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TACHC Clinical Conference Next Week!

We're looking forward to spending some time with clinicians at our conference [Bringing the Office of the Future Into Today](#). A few spaces are left for last minute additions – join us! The agenda includes sessions that provide insight into effective, engaging practices at community health centers, such as holistic approaches to chronic pain, technologies like Project ECHO® and continuing efforts for better integration of dental care and behavioral health.

Case Studies Examining the Impact of Community Health Workers/Promotores

On Wednesday, April 13th, DSHS will host a grand rounds presentation on the impact of CHWs, both in the US and internationally. You can [register through this link to attend in person in Austin or by webcast](#). Continuing education credits are available for attendees. Please contact [Christina Brito-Tigerina](#) if you have any questions.

FTCA University, August 9-10, 2016, Austin

Community Health Centers (CHCs) have the valuable option of being deemed covered for malpractice claims by the Federal Tort Claims Act (FTCA). To qualify and continue receiving the benefit, CHCs must meet rigorous requirements in the areas of patient safety and quality of care. Join the Bureau of Primary Health Care and TACHC where we will review FTCA basics such as the latest deeming and re-deeming application requirements, including credentialing, quality assurance and risk management elements. We will also get into more advanced topics including who and what are covered, adverse incident analysis, claims management, and prevention of both in particular high risk areas. [More information and to register](#).

GOVERNANCE and FINANCE

HHSC: Deadline Extended for Medicaid Re-Enrollment

The original Medicaid re-enrollment deadline of March 24, 2016, **has been extended by CMS to September 24, 2016** to allow states additional time to process provider applications. **However, to avoid potential disruption in payment, complete re-enrollment applications by June 17, 2016.** For Texas Medicaid, this means all providers, including ordering and referring providers, who have not met all Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act revalidation requirements must do so through re-enrollment by September 24, 2016. TACHC has prepared [Medicaid Re-Enrollment Fact Sheet](#). HHSC's [Laura Blanke](#) can provide more information.

Now Accepting Applications: NHSC Loan Repayment Program

[NHSC Loan Repayment Program](#) is **now accepting applications through April 5, 2016**. This is a great strategy to recruit and retain your eligible providers. [Application and Program Guidance](#). See if your site is already approved at the [NHSC Jobs Center](#).

POLICY

Congressional Health Center Appropriations Letters

Thank you to all Texas health centers who reached out to their Members of Congress to sign onto the House and Senate letters urging support for Community Health Center funding! **In total, 22 members of Congress and Senator Cornyn signed onto the letters!** For a complete list and more information, click [HERE](#).

HHSC Releases RFP for Healthy Texas Women

HHSC has released the Request for Proposals for the Healthy Texas Women program. **Proposals are due Friday, April 22nd**. Providers can [find the RFP here](#). Vendor questions are due 4/4/2016 and should be emailed to the RFP point of contact [Mahsa Azadi](#). TACHC has prepared a [Q&A for more information](#).

CLINICAL AFFAIRS

Upcoming Trainings Related to Clinical Conference

Many of the topics that we'll be exploring in depth at Clinical Conference will be featured in national trainings this month. First, on April 5th, there will be a webcast about the importance of collecting information on [sexual orientation and gender identity](#). NACHC is currently recruiting a limited number of health centers to participate in [Project ECHO® LGBT](#), a series of videoconference sessions over the next year to support primary care providers. Next, on April 7, 2016, Samueli Institute—a national leader in integrative pain management—will host an informational webinar on [best practices in non-pharmacologic pain care](#). Finally, on April 12th from 1-2:30pm Central, HRSA will host a webinar about [integrating oral health](#) into primary care.

OC3-CPI Webcast The Importance of Self-Care in Providing Care Recording & Part 2

In TACHC's last installment of our OC³-CPI Webcast series, Dr. Ben Brown provided incredibly practical tips for individuals interested in creating personalized wellness plans and combatting burnout. If you

missed the presentation, we recorded it and it is available for viewing for you and your staff. If you haven't registered, email [TaSheena Mitchell](#), and we will send you the link. Additionally, in Part 2 on **Friday, April 15th from 9-11AM**, we will be delving a little deeper into what health centers can do to promote a culture of wellness and help prevent burnout of their staff.

HIV 4th Generation Test

For centers using the TACHC/LabCorp contract, be aware that effective 3/28/16 LabCorp will discontinue all third-generation HIV tests and profiles and will offer only the fourth-generation test. Communications have been sent to all LabCorp clients in different phases. LabCorp will continue to alert accounts by letter as well as messages on the lab reports sent to the accounts ordering the third generation HIV test. As a result of this change, the price will increase from \$5.00 to \$10.00. If you have any questions, please contact [Lynn Ford](#).

OUTREACH

Voter Registration Starts with Health Center Staff!

Are all eligible staff at your health center registered to vote? How about your board? Take a moment at your next staff meeting to hand out pre-paid, addressed voter registration forms and TACHC Outreach Cards! Need more information? Contact [Andrea Abel](#).

GROUP PURCHASING

Office of Pharmacy Affairs Registration Window Is Open

The next window to register both a clinic site and a retail pharmacy to be eligible for 340B pricing is now, [April 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 July 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](#).

R&R

Another Successful TACHC R&R Placement

We would like to welcome Dr. Anamari George, a TACHC Referral, who accepted an offer for Pediatrician with Tyler Family Circle of Care in Tyler.

Are you taking advantage of all the resources TACHC's R&R Department has available for you? Click [HERE](#) then login with your TACHC website username and password. Don't have a login? No problem, please call us at (512) 329-5959.

NEWS

Congratulations to [AccessHealth](#) on their successful HRSA Operational Site Visit earlier this week!

Don't miss out. Follow TACHC on [facebook](#) and [twitter](#).

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