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### NEWS

#### **TACHC 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Timeline Photo Deadline is Today July 13**

Thank you to all who have sent in images for the TACHC timeline project. We have received photos from about half of our health centers. There are some really great ones, and **we are extending the deadline to July 13** to send in a picture that represents your health center for the TACHC 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Timeline.

**Guidelines:**

- Photo size: 8" X 10"
- Orientation: Portrait
- Resolution: 300 dpi
- Deadline to submit the photo: July 13

Please send all images and questions on the project to [Brom Hoban](#), or call 512-329-5959.



**National Health Center Week – One Month Away!**

**National Health Center Week** is August 12-18—just a month away! Now is the time to:

- **Post your Health Center Week celebrations and events on the NHCW website.** Posting events is critical to catching the eyes of sponsors who are looking for events around the country. Posting events also attracts visits from Members of Congress and media opportunities for maximum exposure.
- Enter the Picture & Video Contest, which kicks off on August 1. **RSVP for the NHCW Picture & Video Contest Webinar** on July 25th to find out what it takes to be a big winner.
- **Request a Proclamation** recognizing National Health Center Week 2018 from your Governor, State Legislature, Mayor, City Council, County or local governing body. Click [here](#) for the 2018 proclamation template.
- **Submit nominations for the National Health Center Week Health Center Hero Award** by July 27 at 10:59 PM CST.

Questions? Email TACHC's [Courtney Weaver](#).

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# CONGRATULATIONS!

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### **Congratulations Dr. Christina I. Paz, Gold Nugget Recipient**

Every year, The University of Texas at El Paso and the UTEP Alumni Association honor a group of alumni who have achieved excellence in their chosen fields and serve as pillars of inspiration to future Miners for what can be accomplished through integrity, dedication and determination. This group of outstanding graduates includes the UTEP Distinguished Alumni and the Gold Nuggets. Congratulations to TACHC member **Dr. Christina I. Paz, DNP, RN, FNP-C** (currently serving as interim chief executive officer at Centro San Vicente Family Health Center in El Paso) on being named a Gold Nugget recipient. Paz was recognized for her work meeting with members of Congress to advocate on behalf of community health centers and the vulnerable populations they serve. [See all recipients here.](#)

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### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**35th TACHC Annual Conference *Championing Healthy Futures*  
October 28- 31 • Hyatt Regency, Austin • SAVE THE DATE!**



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### **Innovations in Crisis Response: Communications and Mapping for Public Health Emergencies Webcast**

**July 17 • 12:00 p.m.-1:15 p.m. CST**



Presented by



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**TACHC**



**Innovations in Crisis Response: Communications and Mapping for Public Health Emergencies Webcast**

July 17 • 12:00 p.m.-1:15 p.m. • [Register Here](#)

The Innovations in Crisis Response webcast will give health centers the opportunity to learn more about how first responders are using online crisis mapping to connect, understand and work in new and more efficient ways. Direct Relief's Andrew Schroeder will discuss disasters maps, which provide information about where populations are located, how they are moving, and where they are checking in safe during a natural disaster. [Details here.](#) For more information contact [Christina Brito-Tigerina](#).

### **OC<sup>3</sup> CPI Webcast: 330 Compliance – Operational Site Visit Strategies Part 2**

**July 20, 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. • [Details](#) • [Registration](#)**

The Health Center Program Compliance Manual released and effective August 28, 2017 changed the Health Center Program Site Visit Protocol. Join HRSA Consultant Charles Wiltraut, Chief Executive Officer of TACHC Member Mission East Dallas as he presents what is new about site visits from the documents but also the practice he has experienced. He will highlight what issues he is seeing arise for health centers under this new approach.

