



TACHC Weekly Wrap-Up

The Heartbeat of Texas Community Health Centers

August 7, 2015

In this Issue

1. Don't Miss Out! Outreach & Enrollment Conference
2. **SAVE THE DATE: TriWest Veterans Choice Program Claims & Reimbursement Processes**
3. HRSA Policy on Same Sex Marriages
4. OC3 CPI Webcast: Serving Veterans at FQHCs
5. HRSA Funding Opportunity for Substance Abuse Service Expansion
6. It's Here: August 9-15 is National Health Center Week!
7. Webcast: Preparing for National Voter Registration Day!
8. TACHCiversaries

UPCOMING EVENTS

Outreach & Enrollment Conference

Don't miss this year's O&E conference *Putting the "Outreach" in Outreach and Enrollment*. The September 15-16 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

SAVE THE DATE: TriWest Veterans Choice Program Claims & Reimbursement Processes

A TriWest webcast on Thursday, September 17 from 1:00 – 2:30PM CT will

discuss submitting claims and ensuring reimbursement for services provided to Veteran patients under the Veterans Choice Program. Health centers interested or already enrolled are strongly encouraged to participate. **In preparation for the webcast, please send questions or concerns regarding the claims submission or reimbursement process that you would like addressed on the webcast to Sonia Lara.** A TriWest Claims Supervisor will be on hand to answer questions and respond to any concerns. Registration link forthcoming.

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**.

CLINICAL AFFAIRS

OC3 CPI Webcast: Serving Veterans at FQHCs

In case you missed it last month, **Part 1 of the OC3 CPI Webcast: Serving Veterans at FQHCs is archived and available through this registration link.**

With the Veterans Choice Program, more military personnel will be coming to FQHCs for care. It is important for health centers to provide a welcoming environment and be aware of the different cultural and clinical issues related to active duty military and veterans. We will be sending out homework questions to inform the discussion in Part 2 (scheduled for Friday, August 28th from 9-11AM) of what health centers are actually doing around caring for military personnel.

HRSA Funding Opportunity for Substance Abuse Service Expansion

HRSA is offering grants to improve and expand the delivery of substance abuse services with a focus on medication-assisted treatment (MAT) in opioid use disorders. There will be a **webcast on August 12th from 1-2pm CT available through this link.** You can **read more about the funding opportunity at this link.** Applications due **September 28th.**

POLICY

It's Here: August 9-15 is National Health Center Week!

2015 is a big year. 50th anniversary of Medicaid/Medicare. 50th anniversary of the Voting Rights Act. AND, shout it loud and proud, 50th anniversary of Community Health Centers! Make sure to take lots of pictures at your center's NHCW events, post them on Facebook and use the hashtag #NHCW15. ICYMI, **here are some media tools from NACHC.** Need more info? Contact **Shelby** or **Andrea** at TACHC.

OUTREACH

Webcast: Preparing for National Voter Registration Day!

Join this webcast Thursday, August 13th at 1:00PM CT to learn more about **National Voter Registration Day (September 22nd, 2015)** where last year alone over 400 organizations and 10,000 volunteers registered more than 155,000 people to vote. Join our partners at Nonprofit VOTE to learn how your health center can get involved, host your own voter registration event, spread the word and more. **More info and RSVP**. Want TACHC to train your staff on how to do voter registration at your health center? Contact **Andrea Abel**.

NEWS

Happy **TACHC**iversary to **Verne LaGrega** (since 2007) and **Lynn Ford** since (since 1997)!

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**.

SUBSCRIBE to the TACHC Weekly Wrap-Up.

UNSUBSCRIBE.

Texas Association of Community Health Centers
5900 Southwest Parkway, Building 3
Austin, Texas 78735
(512) 329-5959
www.tachc.org
www.facebook.com/TexasCHCs