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UPCOMING EVENTS

Gulf Coast Health Center Partnering with Direct Relief

Gulf Coast Health Center, Inc. (GCHC) and Direct Relief have partnered to help individuals in the Southeast Texas counties of Jasper, Newton and Orange who were affected by the March, 2016 flooding. GCHC has available certain pharmaceuticals, medical supplies and personal care items at no cost to those living in one of these three counties. For more information, click [HERE](#) and [HERE](#) or call (877) 983-1161.

SAVE THE DATE: TACHC & HHSC to Host Medicaid Re-enrollment “How To” Webinar

Please join us for a webinar with TMHP staff on the ins-and-outs of Medicaid re-enrollment. This two-part webinar is scheduled for May 20th, 9:00-11:00am CT and June 17th, time TBD. Please stay tuned for

registration information.

GOVERNANCE and FINANCE

Medicines360's Hormonal IUD-Liletta Webinar Available

Medicines360 and TACHC hosted a March 29 webinar about the hormonal IUD Liletta. A recording of that webinar is available [HERE](#). The webinar outlines who Medicines360 is, what Liletta is, how it works and how to place orders. If you have any questions, please contact [Lynn Ford](#).

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.

POLICY

HTW and FP Procurement Update from HHSC

1. Because the Healthy Texas Women (HTW) Request For Proposal vendor Question/Answers has not yet been posted to the HHSC website, TACHC has asked HHSC for an extension to the April 21, 2016 proposal deadline for submitting a final response to the HTW procurement. Once we have heard if the extension is granted, we will let you know the updated proposal due date.
2. On Thursday, April 14, TACHC was informed by HHSC that the new Family Planning (FP) procurement will be released by next Friday, April 22nd.
3. TACHC is requesting your comments on the proposed rules for the [Healthy Texas Women](#) and [Family Planning](#) programs. Please submit comments or suggested edits to TACHC Policy & Research Coordinator [Erin Van Landingham](#) by Tuesday, April 19th at 12:00PM.

CLINICAL AFFAIRS

Zika and Pregnancy: What You Should Know

The latest [CDC Vital Signs](#) report provides timely information about Zika, including prevention and transmission. View this [CDC blog](#) for the latest information on preventing the spread of the Zika virus.

SIGN UP NOW! TACHC Community Health Worker/Promotor(a) Listserv

TACHC understands and appreciates the positive impact integrating Community Health Workers (CHWs)/Promotor(a)s into the health care team is making on patient health outcomes. We would like to develop an opportunity to share resources, ideas and challenges with member health centers who use CHW/Promotor(a)s as members of the health care team. We would also like to provide a platform for open dialogue for health centers who are interested in developing CHW/Promotor(a) programs. If you would like to be added to the NEW TACHC Community Health Worker (CHW)/Promotor(a) listserv, please send your name, title, email, health center name and phone number to [Christina Brito-Tigerina](#).

Health Communication Leadership Institute

UT Austin's Center for Health Communication will host a three-day workshop on health communication from May 31 to June 3. Space is limited and available only to professionals with at least seven years of work experience. You can learn more [HERE](#).

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](#).

GROUP PURCHASING

TRUEresult, TRUE2go and TRUEtest Discontinuation

Trividia Health (previously Nipro Diagnostics) will stop shipping the TRUEresult and TRUE2go meters effective immediately and will stop shipping the TRUEtest test strips effective June 1st. Trividia wants to work closely with the centers that are using the TRUEresult and TRUE2go meters to transition over to the TRUE METRIX system.

Cardinal will likely continue to have inventory of meters and test strips for only a number of weeks after Trividia stops shipping. Trividia will provide free meters to help in this process. Find more information [HERE](#) or contact [Chris Gallagher](#) with Trividia Health at (614) 571-0784.

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](#).

IT

Experts Warn Ransomware on the Rise in 2016

Ransomware is set to become one of the biggest security threats of 2016. Make sure to train your staff to recognize Ransomware, verify that your IT staff knows how to respond to infection and that your organization does the most it can do to prevent infections. For more information about ransomware and response techniques, click [HERE](#).

OUTREACH

April is National Minority Health Month

The theme for 2016 is "Accelerating Health Equity for the Nation." The HHS Office of Minority Health celebrates this month by raising awareness of health disparities affecting racial and ethnic minorities and working to accelerate health equity. [Find more information and resources.](#)

NEWS

April is a big month for TACHCiversaries! Happy TACHCiversary to **Daniel Diaz** (23 years!), **Albert Alvarez** (8 years), **Marcia Falloure** (5 years), **Danielle Ramos** (3 years) and **Ramona Whittington** (2 years).

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