



TACHC Weekly Wrap-Up

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UPCOMING EVENTS

OC³ CPI Webcast: Health Center Compensation and Benefits

Part 1: Health Center Compensation and Benefits, Friday September 18, 9-11am CT where the results of the TACHC Salary and Benefits Survey of Texas health center executives, providers and clinical support staff will be presented along with state and national benchmarks for comparison.

Part 2: Health Center Compensation and Benefits, Friday October 16, 9-11am CT will follow with presentation of strategies regarding improving health center recruitment packages and also best practices in retention of top employees.

Agenda and more information to follow. Contact TACHC's **Marcia Falloure** for more information. **Register for the OC³ CPI Webcast.**

In appreciation of your participation in the Compensation and Benefits Survey, TACHC will include one line free of charge per center for the Compensation and Benefits Survey Results Webinar Part 1 and Part 2. **Register for the OC³ CPI Webcast.**

O&E Conference Last Chance to Register

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. Call 512-733-6767 to reserve your guest room.

Identifying Migratory and Seasonal Agricultural Worker (MSAW) Status

The National Center for Farmworker Health, a HRSA National Cooperative Agreement grantee for MSAWs, is hosting a webcast Thursday, September 10, 1:30pm – 2:30pm, CT to highlight the importance of intake data collection in identifying MSAWs served under the health center program. **View more information and register for the webcast.**

GOVERNANCE and FINANCE

TriWest Webcast– Claims & Reimbursement Under Veterans Choice

A free 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 Information.**

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Applications to Million Hearts Program open through September 10th

There's still time to apply to the Million Hearts Cardiovascular Risk Reduction Model, a five-year study of a tool for calculating patients' individual risk for a heart attack or stroke in the next ten years. This program, through Medicare, offers financial incentives for implementing the tool and doesn't require any additional data reporting. **For more information, please see the FAQs.**

HRSA Substance Abuse Expansion Resources Webcast

HRSA and other federal partners are **hosting a webcast** on Tuesday, September 8th, 1-2pm CT. The webcast will highlight information and resources available to assist health centers improve and expand the delivery of substance use disorder services, including providing medication-assisted treatment.

HHS Webcast Series: Increasing Consumer Use of Recommended Preventive Services using eHealth Tools

The HHS Office Disease Prevention and Health Promotion has joined with the Office National Coordinator for Health Information Technology to host a two-part webcast series bringing together innovators in the field to discuss consumer-driven approaches to care. This session will focus on the use and leveraging of eHealth tools to reach consumers. **Part 1 of the webcast, which you can register for at this link**, is from 1-2pm CT on September 10th. Part 2 will be on September 21st.

POLICY

New State Laws In Effect September 1

September 1st marks the beginning of the new state fiscal year and the effective date for many of the bills passed during the last legislative session and sign into law by the governor. **Go here for a summary of some of the most important bills impacting health centers effective this week.**

340B Pricing Program Omnibus Guidance Draft Regulations Released

The Department of Health and Human Services has released the much anticipated **340B Pricing Program Omnibus Guidance draft regulations**

which are ***open for public comment until October 27th***. The draft rule makes considerable changes to the 340B program, especially in contract pharmacy requirements. TACHC will be drafting comments for your review and plans to hold a webcast later this month to discuss the proposed regulation with members. **Stay tuned!**

GROUP PURCHASING

Office of Pharmacy Affairs Registration Window Quickly Approaching

The next OPA window to register both a clinic site and a retail pharmacy to be eligible for 340B pricing is October 1-15. This is also the window if you want to add a new retail pharmacy to contract for pharmacy services (“bill to/ship to”). When registering in this window of time, the new site will be eligible for 340B pricing effective January 1st.

The registration process occurs electronically via the OPA website. Remember that you cannot register a site to be eligible for 340B pricing till it is listed in the EHB. It is critical for any and all clinic sites that are listed in the EHB to also be listed in the database in order for patients seen at the clinic sites to fill their prescriptions with 340B. If you have any questions, please contact **Lynn Ford**.

TACHC Endorses 340Basics for Pharmacy Administrative Services

TACHC recommends using 340Basics if your health center wants to either start or expand its contracts with retail pharmacies by registering during the upcoming window. The OPA registration window will be here very soon (10/1-15). TACHC and 340Basics partner together for a pharmacy administrative service that is efficient and cost-effective for both the health center and the patients. 340Basics can help find retail pharmacies to contract with if needed. If your health center is interested in using the TACHC/340Basics program, please contact Lynn Ford sooner than later to take advantage of the quickly approaching registration window. **More information about 340Basics.**

OUTREACH

Right Around the Corner: NVRD

September 22 is **National Voter Registration Day**, a perfect opportunity for health centers to get patients registered to vote in the November election before the October 5 registration deadline. TACHC has swag and educational materials to use in your events. Interested? Contact TACHC’s **Andrea Abel**.

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NEWS

Congratulations to **Nuestra Clinica del Valle**, winner of the **National Health Center Week photo contest grand prize**, and to **Su Clinica Familiar** as first runner up in the contest.

Happy TACHCiversary to **Maria Tamez** (8 years) and **Courtney Weaver** (1 year)!

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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