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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

##### **HRSA Announces FY 2017 New Access Point Opportunity**

On April 18, 2016 HRSA released the FY 2017 New Access Points funding opportunity announcement

(FOA). Approximately \$50 million will be available for 75 awards to new and existing health centers for operational support of new primary care service delivery sites. HRSA will hold a TA call for applicants on **Wednesday, April 27 at 2:00 pm CT**. [Get call details and additional technical assistance resources](#). Applications are due in [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) by **10:59 pm CT on June 17** and in HRSA's Electronic Handbook (EHB) by **4:00 pm CT on July 15**. Applicants must meet **BOTH** deadlines. Click [HERE](#) for questions.

### **HRSA Changes to UDS for 2016**

The Bureau of Primary Health Care recently conducted a webinar discussing reporting changes for the 2016 Uniform Data System. This year many tables will be impacted with new requirements, some of which involve new data elements. [HERE](#) are the slides from the webinar. If you have any questions, please contact [Nancy Gilliam](#).

### **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**

#### **Health Texas Women RFP Deadline Extended to May 2<sup>nd</sup>**

HHSC has extended the deadline for providers submitting a Healthy Texas Women RFP. Providers now have until **Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016 at 2:00PM**. Please refer to the schedule in package 6 through the [ESBD website](#).

Package 6 also highlights changes to the Format and Content section of the RFP. According to the changes, provider will no longer be required to submit **Form D** or **Form E**. However, providers are now required to submit **Form M-1** (Community Education/Program Promotion Calendar). The addendum also attaches and requires the *HHSC Information Security and Privacy Initial Inquiry (SPI)* form. Also, the Table of Contents and Checklist (Form A) has been revised to reflect these changes. Please contact [Erin Van LANDINGHAM](#) with any questions.

### **CLINICAL AFFAIRS**

#### **Conference: Transdisciplinary Care Across the Health Care Community, Washington, DC**

The **2016 Annual Conference of the Association of Clinicians for the Underserved** will be held July 31 – August 3, 2016 at the Four Seasons Hotel in Washington DC. The Conference will focus on bringing clinical leaders of all types together to focus on improving care for the underserved. The ACU Conference will feature national leaders and top government officials for discussions on cultural competency, patient engagement, workforce recruitment and retention, health information technology and policy and advocacy. Please see the agenda at this link.

#### **Hepatitis A Cases in Canada Linked to Costco; CDC asks for Reported Cases in US**

There is currently an investigation into a series of Hepatitis A cases in Canada linked to berries purchased at Costco. While there haven't yet been any reported cases in the US, the CDC is asking to interview patients about food exposures (with particular emphasis on frozen fruit exposures and where they typically shop for food). Patients who meet the definition for acute HAV infection, have a history of frozen fruit consumption and did not travel internationally during the incubation period should be reported to [Dr. Melissa Collier](#).

## **CDC Fact Sheets About Mosquito-Borne Diseases**

The CDC has a number of [simple educational posters in multiple languages](#) about issues related to the Zika virus, chikungunya and dengue. We recommend the information about controlling mosquito populations, especially with the warm, wet spring that much of Texas has experienced.

## **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](#).

## **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.

## **NEWS**

Congratulations to Amistad Community Health Center featured as the [cover article in the March/April 2016 issue of Texas MD Magazine!](#)

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