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## GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE

### **IRS informational on reporting EHR incentive payments**

Please be advised that the IRS has released an informational letter on reporting EHR incentive payments. Since payments were required to be paid to providers under the EHR program, most FQHCs were reassigned the funds via provider contract language that explicitly assigns all payments for professional services by the provider back to the facility. In this case, the provider is acting as a conduit and no 1099s for providers are necessary. If this payment arrangement is not outlined in provider contracts, providing a 1099 to providers for these payments may be necessary. **Read the Informational Letter [HERE](#).**

## CLINICAL AFFAIRS

### Uniform Data System Update

HRSA recently announced changes to reporting in the 2014 Uniform Data System (UDS). [Learn more HERE](#). Additional information about these changes will be highlighted in the 2014 UDS Manual later this year.

### Revisions to Ambulatory Care Primary Care Medical Home (PCMH) Requirements

The Joint Commission recently approved several revisions effective July 1, 2014 to the PCMH requirements applicable to ambulatory care organizations. The new and revised PCMH requirements incorporate CMS' Meaningful Use Stage 2 requirements and focus on process and infrastructure improvements necessary to improve health care quality, efficiency, and patient safety. The revisions also pertain to the participation of physicians in team-based care by requiring that a physician always be available to be part of the interdisciplinary team when a physician's involvement is required to meet the needs of individual patients. It is expected that health care providers work collaboratively together to meet the needs of the patient. [Click Here For More Information](#).

### Save the Date: Oral Health Access to the Underserved

Save the Date: HealthyPeople.gov Training – Thursday, January 23, 2014, 12:00 pm, ET. Learn to effectively address access to oral health care among underserved populations in your community through the HealthyPeople.gov webinar *Who's Leading the Leading Health Indicators?*. [Register for this webinar](#).

### Free Risk Management and Patient Safety Resources Newsletter Available

On behalf of HRSA, ECRI Institute is providing a FREE Bi-Weekly Risk Management and Patient Safety Resources newsletter. Find information on hot topics like clinical risk management and healthcare news. Learn more about the [free risk management resources newsletter](#).

## GROUP PURCHASING

### Congress Agrees to More than Double 340B Program Funding

As posted by the Drug Discount Monitor on January 14th, House and Senate negotiators signed off on a federal spending bill for the fiscal year that runs through September that would more than double the HRSA Office of Pharmacy Affairs' (OPA) budget, including \$6 million for new 340B program integrity efforts. [Read the full article HERE](#).

### SAVE THE DATE: 340B Recertification of HRSA Grantees Webinar

The Bureau of Primary Health Care (BPHC) is collaborating with HRSA's Office of Pharmacy Affairs (OPA) to announce the 340B Drug Pricing Program (340B Program) recertification for BPHC grantees. In early February 2014, all BPHC grantees participating in the 340B Program are **required to complete the recertification process**. To help covered entities with recertification the OPA will hold a **webinar on Wednesday, January 22, 2014 at 1pm ET**.

**Join this WEBINAR the day of the session.** To access the call, dial into the conference call audio line: 1-888-730-9136; Passcode: 1032237.

## NEWS

### Grants for Community Gardens and Green Spaces

The Scotts Miracle-Gro Company's GRO1000 Grassroots Grants offers up to \$1,500 to local communities to help bring edible gardens, flower gardens, and public green spaces to more neighborhoods. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations, educational institutions, and government agencies. Application deadline is February 17, 2014. **Click [HERE](#) for guidelines and an online application.**

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