



TACHC Weekly Wrap-Up

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UPCOMING EVENTS

December 12 OC³ CPI Webcast: Make the Most of the new Medicare PPS

October 1 was the first time certain Texas health centers could bill under the new Medicare PPS structure. One such health center is ready to tell the tale, from how they prepared to working through the CMS structure to lessons learned to getting paid! Please join us for this **December 12th CPI webcast** discussing when the new Medicare PPS rules will affect your center and how best to respond to the rules to make the most of the opportunity while remaining compliant as well as accessible to patients. **Register here** and contact **Cecile Carson** at TACHC with any questions.

Don't Miss Out! TACHC Policy & Issues Form January 26-27, 2015

Registration for the **TACHC Policy and Issues Forum** is now open! This conference provides health center CEOs, Board Members and other high level staff the opportunity to learn about TACHC's legislative agenda for the upcoming state legislative session, receive in-depth information on health policy issues in Texas that impact health centers, and visit with legislators to engage them on the health center legislative agenda. Please contact **Shelby Massey** with questions or comments.

UDS Training December 2nd in Austin

The **Uniform Data System (UDS) In-Person Training** is a full day program covering the preparation of the 2014 UDS Report. The training addresses each of the report's tables, including a discussion of the changes that have been made and the definitions necessary to complete the Report. The UDS training is aimed at those who are responsible for gathering and reporting the data elements included in the UDS Report, as well as management and clinical staff who need to understand the definitions and concepts used. Hotel Reservation deadline is November 10th. For more information, contact **TaSheena Mitchell**.

CLINICAL AFFAIRS

Clinician's Guide to ICD-10 Transition Webcast Series

TACHC will host a Clinician's Guide to ICD-10 Transition webcast series from January through June 2015. Marilyn Masick, M.Ed., CPC, CCP will walk through the most common ICD-9 codes for FQHC providers, crosswalk them to ICD-10 and discuss the associated documentation needs to aid in making the transition to ICD-10 a smooth one for the medical staff at your centers. Each webcast will be recorded and made available for you to share with your medical staff that are not able to attend the live sessions. Each will also include a post-test to ensure your medical staff has learned the key items from the lessons. The webcast series is \$400 for members, \$500 for non-members. **Click Here to Register**. For more information, please contact **Britt Kushner** or **Davelyn Eaves Hood**.

Texas Vaccines For Children Program to Conduct Site Visits

At the Texas Immunization Stakeholders Working Group meeting on November 12, 2014, staff from the Vaccines For Children (VFC) Program reported that they are anticipating conducting site visits at 90% of participating provider sites and

will expand the number of unannounced site visits. Are you prepared?

[Click Here For More Information on the Texas Vaccines for Children Program.](#)

DSHS Immunization Branch Seeks Feedback on ASN Program

The Texas Department of State Health Services Immunization Branch requests feedback about providers' experiences in the Adult Safety Net (ASN) Program.

[Click Here To Complete the Provider Satisfaction Survey](#) which will be active through **5 P.M. on Wednesday, December 3, 2014**. If you have questions, **please contact ASN**.

Free Info Available to Encourage Patients to Get Flu Vaccine

Walgreens has been working on a free, unbranded flu awareness program called "Vaccinate Texas" and currently has 42 partners on board. If you are interested in obtaining promotional and marketing materials to encourage patients to get the flu vaccine, please **email Kate Turner** or at (972)-822-2390.

New Info on Reducing Tobacco Use and Secondhand Smoke

The Community Preventive Services Task Force recommends comprehensive tobacco control programs based on strong evidence of effectiveness in reducing tobacco use and secondhand smoke exposure. Evidence indicates these programs reduce the prevalence of tobacco use in adults and young people, reduce tobacco product consumption, increase quitting, and contribute to reductions in tobacco-related diseases and deaths. Economic evidence indicates that comprehensive tobacco control programs are cost-effective, and healthcare savings exceed intervention costs. **[Click Here for more information and additional resources.](#)**

R&R

Webinar: RECRUIT-ON-BOARD-RETAIN

Please join us for this **free 2-part webinar December 3rd & 9th from 12:00PM to 1:00PM CST**. The webinar will cover best practices to enhance your recruitment, onboarding and retention processes along with customizable resource tools for the onboarding process. **Register before November 21st and receive a hard copy of the materials along with an electronic copy that will be sent out to all who register!** For more information about this webinar please contact **Danielle Ramos**, TACHC Recruitment Dept. Program Assistant.

NEWS

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