



# TACHC Weekly Wrap-Up

The Heartbeat of Texas Community Health Centers

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **TACHC Wrap Takes a Vacation**

Next TACHC Weekly Wrap-Up will be Friday, August 7th.

### **Outreach & Enrollment Conference**

Don't miss this year's O&E conference ***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.

## **GOVERNANCE and FINANCE**

### **Veterans Choice Program: Important Update on TriWest Enrollment Steps**

Health centers that would like to enroll multiple sites into the Veterans Choice Program must submit for each site: (1) a profile sheet (cover page of the TriWest contract) and (2) supporting documentation to prove the site is a Medicare site. **A sample of one of those types of acceptable documentation is attached.** For more information on types of documentation, please see the attached **updated version of TACHC's Steps to Enroll**. If you have further questions, please contact **Sonia Lara**.

### **HRSA Policy on Same Sex Marriages**

In light of the recent U.S Supreme Court decision to uphold same-sex marriages, TACHC sought and received HRSA policy related to same-sex marriages. Please review this very important **excerpt from an email provided by NACHC Director of Regulatory Affairs, Colleen Meiman**. For questions or additional information, please contact **Daniel Diaz**.

### **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**.

## **CLINICAL AFFAIRS**

See **Group Purchasing** for GSK and Novartis Transaction and Menveo Available on DSHS's Adult Safety Net

## **POLICY**

### **2 Weeks Til National Health Center Week (NHCW)**

TACHC has new Texas-specific resources for your health center: **Local Proclamation Template** and a **Media Advisory Template** for your health center event. Also, **Governor Abbott issued a state proclamation** in celebration of

NHCW in Texas. Don't forget to **post your events to the NHCW website** (password is "healthy"). Contact **Andrea Abel** for more information.

### **Submit 1115 Waiver Renewal Comments to HHSC by August 5th**

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission is accepting public comments on the Texas 1115 Transformation Waiver renewal. The current waiver expires September 30, 2016. **Comments are due by August 5th.** Click **HERE** for more information on the renewal process and how to submit comments. To provide more information and insight into the waiver, TACHC and the Texas Academy of Family Physicians recently released the report Uncompensated Care and the Coverage Gap: The Role of the 1115 Transformation Waiver in Texas.

## **GROUP PURCHASING**

### **GSK and Novartis Transaction**

In case you have not heard, **GSK has acquired the Novartis vaccine line.** What this means to the health center is that the Novartis vaccines will now be manufactured by GSK ( Menveo, RabAvert and flu vaccine).

### **Menveo Available on DSHS's Adult Safety Net**

If your health center is purchasing the Menveo vaccine, you may have noticed that the price has increased noticeably recently. Please be aware for your adult uninsured patients that Menveo is now available on the **DSHS Adult Safety Net program.**

## **R&R**

### **TACHC Upcoming Recruiting Events**

AAFP National Conference of Family Medicine Residence & Medical Students, July 30 – Aug. 1 in Kansas!

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.

### **TACHC R&R Center Site Visits!**

Interested in scheduling a site visit with the R&R staff? Please contact **Danielle Ramos**, TACHC Recruitment Dept. Program Assistant for more information.

## **NEWS**

Mt. Enterprise Community Health Clinic has a new name! Their dba is now **Crossroads Family Care.**

**TACHC is hiring** a Database Developer!

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