



# TACHC Weekly Wrap-Up

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

**Registration is now open!** Hotel reservation deadline is Monday, January 12th. 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 BILLING & CODING STAFF: TACHC ICD-10-CM Code Set Training for Coding and Billing Staff, February 12-13, 2015

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## **CLINICAL AFFAIRS**

### **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**.

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

NACHC presents Veteran Health Services: What Health Centers Need to Know webinar, Wednesday, February 11, 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. CST. Under new legislation, health centers are rapidly becoming a significant part of the Veterans Administrations push to meet the health care needs of our nation's Veterans. **Click here to register.**

### **Measles Information and Resources Available**

In the past month, more than 68 people from 11 states were reported to have measles. To date, there are currently no cases associated with this outbreak in Texas; however DSHS and CDC urge healthcare professionals to consider measles when evaluating patients with febrile rash and to ask about a patient's recent international travel history and travel to domestic venues frequented by international travelers. Find CDC resources **HERE**, **HERE** and **HERE**. Find TDSHS resources **HERE**.

### **Save the Date: 2015 Texas Immunization Conference**

The Texas Department of State Health Services' (DSHS) Immunization Branch and the Texas Public Health Association are co-hosting the statewide Texas Immunization Conference this Fall November 18th – 20th. For more information call (512) 776-3711.

## **POLICY**

### **TACHC Bill of the Week**

This week's highlighted bill is the only must-pass bill of the state legislative session- the budget. The House and Senate have released their base budgets, and TACHC has summarized the elements relevant to health centers **HERE**. Contact **Shelby Massey** with questions.

## **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**

Please join TACHC in welcoming new member Special Health Resources for Texas, an FQHC Look-alike headquartered in Longview. Mr. Kim Newvig is the organizations executive director.

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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