



TACHC Weekly Wrap-Up

The Heartbeat of Texas Community Health Centers

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UPCOMING EVENTS

TACHC OC³ CPI Webcast Series: Improving Performance, Ensuring FTCA Coverage

April 17: Part 2, TACHC Associate General Counsel Cecile Carson will present data from the homework survey from Part 1 of this series, offering recommendations for problem areas and opportunities for performance

improvement.

Click here to see webcast agendas and register for the series. **Submit any FTCA questions you would like answered on the webcasts to Cecile Carson at TACHC.**

GOVERNANCE and FINANCE

CY 2016 Requirements for FTCA Medical Malpractice Coverage for Health Centers

HRSA has issued **Program Assistance Letter (PAL) 2015-03** to describe the process for Health Center Program grantees to submit initial and redeeming Federal Tort Claims Act (FTCA) deeming applications for Calendar Year (CY) 2016.

Applications are due by Tuesday, May 26, 2015, 11:59pm, ET. Technical Assistance (TA) Webcasts will be held on April 2 (Risk Management) , April 8 (Credentialing), and April 9 (Professional Liability) from 2:00pm – 3:30pm, ET.

View more information on this PAL and TA Webcasts.

CLINICAL AFFAIRS

After Hours Triage Survey

In order to assist centers in meeting the **After Hours program requirement for the 330 grant** and to provide an additional service for patients, **TACHC is considering adding a nurse triage after hours service into the group purchasing program.** However, we would like to evaluate the interest of centers in this product by asking centers to complete a very short survey. **Please complete the survey before Wednesday, April 1.** If you have any questions please contact **Nancy Gilliam.**

TACHC Booster Session: Special Motivational Interviewing Training Workshop

The session will be held at the Austin Marriott North in Round Rock on Friday April 10th, 2015 from 8:45am to 12:30pm. (Breakfast starts at 7:30am) Motivational Interviewing (MI) is a person-centered approach to communication and counseling intended to elicit and strengthen intrinsic motivation for positive health behavior change. It is effective at building a relationship between clinical staff and patient with a focus on shared-decision making. It has been shown to outperform traditional advice giving in the treatment of a broad range of behavioral problems and diseases. Join us for this interactive workshop where you will learn more about MI and be given ample opportunity to practice the skills which can help support your patients make and sustain healthy behavior changes. For more information contact TACHC's **Lily Mitchell. Click Here for More Information and to Register.**

POLICY

Federal Advocacy & Funding Cliff Update

Yesterday, the **House voted overwhelmingly to pass H.R. 2, which includes vital 2-year extensions of funding for Health Centers, the National Health Service Corps and Teaching Health Centers.** In the House, **32 out of 36 Members voted in favor of H.R. 2.** Thanks to all Texas health center representatives whose attendance at the NACHC Policy and Issues Forum in Washington, D.C. last week made our advocacy efforts a huge success! Back home, Texas had the second highest number of advocacy calls to their Members! We are on our way to a fix to the health center funding cliff, but not in the clear yet. **Click here for more info.**

GROUP PURCHASING

Termination of TACHC/Merck Contract

In case you are not aware yet, the **TACHC/Merck contract terminates next week on 3/31/15.** The price for Dulera, Nexplanon and NuvaRing, will revert back to list-340B price. If you want to take advantage of the TACHC contract pricing, place an order for these items before 3/31/15. If you have any questions, please contact **Lynn Ford.**

After Hours Triage Survey

Henry Schein's Worry-Free Flu Vaccine Offering

Once again, Henry Schein, medical (TACHC endorsed distributor), is offering their 2015/16 Worry-Free Influenza Vaccine Program. The offer expires 3/31/15. **Details about the vaccines offered and how to order.**

Henry Schein's Dental Essentials Line

Henry Schein dental has a new cost effective line of disposable and barrier items called "Essentials" providing high quality for all "Essential" needs - from 2 x 2's to gloves. Click **HERE** for a brochure, and contact your Henry Schein representative for more information.

R&R

Congratulations to Regence Health Network, Inc. for a New Hire!

Dr. Carmen Garcia, a TACHC referral, accepted an offer for the Dentist Position with Regence.

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

HCCN Members, schedule your 1 on 1 training today!

Please contact **Todd Radloff** to schedule your HCCN reporting system training session. Email or call for details.

Password Strength Tool

Use this easy, safe tool to **check your password strength**.

ICD9 <--> ICD10 Relation Tool

A tool to assist you in finding the **correct ICD10 code set**.

NEWS

Congratulations to **Good Neighbor Healthcare Center** for receiving AAAHC Accreditation and NCQA PCMH Level 3 Recognition for their Richmond Clinic!!

Don't miss out. Follow TACHC on **facebook** and **twitter**.

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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