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Please Note: TACHC offices will be closed, Friday, March 30.



FY18 Spending Package Builds on Congress' Commitments to Community Health Centers

The recently passed \$1.3 trillion [FY18 spending package](#) builds on Congress' historic commitments to Community Health Centers. The bill includes:

- \$1.626 billion (+\$135 million) in discretionary 330 grant funding to expand quality primary care access at health centers across the country. Combined with the mandatory Community Health Center Fund, this brings the total funding for health centers in FY18 to \$5.4 billion;
- At least \$200 million in Section 330 grant dollars towards quality improvement or service expansion grants to support behavioral health, mental health, or substance use disorder services; and
- Replenishing the Health Center Loan Guarantee Program with \$20 million, which will leverage up to \$743.5 million in private loan activity.

Also included in the bill is roughly \$3.3 billion to battle the opioid crisis and improve access to mental health treatment. [Read the full story here.](#)

Henry Schein Cares
FOUNDATION

Healthy Lifestyles, Healthy Communities Online Application Now Live

Henry Schein Cares Foundation, Inc., in partnership with the National Association of Community Health Centers, is offering **NACHC Organizational Members** the opportunity to apply for support to sponsor local **Healthy Lifestyles, Healthy Communities (HLHC)** screening events in underserved communities. The partnership will result in grant funding and product donations to support each of the ten (10) selected community health center-sponsored events during 2018. **Application submission deadline is April 6, 2018.** [APPLY HERE.](#) Questions can be [directed here.](#)

CONGRATULATIONS!

Project Vida Health Center Receives 2017 Health Center Quality Improvement Award

Congratulations to Project Vida Health Center. The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) recently presented El Paso's Project Vida Health Center with the **2017 Health Center Quality Improvement Award**. In a letter to Project Vida, HRSA stated: "As a Health Center Quality Leader Project Vida Health Center achieved the best overall clinical performance among all health centers, placing in the top 30 percent of the

adjusted quartile rankings for Clinical Quality Measures.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

FQHC Billing Boot Camp **FULL- REGISTRATION CLOSED**

Date: April 17-19 • Austin Marriott North, 2600 La Frontera Boulevard Round Rock, TX • Details: [Click here](#)

Free HIPAA Training • Sign up Now!

Free HIPAA Trainings for small providers will be provided by the federal authority on HIPAA, the Office of Civil Rights, in four Texas locations. :

- [Dallas May 8](#)
- [Kilgore May 9](#)
- [El Paso June 5](#)
- [Houston June 8](#)

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OUTREACH

Sendero Health Plans to withdraw from Medicaid/CHIP Markets

Sendero Health Plans, a local HMO formed by [Central Health](#) in 2011, is closing out plans in Medicaid and CHIP leaving the Travis county market with 3 remaining health plans. About 18,000 current enrollees will begin to receive letters letting them know to choose a new plan by April 13 or they will be automatically assigned to a new plan. Their withdrawal from the market was in part due to 2018 premium payment rate increases set by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission. Read more on this [story here](#).

New Process for CMS Certified Designated Organization (CDO) Agreements

As a reminder, HRSA Outreach/Enrollment (OE) grant funds rolled into base grants **require** OE-grantee health centers to become a Certified Designated Organization or CDO and have trained CACs on staff conducting in-reach, outreach and enrollment assistance year-round. In an effort to keep contact information and site locations up-to-date, CMS will now require **existing CDOs to renew their participation every two years**. CDO points of contact at the health center should have received an [email from CMS](#) on or around March 14, 2018 announcing the new process to renew. Beginning in April, CMS will send all HRSA OE grantee health centers an email inviting them to renew their CDO status. All CDO points of contact should receive this email *if the contact information is current and up-to-date with CMS*. Please advise [Sonia Lara](#) if you did not receive the March 14 email and/or do not receive the CMS invitation to renew by May 2018.

CLINICAL



2018 TACHC Clinical Conference Registration Now Open!

[Agenda](#) is now available

Mark your calendars and join us for this year's Texas Association of Community Health Center's (TACHC) **2018 Clinical Conference!** The Conference takes place **April 26-28, 2018** at the [Westin Stonebriar](#) in Frisco, TX.

This year's theme is **"Integrating Strategies to Meet Patient Needs."** Conference topics and format support the integration of services, and enhancement of systems that support improved patient care. Additionally, topics challenge community health centers to look beyond the medical office into the community and environment affecting their patient's care. For more information [click here](#) or contact [Verne LaGrega](#), Interim Director of Clinical Affairs.

Facing the Challenges of Oral Health Care for Seniors

This webinar is hosted by The National Network for Oral Health Access, a HRSA-funded NCA and is set for Tuesday, April 3, 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. CST. [Register Here](#)

Enhancing Your Approach to Working with Teen Patients: Understanding Adolescent Brain Development and Non-Judgmental Communication

This webinar is hosted by the School-Based Health Alliance, a HRSA-funded NCA and is set for Tuesday, April 3 12:00-1:00 p.m. CST [Register Here](#)

Contraception Training

Patient Selection and Counseling + Hands on IUD Placement Training. There is no charge to attend but you will need to need RSVP. Training will be on Monday, April 16, 2018, 5:30-7 p.m. Please note: Non-clinicians can attend the counseling portion of the event from 5:30-6:15 p.m. The Trainer is Tracy Harper, MSN, MSL, Bayer Medical Affairs, Women's Health. Training will take place at the Doubletree by Hilton, 6505 N. IH-35, Austin, Texas 78752. Please note that the RSVP deadline is Monday, April 9, 2018. For more information [email here](#).

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RECRUITMENT & RETENTION

Would You Like Us to Help You Recruit?

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

Did you know that the TACHC Weekly Wrap-Up is available to ALL TACHC members and ALL your staff? [Share this link with your health center staff to sign up for the Wrap!](#)

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