### **Impact on Workflows: New Post-partum Depression Screening during the 1st 12 month Texas Health Steps Office Visit Webcast**

**August 3, 12:00-1:00 p.m. • [Details & Registration](#)**

Effective July 1st, 2018, postpartum depression screening became a benefit of Texas Medicaid as covered services to eligible clients. Texas Health Steps medical providers may receive separate reimbursement for postpartum depression screening, in addition to the infant's Texas Health Steps medical check-up or follow up visit. Since Texas Medicaid managed care organizations must provide all medically necessary benefits, FQHCs will participate in this new requirement. AAP and ACOG agree that screening mothers for postpartum depression is appropriate for the general postpartum population and is recommended within the first few months following birth. New workflows and use of appropriate screening tools and documentation must be taken into account as we modify our workflows. [Join us for this complimentary webcast.](#) Questions? Contact [Roxana Cruz](#).

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## **OUTREACH**

### **Registration Now Open for the Texas State of Enrollment Conference**

TACHC is partnering with the Center for Public Policy Priorities (CPPP) in delivering a joint statewide Outreach & Enrollment conference for Certified Application Counselors, Federal Navigators and other assisters. The conference will be held on Thursday and Friday, September 20 & 21, 2018 at the Drury Plaza Hotel – North Stone Oak in San Antonio, Texas. Due to fundraising efforts by CPPP, there is **no registration fee** to attend this year's OE conference and priority to attend will be given to OE staff and their supervisors. With the CMS announcement this week of further cuts to Federal Navigator funding, it is crucial that our health center OE staff are prepared for the upcoming open enrollment period. [Click here to see the draft agenda](#) • [Registration & Hotel Reservations Here](#) • [Hotel rate \\$109/night expires Saturday, September 1, 2018.](#)

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## **POLICY**

### **Postpartum Depression Screenings Now Covered Through Medicaid and CHIP**

[House Bill 2466](#) was authored by Representative Sarah Davis and passed in the 85th Legislative session. It helps improve early detection of postpartum depression by enabling more providers to screen for maternal depression during a Medicaid or CHIP well-baby office visit regardless of whether the mother has insurance. Beginning July 1, 2018, postpartum depression screenings during an infant's Texas Health Steps checkup will be a billable Texas Medicaid benefit. Please reference this [TMHP bulletin](#) for more detailed information regarding the screening benefit, screening guidelines, and claims submission. [Register for the August 3 Webcast – Impact on Workflows: New Post-partum Depression Screening during the 1st 12 month Texas Health Steps Office Visit.](#)

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## **GROUP PURCHASING**

## Learn More About Pharma Logistics' New Agreement

TACHC has recently signed an agreement with [Pharma Logistics](#) for pharmacy reverse distribution services. To learn more about this new trusted and reliable TACHC partner, there are 2 webinars scheduled: (1) July 17 at 2:00 pm central and (2) August 2 at 10 am central. There is no cost to attend the webinar, but registration is required. To register, email [Lynn Ford](#) your name and health center name. If you have any questions, please contact [Lynn Ford](#).

## 340B OPAIS Registration Window July 1-15

The next window to register both a clinic site and a contract retail pharmacy to be eligible for 340B pricing is quickly approaching (July 1-15). This is the window if you want to add a new contracted retail pharmacy for pharmacy services ("bill to/ship to"). When registering in this window of time, the new site will be eligible for 340B pricing effective October 1. Now is a good time to get contracts organized so take advantage of this window and register today.

**Remember!** The registration process occurs electronically via the [OPAIS database](#). You cannot register a site to be eligible for 340B pricing until it is listed in your EHB. It is critical for any and all clinic sites that are listed in the EHB to also be listed in the database in order for patients to be seen at the clinic sites to fill their prescriptions with 340B.

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## CLINICAL



## REMINDER: Applications Due by July 16 for the SUD-MH Supplemental Funding Opportunity

HRSA recently announced the availability of [fiscal year \(FY\) 2018 Expanding Access to Quality Substance Use Disorder and Mental Health Services \(SUD-MH\)](#) supplemental funding. Applications are due in HRSA's Electronic Handbooks (EHBs) by Monday, July 16, at 5:00 p.m. CDT.

