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## CLINICAL AFFAIRS

### **Webinar: Organizational Infrastructure for Chronic Pain/Prescription Medications Abuse Prevention**

Please join SAMHSA/HRSA's Center for Integrated Health Solutions on Thursday, June 5, 2014, 1:00pm – 2:30pm, ET for a webinar on what health centers and other primary care safety-net provider organizations can do to develop infrastructure and pain management protocols. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention classifies prescription drug abuse as an epidemic. More than 100 million Americans suffer from chronic pain. Many do not receive adequate treatment or the appropriate options for managing pain. Creating a solid organizational infrastructure to address pain management is an essential first step. **View more information and register for this webinar** or to **View all**

## **BPHC technical assistance resources.**

### **Just Released Report! Health Text Messaging, an Environmental Scan**

Widespread cell phone ownership and text messaging use across all U.S. population segments support the spread of health text messaging programs. HHS is an outreach partner for Text4baby, a free mobile health education service for pregnant women and mothers with an infant under one year of age. **Click Here** to find out more information about text4baby. Additionally, HRSA oversees a national evaluation of the Text4baby program in collaboration with other federal partners. An initial component of the evaluation is the development of a report, Using Health Text Messages to Improve Consumer Health Knowledge, Behaviors, and Outcomes: An Environmental Scan. **Click Here** to view the full report.

## **POLICY**

### **Medicare PPS is Coming!**

Earlier this month, CMS released a final rule with comment period for the new FQHC PPS reimbursement methodology set to take effect on October 1, 2014. TACHC has resources on the new rules for you: 1) **TACHC's summary of the new methodology**; 2) **new MLN article on Medicare PPS**; 3) **CMS presentation on Medicare PPS from May 21st**. Please contact **Shelby Massey** with any questions or feedback on the changes.

## **OUTREACH**

### **Community Partner Program**

HHSC evaluated the current **Your Texas Benefits Navigator** certification requirements and identified opportunities to strengthen the certification and improve protections for clients, Community Partners, and the program. As a result, HHSC will implement a number of changes in **mid to late July 2014**. For more information regarding these changes, please **REGISTER for the webinar** May 29, 2014 at 11am. For more information, contact **TACHC's RexAnn Shotwell**.

### **Health Center and Public Housing Symposium**

The HRSA National Cooperative Agreements on Public Housing are holding their 2014 Health Center and Public Housing National Symposium titled Engaging Residents of Underserved Communities: From Outreach to Quality Care from June 10-12 in Alexandria VA. Click **HERE to register** and for more information on the symposium. For more information, contact **Laura Wesolowski** of Community Health Partners for Sustainability, (267) 765-2332.

## **NEWS**

Congratulations to **Community Health Services Agency** for receiving **Patient Centered Medical Home Level 2 Recognition from the National Committee for Quality Assurance!**

Welcome to **David Garcia**, new **Executive Director at Ector County Hospital District dba Family Health Center!**

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