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Register now for the [TACHC 33rd Annual Conference, Meeting the Quadruple Aim](#) , October 16-19 at the Embassy Suites Dallas-Frisco/Hotel, Convention Center & Spa with pre-conference sessions and board & committee meetings October 15-16. [Click here to reserve rooms now.](#)

Don't Miss Wednesday's Annual Conference Opportunities!

Every health center should experience Guy Smith's dynamic session on The 4 Steps to Service Excellence. With 18 years at the Disney Organization, a company renowned for its service excellence, and a range of other companies including a Dallas hospital system and correctional healthcare, Guy dedicates himself to helping leaders achieve powerful, sustainable and breakthrough results! [Click here for more information on Wednesday's agenda.](#)



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TACHC ANNUAL CONFERENCE

GOVERNANCE & FINANCE

HRSA/BPHC Temporarily Suspends Change in Scope Requests

The Change in Scope (CIS) process in the Electronic Handbooks (EHBs) System will undergo a temporary suspension period from October 6 through November 3. No new requests may be submitted during this time to ensure a smooth transition into the new system. The CIS module will reopen on November 4 at 11:01 a.m. CDT. Please continue to work with project officers on any current in-process CIS requests. [Click here to preview the updated checklists](#). Contact [Nancy Gilliam](#) with questions.

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](#).

POLICY

TMHP Guidance Regarding Former TPIs

If there is a Texas Provider Identifier (TPI) on Texas Medicaid & Healthcare Partnership's (TMHP) list for FQHC TPIs that your FQHC no longer plans to use, TMHP recommends that providers submit a Provider Information Change (PIC) form requesting formal termination. Without this, the number is terminated due to "non-compliance," at which time the FQHC would receive a letter of noncompliance and be labeled noncompliant in TMHP's system. This would not require action, but may reflect poorly on the center or cause confusion. TMHP will release a formal FAQ regarding provider enrollment soon. For more information or questions, please contact TACHC Policy & Research Associate [Mary Allen](#).

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](#)

GROUP PURCHASING

Office of Pharmacy Affairs Registration Window Opening October 1

The next window to register both a clinic site and a retail pharmacy to be eligible for 340B pricing is quickly approaching, October 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 January 1st. Now is a good time to get contracts organized so to take advantage of this window.

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](#).

CLINICAL

NEW: Zika Information Posted on TACHC Website

Log onto the TACHC website to check out new Zika information for Texas health centers. Find a Quick Link on the [TACHC homepage](#), or [click here](#).

CDC- Key Zika Considerations for Health Care Settings

CDC has released a fact sheet, [Key Zika Considerations for Healthcare Settings](#), to help healthcare professionals prepare for patients with Zika coming to clinics, hospitals, or physicians' offices. The fact sheet includes a list of nine steps healthcare leaders should consider as they prepare.

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Texas A&M School of Public Health National CHW Training Center, Center for Community Health Development will be conducting a training and providing up to 10 DSHS certified Community Health Worker CE's free of charge.

Fundamentals of Chronic Disease, Diabetes & Nutrition, Overview of Healthy South Texas, HPV Cancer Prevention, Zika

Date: Saturday, October 22, 2016

Time: 8:00am – 6:00pm

Location: Brazos College- Corporate Learning Center 500 College Drive, Lake Jackson, TX

Language: English

To Register: Online at <https://nchwtc.tamhsc.edu/cc-chw/> Fax (361) 561-8650

Questions: Please call Rudy Flores at (361) 561-8588

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We're still waiting to hear from the Adult Safety Net program about re-opening enrollment for new ASN sites and will let you know when we have an update. Meanwhile, October 1 is Texas Influenza Awareness Day and DSHS has updated <http://www.texasflu.org/> with local, state and national resources. If you'd like to order health promotion materials about the flu vaccine and other immunizations, you can do so using the [Immunize Texas Order Form](#). They even have coloring books.

R&R

Congratulations CentroMed on your New Hire

We would like to welcome **Dr. Mansour Zarei, DDS**, a TACHC referral, who has accepted the dentist position with [CentroMed](#) in San Antonio.



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

Did you know that the TACHC Weekly Wrap-Up is available to ALL TACHC members and ALL your staff? [Share this link with your health center staff to sign up for the Wrap!](#)

Don't miss out. Follow TACHC on [facebook](#) and [twitter](#).

Send **NEWS** about your health center to be considered for inclusion in the TACHC Weekly Wrap-Up to TACHC Communications Director [Andrea Abel](#).

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