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UPCOMING EVENTS

May 16th: May-June CPI Webcast Series: ICD-10 Transition Readiness

As you know, the deadline for ICD-10 implementation has been delayed to October 2015. ICD-10 planning must adjust accordingly. Thus, we have called upon FQHC billing and coding expert, Marilyn Masick, to provide an update to her February training in this area to the progressive implementation timeline for your ICD-10 transition in Part 1 of the series. The homework for Part 2 will allow

participants to check their center's progress on testing, implementation and auditing. In Part 2, TACHC staff will present with Ms. Masick the status of health center ICD-10 readiness and how to address whatever gaps and challenges to readiness the homework reveals. The webcast will take place 9am-11am CST, May 16th. More information and registration can be found [HERE](#). Questions? Contact [Cecile Carson](#) at TACHC.

CFO Grants Management Boot Camp Training scheduled for May 20 & 21, 2014

TACHC is pleased to announce the first in a two-part series of financial boot camp trainings targeted to Chief Financial Officers and other key financial staff. The first session, Grants Management Boot Camp, is in Houston, May 20-21. [CLICK HERE FOR DRAFT AGENDA](#). Please note that registration is limited to 25 participants, so individual center staff participation will be limited to CFO and one other person. If interest is high enough, we will consider adding a second Grants Management Boot Camp, so please inform Daniel Diaz of the total number of staff your center wants to attend the Grants Management Boot Camp. [TO REGISTER, CLICK HERE](#). For more information please contact [Daniel Diaz](#) or [Nancy Gilliam](#).

ATTENTION: Outreach & Enrollment Staff!

Please join us June 12-13th for an opportunity to unite with outreach and enrollment staff in FQHCs across the state. In this two-day training you will have the opportunity to share best practices and lessons learned during the first open enrollment period. TACHC will provide any federal and state policy updates, a special train-the-trainer session to help educate patients, friends, and family for how to understand and use their insurance, and how and when to file an exemption. Participants will also have the opportunity to attend break-out sessions on various topics such as assisting immigrant families in the Marketplace, a review of HRSA reporting requirements and TACHC online reporting tool, and a review of the basics for helping consumers understand eligibility and enrollment in the Marketplace. A tentative agenda is available. Space is limited, so please [REGISTER FOR THE CONFERENCE](#) as soon as possible and make plans to join us.

TACHC has a block of sleeping rooms reserved at a rate of \$179/night for single or double occupancy. Call the hotel at 512-832-4197 to make your reservation by Wednesday, May 21, 2014. For more information contact [Sonia Lara](#).

GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE

HRSA O/E Grant Funds: Allowable Uses

[CLICK HERE](#) to read an important message on allowable uses of HRSA O/E grant funds from TACHC Executive Director Jose Camacho.

CLINICAL AFFAIRS

Enhanced LabCorp Reporting Tool for CKD and CVD - and Diabetes Coming Soon (see [Group Purchasing](#))

Merck's Vaccine Patient Assistance Program (see [Group Purchasing](#))

POLICY

What's YOUR Center's Priority Issue?

TACHC needs your help! As we prepare the TACHC legislative agenda for the 2015 state legislative session, we need your input on what state-level issues are important to your center. Please take a moment and let us know what your center's priority issues are by taking **THIS 3-QUESTION SURVEY** (multiple responses per center are fine). Please respond by Friday, May 16th. Contact **Shelby Massey** with questions.

Medicare PPS- Final Rule

CMS recently released a final rule to move FQHCs to a Prospective Payment System (PPS) reimbursement methodology, as required by the Affordable Care Act. See TACHC's initial summary of the rule **HERE**. Contact **Shelby Massey** with any questions.

Also, CMS will host a webcast on the final rule on May 21st. Click **HERE** for more information on the webcast.

GROUP PURCHASING

Enhanced LabCorp Reporting Tool for CKD and CVD - and Diabetes Coming Soon

For the members that are using the TACHC/LabCorp lab contract, there is now an enhanced reporting tool for patients with CVD and CKD (and diabetes reporting coming this summer). For more information on this new service, click **HERE**. To learn more about LabCorp, click **HERE**.

Merck's Vaccine Patient Assistance Program

Merck has a Patient Assistant Program for vaccines. These are their adult vaccines, since anyone 18 years and younger would qualify for VFC. Here are the 3 very simple qualifications for the program:

1. The patient resides in the US (does not have to be a US citizen) and is 19 years of age or older.
2. The patient does not have health insurance or coverage for vaccines.
3. The patient cannot afford to pay for their vaccines.

The vaccines covered under the program are:

1. Gardasil

2. MMR
3. Pneumovax 23
4. Recombivax HB
5. Vaqta
6. Varivax
7. Zostavax

The application for the program can be found **HERE** and then click on “Merck Vaccine Patient Assistance Program” link. An overview of the program is here as well as the Application/Enrollment Form in English and Spanish. The form must be faxed to Merck while the patient is at the health center. A response of approval or denial will be returned within minutes. A replenishment vaccine will be forwarded to the health center shortly thereafter. For more questions, call 800.293.3881.

OUTREACH

HRSA O/E Grant Funds: Allowable Uses (See **Governance & Finance)**

Community Partner Program Certification Changes

HHSC will be making a few notable changes to the Community Partner Program certification of YourTexasBenefits.com personnel that will strengthen protections for applicants, clients, and the program. Program changes are expected later this summer and more information is forthcoming. Contact **RexAnn Shotwell** with questions.

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TimeWarner Healthcare Broadband Webinar

Did you know that the government has allocated \$400 million in funds to ensure quality communications services for healthcare providers? The Federal Communication Commission’s (FCC’s) universal services programs will award \$100 million by May 30, 2014, and it’s not too late to apply for your share of the remaining funds! **Deadline to apply is May 13, 2014.** Click **HERE** for more information.

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