



# TACHC Weekly Wrap-Up

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **December 12th OC<sup>3</sup> 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 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.

## **REGISTER NOW: 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.

## **CLINICIANS: ICD-10 Transition Webcast 6-part series begins 1/29/15**

[See Clinical Affairs](#)

## **BILLING & CODING STAFF: TACHC ICD-10-CM Code Set Training, 2/12-2/13/15**

[See Clinical Affairs](#)

## **CLINICAL AFFAIRS**

### **Register Now for the 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](#).

### **TACHC ICD-10-CM Code Set Training For Coding And Billing Staff, February 12-13, 2015**

**TACHC ICD-10-CM Code Set Training** will consist of introductory ICD-10 information and chapter by chapter code set training. The training is tailored for FQHCs and contains a lot of practice on how to look up codes, including chapter specific exercises at the end of each chapter. At the conclusion of the two days, there will be case notes (as opposed to coding lookup exercises) that will be

coded.

In order to keep working page numbers consistent we will use 2014 AAPC Draft ICD`10`CM. Every person attending needs to bring a copy of same. All attendees should also bring small post-its and colored highlighters. Post-it tabs would also be helpful.

Participants will also be given a copy of the Coder's Reference Lookup List for FQHCs developed by Masick with coding frequency information provided by several Texas FQHCs. For more information, contact **Britt Kushner**.

### **Free Opioid Education Training**

Is your patient demanding opioids? A patient's relentless request for an opioid prescription may actually express a need for: Pain relief, Validation of his/her pain as real or Empathy for feeling overwhelmed. Patients with severe chronic pain are often worn down and may be irritable or angry. Writing a prescription for opioids is not the only way to validate a patient's pain and suffering. **Learn how to handle difficult situations related to chronic non-cancer pain.**

### **Hepatitis C Survey**

Johns Hopkins is conducting a survey to assess primary care practitioners' knowledge, attitudes, and perceptions about Hepatitis C Virus (HCV). Receive a \$10 Amazon gift card for participating in the 15 minute survey. Receive a \$50 Amazon gift card if selected to complete a follow up survey. Click **HERE** to participate.

## **GROUP PURCHASING**

### **HHS Withdraws 340B 'Mega Reg'**

Click **HERE** to read NACHC's update on the 340B 'Mega Reg.' You may have heard talk of the 'Mega Reg' and its possible implications on health centers. It was supposed to be released in June, then late summer and now it has been withdrawn. If any new policies in the future do have an impact on the health centers, TACHC will let you know.

## **OUTREACH**

### **Calling All TACHC Outreach Cards**

If you have collected TACHC Outreach Cards, please send them to TACHC as soon as possible. Scan the cards and email the file, photocopy the cards, or send the cards. Let us know if you need more cards. Send to: Andrea Abel, TACHC, 5900 Southwest Pkwy, Bldg. 3, Austin, TX 78735, aabel@tachc.org.

## **NEWS**

### **Valley Primary Care Network Shuts Down**

As per the decision of the Board of Directors at its September 30, 2014 meeting, the Valley Primary Care Network has shut down as of November 30, 2014. Lucy Ramirez, the President of the VPCN Board of Directors, will be the point of contact for all communication and correspondence regarding the Valley Primary Care Network.

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Send **NEWS** about your health center to be considered for inclusion in the TACHC Weekly Wrap-Up to **TACHC Communications Director Andrea Abel.**

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