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It's here! The agenda is posted and registration is open for the [TACHC 33rd Annual Conference, Meeting the Quadruple Aim](#). The conference is October 16-19 at the Embassy Suites Dallas-Frisco/Hotel, Convention Center & Spa with pre-conference sessions and board & committee meetings October 15-16. Special hotel room rates available until September 26. [Click here to reserve rooms now](#).



PRE-ANNUAL CONFERENCE SESSION: Health Center Board Basics, Oct. 16, 5:30pm-8:30pm

Are you a new health center board member or seasoned board member looking for a quick refresher? Then, this learning session is for you. Get an overview of health center board member legal requirements and best practices for compliance monitoring and performance improvement. Sunday, October 16,

5:30pm-8:30pm, Dinner included. [For more information and to register.](#) Contact TACHC Associate General Counsel [Cecile Carson](#) with questions.

OC³ CPI Webcast: Health Care and Privacy Law Part 1, September 23

Join us Friday, September 23, 9am-11am CT, for Part 1 to learn the status of HIPAA HITECH audits. Also covered will be how to assess the evolution of health care privacy law so we can both react and prepare to the privacy expectations of both patients and oversight authorities. Kirk Nahra, Partner at Wiley Rein LLP in Washington, D.C. will present past and current enforcement of health care information privacy and security laws and the future of health care privacy. He will also be available to take HIPAA questions. Part 2 will be October 28. [Register here.](#)

GOVERNANCE & FINANCE

CMS Releases Draft 2018 Essential Community Providers (ECP) List

FQHCs have *until October 13, 2016* to submit an online petition for inclusion on the final HHS ECP list for the 2018 benefit year. Centers should review the [draft list of Essential Community Providers](#) to ensure they are listed and the information is accurate. Qualified Health Plans use the Final ECP List to determine who to include in their provider network. Contact TACHC's [Ramona Whittington](#) for more information.

Service Area Competition Funding Opportunity Announcement

BPHC released the FY 2017 SAC funding opportunity announcement for service areas with a May 1, 2017 project period start date. Applications are due to Grants.gov by 11:59 p.m. ET on Monday, November 7, 2016 and in HRSA's Electronic Handbooks (EHBs) by 5 p.m. ET on Tuesday, November 29, 2016. For technical assistance materials, please visit the [SAC Technical Assistance website](#) or contact TACHC Health Center Support Coordinator [Corinne Medina](#).

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Health centers (regardless of designation) are required to collect information about MSAW patients they serve and report to UDS. According to National Center for Farmworker Health, a HRSA National Cooperative Agreement grantee, there are over 400,000 MSAWs in Texas, but Texas 2015 UDS shows we only serve a little over 8,500 or about 2.1%. Learn best practices for screening, identifying and reporting MSAWs for UDS purposes on the webinar, Thursday, September 22, 2:30-3:30 pm CT. Contact NCFH's [Sylvia Gomez](#) for more information. [Register HERE.](#)

POLICY

Texas FQHCs Testify at Senate HHS and Finance Committee Hearings

This week, the Senate Health and Human Services and Senate Finance committees convened to hear testimony on a variety of issues relevant to FQHCs. During the HHS hearing, [Community Health Service Agency CEO Michelle Carter](#) gave compelling testimony on issues providers are facing with the consolidated Healthy Texas Women program. [Lone Star Circle of Care \(LSCC\) CEO Rhonda Mundhenk](#) submitted comments on the need for more access to preventive women's health services in the state. At the Finance hearing, [Lone Star Family Health Center's Lane Aiena](#) described their robust residency program and provided members suggestions to improve graduate medical education in Texas. LSCC's Marshall Preddy informed the committee about their planning grant in coordination with TAMU. Thank you to all who provided testimony! Contact [TACHC Policy & Research Associate Mary Allen](#) with any questions.

More Health Texas Women Information

HHSC has posted a variety of educational material on the new Health Texas Women program.

- [New website](#)
- [Updated provider resources, including a Texas LARC Toolkit](#)
- [Webinar](#)
- [Downloadable posters and info cards in Spanish and English](#)

IT

HHS Announces Health Center IT Awards

HHS awarded over \$87 million for health centers' IT enhancements, including awards to 70 Texas FQHCs.
[More information.](#)

NEWS

Did you know that the TACHC Weekly Wrap-Up is available to ALL TACHC members and ALL your staff?
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