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UPCOMING EVENTS

[TACHC Policy & Issues Forum January 26-27, 2015](#)

Registration for the **TACHC Policy and Issues Forum** is now open! This conference provides health center CEOs, Board Members and other high level staff the opportunity to learn about TACHC's legislative agenda for the upcoming state legislative session, receive in-depth information on health policy issues in Texas that impact health centers, and visit with legislators to engage them on the health center legislative agenda. This year, TACHC is asking that health centers bring a patient advocate with them to the P&I Conference to help tell the health

center's story. Please contact **Shelby Massey** with questions or comments.

TACHC Health Information Technology Summit, February 12-13, 2015

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ATTENTION CLINICIANS: ICD-10 Transition Webcast Clinicians, 6-part series begins 1/29/15

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ATTENTION BILLING & CODING STAFF: TACHC ICD-10-CM Code Set Training for Coding and Billing Staff, February 12-13, 2015

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GOVERNANCE and FINANCE

2015 TACHC Membership Dues Notice

2015 TACHC membership dues notices have been emailed to each Executive Director with an attached invoice and supporting documents. As stated in the invoice, payment, either in full or part, is due to TACHC by 3/1/15. If you have any questions about the dues payment process or have not received the email, please contact **Lynn Ford**.

CLINICAL AFFAIRS

Register Now for the Clinician's Guide to ICD-10 Transition Webcast Series

TACHC will host a Clinician's Guide to ICD-10 Transition webcast series from January through June 2015. Marilyn Masick, M.Ed., CPC, CCP will walk through the most common ICD-9 codes for FQHC providers, crosswalk them to ICD-10 and discuss the associated documentation needs to aid in making the transition to ICD-10 a smooth one for the medical staff at your centers. Each webcast will be recorded and made available for you to share with your medical staff that are not able to attend the live sessions. Each will also include a post-test to ensure your medical staff has learned the key items from the lessons. The webcast series is \$400 for members, \$500 for non-members. **Click Here to Register**. For more information, please contact **Britt Kushner** or **Davelyn Eaves Hood**.

TACHC ICD-10-CM Code Set Training for Coding and Billing Staff, February 12-13, 2015

Code Set Training will consist of introductory ICD-10 information and chapter by chapter code set training. The training is tailored for FQHCs and contains a lot of practice on how to look up codes, including chapter specific exercises at the end of each chapter. At the conclusion of the two days, there will be case notes (as

opposed to coding lookup exercises) that will be coded.

In order to keep working page numbers consistent we will use 2014 AAPC Draft ICD-10-CM. Every person attending needs to bring a copy of same. All attendees should also bring small post-its and colored highlighters. Post-it tabs would also be helpful.

Participants will also be given a copy of the Coder's Reference Lookup List for FQHCs developed by Masick with coding frequency information provided by several Texas FQHCs. For more information, contact **Britt Kushner**.

POLICY

Bill of the Week

With the state legislative session kicking off last Tuesday, TACHC will highlight a bill relevant to health centers each week during the session. **This week's bill, filed by Senator Schwertner, would create a mental health loan repayment program.**

Texas 2015 Code Red Report Released

Earlier this month, an influential report released issued the following recommendation, "To improve the health of all Texas residents, the Code Red Task Force recommends the use of available federal funds to allow more low-income, working Texans to obtain health insurance," specifically mentioning FQHCs.

The Code Red Task Force on Access to Health care in Texas (Task Force) is a nonpartisan group that includes representatives from large and small employers in Texas, health care providers, hospitals, medical schools, non-governmental organizations, insurers, health policy experts, as well as community and business leaders. **Read the full report Code Red: The Critical Condition of Health in Texas.**

GROUP PURCHASING

TACHC and 340Basics Now Partnering

As a TACHC membership benefit, you are eligible to take advantage of our 340B pharmacy purchasing program, called 340Better. TACHC is delighted to inform you there is a **new added 340Better benefit available only for FQHCs** to help you provide your patients access to **critical, affordable, low-cost medications.**

340Basics is a cost-effective, efficient, **TACHC-endorsed** 340B virtual inventory software solution that works as a 340B program administrator product to meet your health center's retail pharmacy contracting needs. This solution offers compliance through a secure interface with your health center's EMR which enables HRSA 340B program compliance. **340Basics** will administer your

network and develop your pharmacy plan [all for a minimal flat fee!](#)

To take advantage of this new benefit, immediately contact **Lynn Ford** or **Colleen DiClaudio, Executive Vice President at 340Basics**. There is more information at: www.340Basics.com. If you have any questions about the 340Better pharmacy program and how 340Basics are now collaborating together, please contact **Lynn Ford**.

IT

TACHC Health Information Technology Summit, February 12-13, 2015

Hotel reservation deadline **EXTENDED** to Monday, January 19th. The 2015 TACHC Health Information Technology Summit is designed to disseminate best practices and share innovative projects within the FQHC environment that directly supports health information technology efforts. Topics will include using technology to improve patient experience; Quality Assurance and Quality Improvement; ICD-10 preparation; data security; Meaningful Use; and Health Information Exchanges. Contact TACHC IT Director **Todd Radloff** for more information. See www.tachc.org/events for more information.

NEWS

Congratulations **Amistad Community Health Center** for receiving NCQA PCMH Level 3 Recognition!

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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