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## UPCOMING EVENTS

## **TACHC Policy & Issues Forum 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.

## **OC3 CPI Webcast: Ending Invisibility: Improving Access and Care For Your LGBT Patients Part 1**

Community health centers have a history of assisting with closing gaps in disparities, and many health centers may already be serving the LGBT in their communities but do not even know it. This **2-Part CPI session for January 16 and February 20, 2015** will offer health centers an introduction to the LGBT population, including definitions and concepts, the disparities they experience, and the importance of addressing the health care needs of this population. Learn from our guest experts how to end the invisibility of these patients by implementing methods to identify them, customizing your services, creating a welcoming environment, and providing culturally-sensitive care.

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

**See Clinical Affairs**

## **ATTENTION BILLING & CODING STAFF: TACHC ICD-10-CM CODE SET TRAINING FOR CODING AND BILLING STAFF, FEBRUARY 12-13, 2015**

**See Clinical Affairs**

## **GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE**

### **CRomnibus Funding Bill Includes \$5.1 Billion For Health Centers**

Congressional negotiators agreed to a FY2015 final spending plan – known as CRomnibus, or the continuing resolution omnibus legislation - which includes \$5.1 billion in health center program funding. The \$5.1 billion breaks down into \$1.5 billion in discretionary funding and \$3.6 billion in mandatory funding through the Health Center Fund. Specific congressional allocation guidance includes:

- No less than \$165 million for base grant adjustments
- No less than \$350 million to support: new access points including approved and unfunded applications for fiscal year 2014, grants to expand medical services, behavioral health, oral health, pharmacy, and vision services

- Up to \$150 million for construction and capital improvements

The bill passed the House on Thursday and is pending in the Senate at the time the Wrap was finalized. President Obama granted a 2-day extension for the Senate to pass the bill and avoid a government shut-down. Read **NACHC's updates for more detailed information.**

## **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**

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. **Click Here to Register.** For more information, contact **Britt Kushner.**

## **POLICY**

### **Sunset Advisory Commission Adopts Recommendations for Health and Human Services Agencies**

Last Monday, the Sunset Advisory Commission adopted recommendations to consolidate the Health and Human Services Commission with the four agencies

it oversees into a single agency. The set of recommendations also included substantial changes to state-funded women's health programs. **For more information Click Here.**

## **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.

## **R&R**

### **TACHC Congratulations to Genesis Primecare for a New Hire!**

**Mr. Robert Pinon** a TACHC referral accepted an offer for the **Genesis Primecare Chief Financial Officer** position!

Does your center have openings for clinical providers or executive management that you would like us to help you recruit for? Complete the **TACHC online position profile**. Contact **Danielle Ramos**, TACHC Recruitment Dept. Program Assistant for more information.

## **IT**

### **Technical Training Video Links**

TACHC's Information Technology Department is pleased to announce a new resource on [www.tachc.org](http://www.tachc.org). We've added several Server 2008 and Server 2012 technical videos from YouTube that we'd found to be particularly informative. **Find the videos HERE.**

### **TACHC's FREE Offsite Disaster Recovery Solution**

Just a reminder of TACHC's **FREE** Disaster Recovery backup solution. We now offer 500GB of backup capacity using Dell's powerful "NetVault" system to assist Members in keeping their critical data safe in the event of a local disaster. Please contact **Lee Davila** with questions or to move forward.512-329-5959 x2120

## **NEWS**

Congratulations to **TACHC's Lily Mitchell** who received her **Patient Centered Medical Home Content Expert Certification from NCQA!** She joins other TACHC PCMH NCQA certified content experts Nancy Gilliam and Davelyn Eaves Hood .

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