



# TACHC Weekly Wrap-Up

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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.

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

**See Clinical Affairs**

### **ATTENTION BILLING & CODING STAFF: TACHC ICD-10-CM CODE SET TRAINING FOR CODING AND BILLING STAFF, FEBRUARY 12-13, 2015**

**See Clinical Affairs**

## **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**

### **National Conference Seeks Poster Presentations on Cancer Screening Access**

The **2015 Dialogue for Action: Expanding Access Through Innovation** has a call for poster abstracts about projects to expand access to cancer screening in your community. Submissions are due by Tuesday, February 10th. The poster session will be April 22-24th. Please contact **Lily Mitchell** if you have questions or would like support as you write and submit an abstract.

### **Veteran Health Services: What Health Centers Need to Know**

NACHC is pleased to present the **Veteran Health Services: What Health Centers Need to Know Webinar**, Wednesday, February 11, 2015 from 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. CST. Under new legislation, health centers are rapidly becoming a significant part of the Veterans Administrations push into the private sector to meet the health care needs of our nation's Veterans.

### **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 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. For more information, please contact **Britt Kushner** or **Daveilyn 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**

### **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](http://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**

**See Upcoming Events.**

## NEWS

Congratulations to **Community Health Service Agency, Inc.'s Farmersville Family Medical Center** for achieving NCQA PCMH Level 2 Recognition!

Congratulations to **Su Clinica Familiar** for achieving NCQA PCMH Level III recognition for their **Brownsville and Raymondville clinics!**

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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