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NHCW: Invite Members of Congress!, August 7-13

Have you invited your Member of Congress to your National Health Center Week event? Click [HERE](#) to send a personalized invitation through the NHCW website. Click [HERE](#) for a local proclamation template for Texas health centers to personalize and submit to the mayor, city council or county commissioners court.

Registration FULL: FTCA University, Aug 9-10, Austin

If you already have registered, be sure to make your hotel reservations by July 18 to receive the group rate. [More information.](#)

POLICY

Open Enrollment For Breast and Cervical Cancer Services

HHSC is seeking qualified applicants to enter into contracts to provide breast and cervical cancer screening, diagnostic, patient navigation, and Medicaid for Breast and Cervical Cancer (MBCC) application assistance services to women in defined priority populations. Open enrollment began on July 1 and will close on August 1 at 2 pm; the anticipated start date for the program is September 1. More information can be found on the [Electronic State Business Daily \(ESBD\) website](#). For questions, contact HHSC's [Nicole Hutchison](#).

Healthy Texas Women Program Summary of Comments

TACHC has created a [summary of the comments and responses](#) to the revised Healthy Texas Women and Family Planning Program rules published by HHSC. You can find HHSC's responses and the newly-published rules [HERE](#). TACHC will continue to monitor any changes made to Healthy Texas Women and the Family Planning Program and will update you as necessary. For any additional questions, please contact [Mary Allen](#).

CLINICAL AFFAIRS

Zika Prevention for CHWs

CHWs play a vital role in Zika prevention in Texas. Come learn how to protect your community and fight the bite and earn 3 DSHS Certified CEUs for CHWs and CHWIs at a **half-day session in Houston by the Texas Gulf Coast CHW/Promotores Association**, 10am-2pm, Friday, July 29, 2016. Cost is \$12 (includes lunch and materials); discount available to current TGCCPA members. Click [HERE](#) to register and for more information. Questions? Contact tgccpa@gmail.com

Free Diabetes Self-Management Education Materials

The Texas Diabetes Council and the Texas Department of State Health Services have created new materials for providers to empower their patients with diabetes through DSME. The message to patients is, "Do you have diabetes? Help yourself to better health." Providers can access the updated Texas Diabetes Council toolkit, download or order free educational materials, and locate local DSME programs at www.tdctoolkit.org.

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, July 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 October 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](#).

Temporary Price Reduction for GSK's Meningococcal Vaccine

GlaxoSmithKline is offering a temporary price reduction for their Bexsero Vaccine (Meningococcal Group B Vaccine). The temporary discount will be effective 7/11/16 through 9/30/16. A 10-dose single dose syringe will be available at \$1,280.00 and single dose syringe will be available at \$128.00. If you have any questions, contact [Lynn Ford](#).

OUTREACH & ENROLLMENT

TACHC Outreach & Enrollment Annual Conference, September 20-21, Bee Cave, TX

TACHC invites all health center Outreach and Enrollment (OE) staff and supervisors to attend this year's conference with the theme: **Let's Talk About O and E, Let's Talk About You and Me**. The conference will focus on creative peer learning and provide multiple networking opportunities as requested by OE staff through evaluations of past conferences. We will also have policy updates on upcoming changes, breakout sessions specific for OE Supervisors, as well as "throwback" sessions for new OE staff. Contact [Sonia Lara](#) or [RexAnn Shotwell](#) for more information.

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