



TACHC Weekly Wrap-Up

The Heartbeat of Texas Community Health Centers

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UPCOMING EVENTS

July 24 & August 28 OC³ CPI Webcast: Serving Veterans at FQHCs

Please mark your calendars for a two-part webcast about serving veterans. **The first webcast, on July 24th, will address issues of clinical competency for this population.** In addition to our webcast, you may find this **free training from the Elizabeth Dole Foundation** helpful.

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 block is full. To make reservations call 1-888-627-8116.

GOVERNANCE and FINANCE

HHSC Rules on Presumptive Eligibility for Qualified Entities

HHSC final rules on Presumptive Eligibility allow Community Health Centers to become Qualified Entities (QEs). As a QE, health centers can determine if their eligible pregnant patients can obtain short-term Medicaid the same day they receive services while HHSC processes their application for regular Medicaid. Find **more information on HHSC presumptive eligibility rules.** To learn how to become a Qualified Entity, please click on **Become a QH/QE.** For more information on PE in Texas, **visit the new website.** For any other questions, please contact **Sonia Lara.**

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

Research Study on Your Experiences During Health Emergencies

A research team at the University of Texas at Austin has received a grant from the National Science Foundation for a study called "Ebola-related Information Wanted and Obtained by Healthcare Providers." The research will examine the types and amount of information wanted and obtained by health care providers and clinic personnel in crises like Ebola. The project has IRB approval from UT-Austin and the researchers will work with interested health centers to determine the best way to complete the 15-25 minute survey. If you are interested in participating in this research, please contact **Dr. Alexandra Garcia.**

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.**

POLICY

5 Weeks Til NHCW - Invite Your Elected Officials!

TACHC encourages you to invite your state representatives and senators and congressional representatives and senators to visit during National Health Center Week (NHCW) and to attend your health center week events! **NACHC makes inviting your Member of Congress easy with this tool.** Need help? Contact **Shelby Massey** or **Andrea Abel**. Already have an elected official attending? Let **Shelby** or **Andrea** know so we can keep track. Be sure to **post your NHCW events** as soon as possible. Password is "healthy".

GROUP PURCHASING

OPA's Registration Window is OPEN!

The Office of Pharmacy Affairs (OPA) July window is open and will remain open till midnight eastern time on 7/15/15. This is the time to register a clinic site and/or contracted retail pharmacy. Registration that occurs during the July window will be eligible for 340B pricing effective October 1st. **Please remember that any and all clinic sites listed in the EHB needs to be listed in the OPA database** (OPA database needs to match EHB perfectly!!).

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See Governance & Finance: Reminder: Medicaid Enrollment Requirement for EHR Incentive Program

NEWS

TACHC welcomes **Coastal Health & Wellness** CFO **Kathy Barroso** who is now Interim CEO and wishes departing CEO **Harlan "Mark" Guidry** well in his retirement.

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

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