



# TACHC Weekly Wrap-Up

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## **GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE**

### **Optometrists To Qualify as Eligible Professionals in EHR Program**

On February 11, 2014, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) approved a Texas State Plan Amendment (SPA) that will allow optometrists to qualify as an eligible professional (EP) for purposes of participating in the Medicaid Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Program. **CLICK HERE** for

more information.

## **GROUP PURCHASING**

### **NEXT WEEK IS LAST WEEK: HRSA's OPA 340B Recertification**

The CEOs should have received an email from HRSA this week with a username and password to start the recertification process. Reminders from HRSA:

1. **Recertification ends 3/14/14**, but it is highly recommended to not wait till the last minute.
2. Make certain that each and every clinic site of the health center that is listed in the EHB is listed in the OPA database, even if they do not have a pharmacy located at that clinic site. This includes mobile clinics as well.
3. When actually going through the recertification process, be careful to make certain all the clinic addresses match the EHB. Do not rush the process and click through assuming that the addresses are correct.
4. Make certain addresses in the database are an EXACT match to the EHB. If '2nd floor' is part of the address, make certain that detail is listed in the OPA database.

If any further questions, contact **Lynn Ford**

### **OPA Database and Clinic Sites Registration**

For a health center to be eligible for 340B pricing, the center must be listed in the **Office of Pharmacy Affairs (OPA) database**. **For a patient to be eligible to fill a prescription at 340B pricing, the health center SITE that has the patient encounter must be in the database as well.** Make certain that any and all of the health center sites listed in the EHB are also listed in the OPA database. This includes **ALL** satellite sites and mobile units, even if they are not dispensing pharmacy at that site or even if they do not have a pharmacy at that site. For example, if the EHB has 8 sites listed, the OPA database needs to have all 8 sites listed as well (address information needs to match EXACTLY).

April 1st is not too far away. April 1-15 will be your next window to register a new site to be eligible for 340B pricing. If registration occurs during this window, the site will be eligible for 340B pricing effective July 1st. **CLICK HERE** for more information and for a chart outlining the quarterly registration windows and the effective dates. If you have any questions or need more information, **please contact Lynn Ford**.

### **Direct Relief's Replenishment Program**

Direct Relief is now expanding its Replenishment Program with an ongoing supply of medicines through a bulk patient assistant program. Members with a Class A pharmacy are eligible for the program. For more details **CLICK HERE**.

### **Cardinal Health, Pharmacy Distribution, Flu Vaccine Pre-book For 2014/15**

Cardinal Health, Pharmacy Distribution, has an offering for flu vaccine pre-booking for the 2014/15 flu season. **CLICK HERE** for details of the various manufacturers and their prices.

## **OUTREACH**

### **2014 & 2015 Health Insurance Marketplace Deadlines**

Presidential administration officials said Tuesday the March 31 enrollment deadline for 2014 Health Insurance Marketplace would not be extended. For next year, the enrollment period will be Nov. 15, 2014, until Feb. 15, 2015, one month longer than previously scheduled. The administration also announced consumers who currently hold individual policies that do not meet all of the health law requirements can stay in those plans for another two years if their state allows it and the insurer continues the plan.

## **R&R**

### **TACHC Upcoming Staff Recruitment Activities**

With great enthusiasm, we continue in our mission to support member organizations in fulfilling their clinical and administrative staff workforce needs.

**TACHC recruitment staff will be exhibiting at the Uniformed Services Academy of Family Physicians' (USAFP) 2014 Annual Meeting & Exposition March 14-15.** If your center has a new Family Medicine opportunity that you would like us to help you recruit for at this event, click **HERE** and complete the easy online position profile by COB today. Have questions or need assistance? Contact **April Sartor, Recruitment Dept. Program Assistant at TACHC.**

## **NEWS**

A heartfelt goodbye and thank you to **Eddy Herrera** who retired this month as CEO of Amistad Community Health Center. Congratulations to **Joe Flores** who now serves as Amistad's CEO after serving as the center's CFO.

Happy TACHCiversary to the following TACHCsters: April Sartor (13 years), Davelyn Eaves Hood (2 years), Sandra Thompson (2 years) and Lynn Silver (1 year)!

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