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UPCOMING EVENTS

Registration Now Open for TACHC Annual Conference

TACHC's 31st Annual Conference - Westin Galleria Dallas - October 5-8, 2014. [Click Here to make Hotel Reservations.](#) [Click Here to register for the conference.](#)

ICD-10 CM Clinician Training, Oct 8th, 8am-12pm, Westin Galleria Dallas - [See Clinical Affairs for More Info](#)

Accounting for MSFW Patients: Who Should Be Counted in UDS

All health centers are required to report the number of their Migrant & Seasonal Farmworkers (MSFWs) in their UDS data, especially 330(g) designated health centers. However, health center MSFW patient numbers have been steadily declining over the past several years, even with the recently expanded definition HRSA provided for UDS reporting in 2012. This webcast on September 17, 11am-12:30pm CT will provide all health centers with a review of the UDS expanded definition and highlight some best practices to appropriately identify and screen MSFW patients so that health center UDS reports better account for their MSFW patients. A modified screening tool will be re-introduced to help guide the screening and identification process and relevant case scenarios will also be provided. [Register for the webcast and more information.](#)

Upcoming TACHC CPI Webcast Series: The Medical Neighborhood - Coming to Agreement with Specialty Care

Part 1 September 19, 9-11am CST

Part 2 October 17, 9-11am CST

Please join us for our next Compliance and Performance Improvement webcast series. In Part 1, Carol Greenlee, MD FACP FACE will discuss the current challenges to referral coordination in our health care system and share approaches for improving referral coordination for health center patients. Homework will be assigned. In Part 2, TACHC staff will present the results of the homework survey to show participants how they are doing on select referral issues compared to their peers. Staff will offer recommendations on how to address evident gaps in referral coordination and thereby improve access and quality of care for health center patients. Click [HERE](#) to find links to detailed agendas and registration. For more information contact [Cecile Carson](#).

CLINICAL AFFAIRS

ICD-10 CM Clinician Training

October 8th, 8:00 AM-12:00 PM, Westin Galleria Dallas

Starting in October 1st, 2015 medical providers will need to be compliant with the new International Classification of Disease (ICD-10) coding system. Compliance means that everyone covered by HIPAA is able to successfully conduct health care transactions using ICD-10 codes. Providers working in medical practices or clinics are may experience difficulty adjusting to the new ICD-10 code sets if not properly trained. Registration for this training is separate from the TACHC Annual

Conference. [Register HERE.](#)

Congratulations Su Clinica for Best Poster Presentation at NACHC CHI

With funding by the CMS 1115 Waiver Demonstration Project and with a focus on quality improvement and quality of care, Su Clinica found that simple changes to the provider schedule template and changes in appointment scheduling workflows resulted in a dramatic decrease in no-show appointments and increased same day access for patients. Under the leadership of project manager Henry Presas, RN and executive leadership support, Su Clinica found that the number of no-shows had dropped 206% in just 5 months after implementing the change. Congratulations to Dr. Elena Marin, Cris Perez, Henry Presas, and Dr. Maribel Cantu for representing the Rio Grande Valley, Texas CHCs, and all OC3 participants.

Texas Cancer Policy Forum: Palliative Care - Treating Patient & Disease

Thursday, September 4, 9:30-11:00 am, the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network will host the Texas Cancer Policy Forum on Palliative Care - Treating the Patient as Well as the Disease. The forum, which takes place in Austin, will address what is palliative care and how does it work, why is such care important to patients, providers and insurers, and what policy changes would help expand the use and benefits of palliative care. [Click Here For More Information and to Register](#)

Texas Governor's Committee Seeks Input on Issues Facing Texans with Disabilities

Every two years, the Committee makes policy recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature on issues related to Texans with disabilities. Your input will help the Committee create policy recommendations that respond to the needs of the community. The Committee wants to hear from Texans with disabilities, family members, caregivers, and professionals in the field of disability issues. The 5 to 10 minute survey is anonymous and will be open until September 10, 2014. Survey responses will then be reviewed and considered as the Committee creates its policy recommendations for the 84th Texas State Legislative Session, which will begin in January 2015. [Click Here to Complete The Survey.](#)

GROUP PURCHASING

Neurontin Settlement

In case you have not received word directly, please be aware that there is a legal settlement involving Neurontin. If your health center has ever purchased Neurontin, you may be eligible to be included in the settlement. If you do not want to be legally bound by the settlement, you must exclude yourself from the settlement. The exclusion deadline is 9/30/14. To submit a claim to be included

in the settlement, it must happen electronically at www.neurontinsettlement.com by 10/15/14. For more information about the settlement and claim forms, **CLICK HERE**.

Henry Schein's Equipment and Educational Expo

The Expo will be Friday, September 12th, 2014, in Houston. There will be fantastic educational series for those interested in CEU credit and knowledge on ICD-10 and or Healthcare Reform. All of the Henry Schein vendors will be on hand for members to meet and see available equipment. View demos and show specials for those that attend on price breaks and specials. For conference flyer **CLICK HERE**. For conference booklet and registration form **CLICK HERE**.

OUTREACH

NHCW & National Voter Registration Day

Congratulations to our health centers for a successful National Health Center Week and month! Did you have a member of Congress visit your health center? Get a proclamation signed? Or, get media coverage or place an Op-Ed or Letter to the Editor? Let us know! Please send that information to **TACHC Communications Director Andrea Abel**.

Next up: National Voter Registration Day, September 23rd. Let's educate our patients on their right to be involved in the civic process! Please contact **TACHC Communications Director Andrea Abel** if you would like to get staff trained to conduct non-partisan voter registration in your health center.

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. As such, TACHC recruitment staff will be speaking with attendees at the Texas Nurse Practitioner's Conference in San Antonio, September 4th-7th. If your center has a new Nurse Practitioner 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 Tuesday September 2, 2014. We are also pleased to announce that TACHC recruitment staff will be speaking with residents specializing in: Internal Medicine, OB/GYN, Pediatrics, Family Medicine and Physician Assistants along with 3rd year medical students who have not yet decided on a specialty at HealthMatch in Amarillo, September 11th. If your center has any new opportunities please submit a profile by COB September 9, 2014. Have questions or need assistance? Contact **Danielle Ramos**, Recruitment Dept. Program Assistant at TACHC.

NEWS

Congratulations to **Regence Health Network** in Plainview for receiving the **Joint**

Commission's Gold Seal of Approval for Ambulatory Care Program Re-accreditation.

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