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UPCOMING EVENTS

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. Contact **Sonia Lara** with questions.

Essential Care Partners ONLY - CEO/CMO Webcast (Attendance

Required)

Please join us on **Thursday, June 12, 2014 from 1 to 2pm** for an important webcast to discuss shared saving strategies. We will be discussing a two-pronged approach to achieving improved patient outcomes and attaining the desired financial benchmarks for ECP. The webcast will be recorded and a link will be included in a future biweekly; however, your attendance and input is necessary as we work together in this accountable care venture. For questions about the content of the webcast, please contact **Davelyn Eaves Hood**. If you are not able to attend, please notify **Ramona Whittington** ASAP. **CLICK HERE TO REGISTER**.

CLINICAL AFFAIRS

2014 Texas HIV-STD Conference - August 19-21, 2014 in Austin, Texas

The goal of the Texas HIV/STD Conference is to enhance the responsiveness of people and systems supporting the spectrum of HIV/STD prevention and treatment services in Texas, including: Awareness, targeted prevention, diagnosis, linkage to care, maintenance in care and suppression of disease. DSHS Contractors or Subcontractors conducting HIV or STD services may receive up to four waived registrations per contract (certain restrictions may apply) **Click Here for More Information and to Register**.

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.

CPPP Releases New Interactive Medicaid Tool & Report

A new interactive tool and report show county-by-county economic benefits that expanded health care access for working poor would bring to Texas. **CLICK HERE** to view the Health & Wealth County Checkup tool. **CLICK HERE** to view the accompanying report by the Center for Public Policy Priorities.

OUTREACH

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.

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