



TACHC Weekly Wrap-Up

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Registration is Now Open: TACHC 31st Annual Conference

TACHC’s 31st Annual Conference - Westin Galleria Dallas - October 5-8, 2014.

Make Hotel Reservations. Register for the Conference.

Accounting for MSFW Patients Webcast: 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 review the UDS expanded definition and highlight some best practices to appropriately identify and screen MSFW patients so 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 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. **Detailed Agendas and Registration.** For more information contact **Cecile Carson.**

GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE

ACTION NEEDED: House and Senate Bipartisan Cliff Letters Circulating Until Friday September 12th - Ask Your Senators and Representative to Co-Sign Today!

Please share with your patients and advocacy networks. The bipartisan Senate cliff letter led by Senators Stabenow (MI), Blunt (MO), Carper (DE), and Boozman (AR) as well as the bipartisan House cliff letter led by Representatives Granger (TX), Green (TX), Lance (NJ), and Price (NC) are still circulating.

Please reach out to your Senators and Representatives TODAY to request that they co-sign these letters to House and Senate leadership. Their signatures are a public showing of their support for the Health Centers Program and a responsible, bipartisan solution to the looming Health Center Funding Cliff. Both cliff letters close for signatures on Friday, September 12th, email your members AND call them using the Advocacy Hotline at 866-456-3949 TODAY. The letters and talking points along with the current list of signers are available

on the **Funding Cliff section of the NACHC website.**

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.**

Immunizations Are Not Just For Kids!

The Adult Safety Net (ASN) Program through the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Immunization Branch supplies publicly-purchased vaccine at no cost to enrolled providers. Currently, the vaccines offered through the ASN Program include the following: Hepatitis A and B vaccine; Hepatitis A and Hepatitis B combination vaccine (Twinrix®); Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine; Measles/Mumps/Rubella (MMR) vaccine; Pneumococcal Polysaccharide (PPSV23) vaccine; Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis (Tdap) vaccine; and Tetanus and Diphtheria (Td) vaccine. **MEDICAL PROVIDERS enroll now. More Information.**

Get Involved In Recovery! Live Webcast – Recovery and Health: Echoing Through the Community

September is a month-long celebration of recovery happening in communities nationwide and on September 15th. 12pm to 2:30pm CST, the Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) - Region 6 will host this live webcast. This is a chance to learn about recovery models, peer support and the importance of whole health and resiliency in mental health and substance use disorders. **Click Here To Register.**

GROUP PURCHASING

Henry Schein's Equipment and Educational Expo

Henry Schein's Equipment and Educational 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. **Conference Flyer. Conference Booklet and Registration Form.**

NEWS

Congratulations to **Centro San Vicente** for receiving **NCQA Level 3 Recognition** as a **Patient Centered Medical Home**.

Happy TACHCiversary to **Maria Tamez** (7 years)!

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