



# TACHC Weekly Wrap-Up

The Heartbeat of Texas Community Health Centers

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Superior Healthplan FQHC Days

Superior Healthplan is hosting FQHC Days across the state. The goal of the sessions is to ensure FQHCs are informed of Superior's key processes, upcoming quality programs and have the opportunity to give feedback to the health plan. **Go here for the schedule.** For more information, contact Superior's **Ambar S. Qureshi** 361.994.5620.

#### National LGBT Health Education Learning Modules (a HRSA National Cooperative Agreement grantee)

Our LGBT patients experience health disparities that health centers can help address by learning how to provide culturally competent care. The **Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Health Learning Modules** help clinicians and other health care professionals improve the quality of care for LGBT people in health centers. You must register for an account to access online course materials and take post-tests. The modules are available at any time. Free CME/CEU credit available. The National LGBT Health Education Learning Modules (click on Education tab and select Learning Modules from the drop-down menu)

#### Join TACHC at Clinical Directors' Institute 2015

We're excited to invite you to this year's Clinical Directors' Institute, ***Focusing Care by Expanding Our Vision***, on July 17th and 18th in Frisco, TX. We will use diabetes as a lens to look at improving care, with the understanding that lessons learned from diabetes care can apply to other chronic conditions. We will expand our definitions of health and patient-centered care to better understand the realities of our patients' lives and better meet their needs. **Full agenda and registration information.** The group hotel room block is full. To make hotel reservations call 1-888-627-8116.

### GOVERNANCE and FINANCE

#### Confirm PCMH Recognition Status with HRSA by July 2 for Supplemental Base Award

Health centers that have Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH) recognition by July 1 are **eligible to receive the FY 2015 PCMH recognition supplemental base award.** Please ensure that HRSA has the most current information about your organization- and site-level recognitions by reviewing their list and emailing them before July 2nd with any changes.

#### Reminder: Medicaid Enrollment Requirement for EHR Incentive Program

Texas Medicaid eligible professionals (EPs) must be enrolled as a performing or

billing provider to participate in the **Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Program**. The Medicaid enrollment process can be lengthy and may take up to 60 days to complete. Providers who do not initiate the enrollment process early by completing and submitting the Texas Medicaid Provider Enrollment Application may not receive their Medicaid provider credentials in time to meet EHR program deadlines.

## **CLINICAL AFFAIRS**

### **Most Recent Info on ICD-10**

As we get closer to October 1, please take the time to make sure you and your center are prepared for ICD-10. You may find useful information at this **CMS website**, which even has a countdown to the compliance date. **Superior created a flyer** with more information as well. TACHC will also be hosting a face-to-face training on July 18th in Frisco, TX. Billers, coders, and providers can **register for the training here**. Please contact **Britt Kushner** with any questions about ICD-10.

### **Patient Engagement and Education Opportunity through NACHC**

NACHC is offering a one-year opportunity for health centers to pilot a new text-message-based tool called CareMessage, which is specifically designed to improve health literacy and disease self-management for underserved populations. Applications to the program are due by July 8th. You can find more information at this NACHC website and can **watch a demonstration of the technology here** (password is: care15). Please contact **Lily Mitchell** if you have questions about this program.

### **Back-to-School Vaccine Orders Taken July 1 – July 15**

If you provide vaccines to pediatric patients through the Texas Vaccines for Children (TVFC) program, please note that you must order ahead for the upcoming back-to-school period, which means that you may need to update your vaccine orders. This is a change from the process in earlier years because the DSHS pharmacy no longer maintains large vaccine inventories. Please find more information at the **TVFC website**.

### **Adult Safety Net and VFC Programs Expand Formularies**

**See Group Purchasing for more information.**

## **POLICY**

### **U.S. Supreme Court Upholds Marketplace Subsidies**

ICYMI. Yesterday, SCOTUS announced its decision in favor of the government in the case King v. Burwell on whether the federal government can provide subsidies to help people afford their insurance premiums in a federally-run health insurance Marketplace like the one operating in Texas. Click **HERE** for TACHC's

reaction. See [TACHC's website](#) and [Facebook page](#) for more coverage.

## Legislative Wrap-Up

The state legislative session wrapped up on June 1st. Click [HERE](#) to see how health centers fared on our legislative priorities and for an overview of bills passed that will impact health centers. Contact [Shelby Massey](#) with questions.

## GROUP PURCHASING

### Adult Safety Net and VFC Programs Expand Formularies

DSHS Immunization Branch has expanded the Adult Safety Net (ASN) Program formulary to now include Menveo, Menactra (meningococcal), Zostavax (zoster) and Varivax (varicella). [Find more information here](#). DSHS Immunization Branch has also expanded the Texas Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program to include Gardasil 9. There is more information available at [www.txpeds.org](http://www.txpeds.org).

## OUTREACH

### Outreach & Enrollment Conference

TACHC invites all health center Outreach and Enrollment staff and supervisors to attend this year's conference with a theme of *Putting the "Outreach" in Outreach and Enrollment*. The conference will focus on effective outreach strategies to targeted populations to educate them on health insurance options and how to enroll. Contact [Sonia Lara](#) for more information. [CLICK](#) or call 512-733-6767 to reserve your guest room rate of \$120/night by September 2nd.

## R&R

### Deadline TODAY for TACHC R&R Salary & Benefits Compensation Survey!

In an effort to provide useful information for Compensation and Benefits planning, TACHC R&R distributed a compensation and benefits salary survey on 6/2/2015 to Executive and Human Resources staff, please make sure your center is participating! **Please complete the survey by June 26th**. Please direct any questions to the Recruitment & Retention Department at 512-329-5959.

## IT

### Reminder: Medicaid Enrollment Requirement for EHR Incentive Program

[See Governance & Finance](#)

## NEWS

**TACHC is hiring** a Community Partner Program Recruitment Initiative (CPRI) Coordinator and a Database Developer!

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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