioral Health (EDBH) Collaborative members were celebrated for their achievements. Over the past year, member organizations have worked to effectively manage patient safety and quality, as well as improve the overall care and management of behavioral health patients within their emergency departments.

Seven Vizient Southern States' members participated in Vizient's EDBH Collaborative and also benefited from an enhanced experience through regional engagements. They received valuable education from leading practice experts, exchanged knowledge on current successes and challenges in screening, crisis stabilization and intervention, and learned how to best connect patients to appropriate care. Vizient Southern States' performance improvement staff also provided extra support with coaching calls and in-person meetings.

For 2018, the collaborative reported \$935,980 in aggregate revenue. This was achieved by decreasing left without being seen (LWBS) rates, which allowed them to collectively see an additional 545 patients. Additionally, 64 percent of the participating hospitals implemented clinical depression screenings within their EDBH departments. While everyone contributed, the top two members that submitted data to track progress, consistently participated in collaborative meetings and implemented one or more changes as a result of being in the collaborative, received Top Performer awards. Congratulations to the following winners!

- 1st Place— WellStar Cobb Hospital
- 2nd Place— Navicent Health

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Vizient Southern States is a membership alliance for not-for-profit health care providers that exists to ensure its members deliver cost-effective care by connecting them with the knowledge, solutions and expertise that accelerate performance.

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