## Texas Health and Human Services and Texas Health Steps Offer New Postpartum Depression Education Module

Texas Health and Human Services and Texas Health Steps have created a new [postpartum depression education module](#) created to help providers screen for postpartum depression during well-child check-ups. Just released! The THSteps online education module is available for free to anyone (create an account but it is free). It is intended for providers in the Medicaid and CHIP network -- nurses, doctors, physician assistants, front line staff, billing and admin staff.

## Brush Up on Oral Health

Explore the newly redesigned [Brush Up on Oral Health](#) webpage to go beyond the monthly e-blast and access earlier tip sheets, organized by topic. Head Start staff will discover oral health best practices and practical tips for promoting good oral health to share with parents. Each tip sheet includes a recipe for a healthy snack that can be made in the classroom or at home.

## Improving Quality Scores by Extending Care Beyond the Health Center

On August 22 • 2:00 p.m. CDT. • [Register Here](#)

Learn about the recent changes in quality metrics reporting under the Medicare Access and CHIP

Reauthorization Act of 2015 (MACRA) and the Merit-based Incentive Program (MIPS) and explore a pathway for improving quality scores under the new legislation.

### **Pink Book Webinar Series**

This online series of [15 webinars](#) provides an overview of the principles of vaccination, general recommendations, and immunization strategies for providers, and specific information about vaccine-preventable diseases and the vaccines that prevent them. Each one-hour webinar explores a chapter from the 13th edition of "[Epidemiology and Prevention of Vaccine-Preventable Diseases](#)," also known widely as "The Pink Book.

### **Tune in to Safe Healthcare: A CDC Webinar Series**

CDC, in collaboration with various clinical partners, presents the [webinar series](#), Tune in to Safe Healthcare, which focuses on a variety of infection control and prevention topics. These webinars feature CDC and other experts and serve as a tool to educate healthcare providers on best practices to improve patient safety. Webinars are offered free of cost with an opportunity to earn continuing education.

### **Call for Applications: Sealant Improvement Learning Collaborative**

NNOHA, a HRSA-funded NCA, is accepting applications from community health centers for a nine-month Sealant Improvement Learning Collaborative. Participating health centers will have the opportunity to implement a mini-dashboard of oral health metrics with an aim to improve sealant rates. [Apply by Wednesday, August 1.](#)

### **Integration of Oral Health and Primary Care Practice: Two Health Center Experiences**

**August 1, 2:00-3:00 p.m. CDT • [Register here](#)**

Webcast hosted by NNOHA, a HRSA-funded NCA. (1.0) Continuing Dental Education (CDE) credit is available.

### **Training Opportunity for Motivational Interviewing Workshop**

**August 4, 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. CDT • [Details](#) • [Registration](#)**

This MI workshop will include hands on skill-building activities. Through coaching and use of a validated, standardized MI assessment tool, two Motivational Interviewing Network of Trainers (MINT) will provide participants with feedback to improve their skills in MI. The workshop takes place at the University of Texas AT&T Conference Center / Lavaca Room Saturday, August 4, 2018 / 8:30 am to 4 pm Workshop. The cost is \$160 (Includes Lunch) / Cost for CMEs: \$40. Workshop limited to first 40 registrations.

### **Addressing Diabetes through Outreach: Innovative Outreach Practices from the Field**

Health Outreach Partners, a HRSA-funded NCA, highlights how health centers are using outreach to enhance the prevention and management of diabetes for their patients in their [new report](#). Short case studies showcase effective, field-tested strategies and activities.

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## **RECRUITMENT & RETENTION**

### **Would You Like Us to Help You Recruit?**

Does your center have openings for clinical providers or executive management that you would like us to help recruit? [Complete the TACHC online position profile](#). Contact [Jonathan Davis](#) for more information.

Did you know that the TACHC Weekly Wrap-Up is available to ALL TACHC members and ALL your staff? [Share this link with your health center staff to sign up for the Wrap!](#)

Don't miss out. Follow TACHC on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

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