



TACHC Weekly Wrap-Up

The Heartbeat of Texas Community Health Centers

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UPCOMING EVENTS

[NACHC P&I, March 16-19, Washington, D.C.](#)

Will we see you at **NACHC P&I**? Be on the lookout soon for more information from TACHC to begin organizing your Hill visits. Need more information? Contact **Andrea Abel**.

GOVERNANCE and FINANCE

[Webinar: Assessing How Outreach Improves Clinical Efficiency &](#)

Earn Triple Aim Outcomes Payments (Part 1)

Health Outreach Partners (HOP), a HRSA National Cooperative Agreement grantee, is offering a two-part webinar on how outreach services can help meet a health center's overall financial goals, including improving clinical efficiency, earning payment for triple aim outcomes, increasing revenue and avoiding costs. Join us for Part 1, Thursday, January 28 1:00-2:00pm CT. (Part 2 is Thursday, February 11, 1:00-2:00pm CT.) While intended for health center administrators and outreach program coordinators, we encourage participation of all those interested in understanding the financial benefits of outreach. **Register here.**

First-Ever CMS Innovation Center Pilot Project to Test Improving Patients' Health by Addressing their Social Needs

HHS announced a funding opportunity of 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 a total of 44 cooperative agreements ranging 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

Zika Virus Resources

The CDC announced this week that roughly a dozen cases of the mosquito-borne Zika virus have been reported in the U.S., all among people who recently returned from international travel. Please see the **CDC travel advisory** for a full list of the countries involved. The virus is a concern for **pregnant women** because it is suspected to cause microcephaly in infants born to infected women. More information for providers is available at **this link**. TACHC will continue to monitor developments and share information with you. If you have any questions, please email **Lily Mitchell**.

POLICY

Did a Member of Congress Visit Your Health Center in 2015?

NACHC needs this information ASAP for determining this year's NACHC Congressional Awards. Include name of the Member of Congress, name of the site visited, purpose of visit, and date of visit (approximate is fine). Please email this brief information to **Andrea Abel** as soon as possible.

OUTREACH

Webinar: Assessing How Outreach Can Help Improve Clinical Efficiency & Earn Payment for Triple Aim Outcomes (Part 1)

See [Government & Finance](#)

[CMS/TACHC Outreach & Enrollment Update](#)

CMS reports total Texas Marketplace enrollment for November 1- January 16, 2016 is 1.15 million individuals. Certified Application Counselors (CACs) using the TACHC online reporting tool reported over 31,000 assists since the start of open enrollment November 1, 2015. **Open enrollment ends January 31, 2016.**

[Template Media Release: Clarifying Marketplace Open Enrollment Confusion](#)

Open Enrollment 2016 ends January 31. Yet, many consumers think the Marketplace already has closed. **TACHC developed a template media release** to clarify confusion about the actual dates and deadlines for the Health Insurance Marketplace 2016 Open Enrollment period. Contact **Andrea Abel** or **Sonia Lara** for more information.

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 most 340B drug discount program federal grantees 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 to ensure ALL clinic address information is current and correct.
2. Check the OPA database to ensure the "Contact Info" name and email is correct. The Authorizing Official (not the Primary Contact) listed is the person/email that will get recertification login details.
3. Do not wait until the last second to recertify!!

HRSA/OPA has **more information about recertification** on their website. If you have any other questions, please contact **Lynn Ford**.

R&R

[Congratulations for Two New Hires to Hope Clinic - Waxahachie!](#)

We'd like to welcome **Zac Smulski** a TACHC referral who accepted an offer for the Chief Medical Officer position and **Dr. James Yarmchuk** also a TACHC referral who accepted an offer for the Family Medicine position with Hope Clinic!

Does your center have openings for clinical providers or executive management that you would like us to help you recruit for? Complete the **TACHC online**

position profile. Contact **Danielle Ramos**, TACHC Recruitment Dept. Program Assistant for more information.

NEWS

TACHC is hiring a **Paralegal** and a **Policy & Research Coordinator**. Help us spread the word!

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