



TACHC Weekly Wrap-Up

The Heartbeat of Texas Community Health Centers

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UPCOMING EVENTS

SAVE THE DATE: TACHC Clinical Conference, April 7-9, South Padre Island

More information here.

GOVERNANCE and FINANCE

CMS Announces \$157 Million in Funding to Test Improving Patients' Health Through Social Needs

HHS announced funding up to \$157 million to test whether screening beneficiaries for health-related social needs and associated referrals to and navigation of community-based services will improve quality and affordability in Medicare and Medicaid. CMS will award 44 cooperative agreements from \$1 million to \$4.5 million. Potential applicants must submit a letter of intent by February 8, 2016. Applications will be due in early 2016 and CMS anticipates announcing awards in the fall of 2016. View more information **HERE** and **HERE**.

CLINICAL AFFAIRS

Webinar: Healthy People 2020: Who's Leading the Leading Health Indicators?

On Thursday, January 21st, you're invited to join this Healthy People 2020 webinar on injury and violence prevention focused on activities and interventions related to preventing teen dating violence. **View more information and register for this webinar.**

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Free On-Demand Webinar Available: Conflict Resolution Skills

Conflict has many sources. While the results of conflict impact us individually, it also often has negative effects on group performance. Many conflicts would not spiral out of control if people used simple conflict resolution techniques. Attend this webinar to understand the dynamics of conflict and learn skills to respond confidently when faced conflict. **View the Free Conflict Resolution Skills Webinar.**

POLICY

NACHC Health Centers on the Hill 2015 Year-in-Review

ICYMI: **NACHC published a terrific blog post** giving the low-down on 2015 congressional action affecting health centers.

GROUP PURCHASING

340B Annual Recertification Begins 1/27/16

340B eligibility requires annual recertification with HRSA's Office of Pharmacy Affairs. This year's recertification window for FQHCs and Look-Alikes is January 27 - March 2. ***If recertification does not happen in this 6 week window, 340B eligibility will be terminated effective immediately.*** **ANNUAL RECERTIFICATION IS DIFFERENT THAN THE QUARTERLY REGISTRATION WINDOWS.**

To ensure smooth recertification, take note of the following:

1. Check the OPA database today and make certain ALL clinic address information is current and correct.
2. Check the OPA database today and make certain the "Contact Info" name and email is correct. The Authorizing Official (not the Primary Contact) listed is the person/email that will be getting login details for recertification.
3. Do not wait until the last second to recertify!!

More information:

- HRSA/OPA has **more information about recertification** on their website.
- There will be a conference call/webinar about recertification on 1/20/16 from noon to 1pm CT. **Click here for connection details.**
- If you have any questions, please contact **Lynn Ford**.

Last Day for OPA Registration Window

The window to register both a clinic site and a retail pharmacy to be eligible for 340B pricing is January 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 April 1.

The registration process occurs electronically via the **OPA website**. Remember that you cannot register a site to be eligible for 340B pricing until 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. Please contact **Lynn Ford** with questions.

TACHC Endorses 340Basics for Pharmacy Administrative Services

The quarterly OPA registration window ends today, and if your health center wants to either start or expand its contracts with retail pharmacies by registering during this window, TACHC recommends **340Basics**. TACHC and 340Basics partner together for a pharmacy administrative service that is efficient and cost-effective for both health centers and patients. 340Basics can help find retail pharmacies to contract with if needed. If your health center is interested in using the TACHC/340Basics program, please contact **Lynn Ford** to take advantage of the registration window. For more information about the program:

www.340Basics.com/340Better.

340B Coalition Now Has a Website

The 340B Coalition now has a website: <http://340bcoalition.org>. The National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC) is a member of the coalition. The website has information about 340B, stories, resources and various upcoming events.

OUTREACH

Template Media Release Clarifying Marketplace Open Enrollment Confusion

TACHC developed a **template media release** clarifying confusion about the actual dates and deadlines for the Health Insurance Marketplace 2016 Open Enrollment period. We are hearing reports from health centers that consumers are concerned that the Marketplace closed, and they no longer can enroll. Contact **Andrea Abel** or **Sonia Lara** for more information.

NEWS

TACHC welcomes new Coastal Health and Wellness executive director Tammy Babcock!

Congrats Community Health Center of Lubbock medical director Dr. Darnel Dabu featured as **Texas Academy of Family Physicians member of the month!**

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