



TACHC Weekly Wrap-Up

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UPCOMING EVENTS

TACHC 32nd Annual Conference

Please join us for the **32nd Annual TACHC Conference**, October 25-28 at the Westin Galleria Houston. **Register, download the agenda and more information.** For room reservations under the group rate, call the StarGroup reservations line directly, 1-800-228-1212, or click **HERE** by Thursday,

September 24, reference the group **TACHC's Annual Conference** in order to receive the group rate over the contracted event dates. The group hotel rate is \$159/King and \$169/2 Queens.

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.

Contact TACHC's **Marcia Falloure** for more information. **Download the Agenda and 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.**

GOVERNANCE and FINANCE

TACHC Recommendation on HRSA FOIA Request

We've had a number of inquiries about how to respond to the FOIA request email dated September 9, 2015 from the HRSA FOIA Office to all Centers regarding three UDS tables. We recommend that you respond NO to the request, because your release of this information by sending any other reply would mean that you have waived the confidentiality protection of this information at HRSA for any requestor. You may also simply not respond to the email, and your answer will be deemed as NO; however, it is best to have an email record that you responded NO to the request for your future reference. We have had the same position on these HRSA requests since 2008. Feel free to contact **Cecile Carson** with any specific questions.

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.**

CLINICAL AFFAIRS

OC³ CPI Webcast: Health Center Compensation and Benefits

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Patient Engagement Strategies: Getting to 'Yes' in Patient Engagement

On September 22 from 12-1pm CT, the first of a free five-part webinar series hosted by Commission for Case Manager Certification will address patient engagement. **More information is available at this link.**

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 September 1.**

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 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 with 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 on 340Basics.**

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NEWS

TACHC welcomes **Gema Lane** who joined us as the Community Partner Program Recruitment Initiative Coordinator!

Don't miss out. Follow TACHC on **facebook** and **twitter**.

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