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UPCOMING EVENTS

ONE WEEK LEFT! TACHC 33rd Annual Conference, Oct. 16-19, Frisco, TX

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 Dynamic 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.](#)



Register Now!

TACHC ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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Reminder: Texas Medicaid Mosquito Repellent Benefit Ends Oct. 31

Although mosquito season is past its peak in Texas, Zika is not going away. Texas Medicaid will continue to monitor the circumstances and will provide up to date information as it is available.

For additional information:

- The [Texas Department of State Health Services website](#) includes excellent, up-to-date resources for health care professionals and consumers. Informational materials may be ordered at no cost to providers.
- For information about testing for Zika, please [click here](#).
- The [U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website](#).
- The [Texas Vendor Drug Program site](#) provides additional information about prescribing and dispensing mosquito repellent.

Billing & Coding Training Needs Assessment Survey Results

In September, TACHC distributed a needs analysis survey intended to assess the billing and reimbursement challenges health centers face. The purpose of this survey was to better facilitate development of future billing and coding training content and structure that TACHC considering for the future. The survey results summary can be found here. Check out the TACHC 33rd Annual Conference agenda for information on sessions addressing value-based care and various governing rules related to billing. Look to the Wrap for future billing and coding training options TACHC will be offering based on the results of this survey, including sessions at the HIT Summit in early March!

https://www.tachc.org/content/files/02%20Programs%20and%20Services%20-%20Clinical%20Affairs/biller_coder_survey_september_2016_results.pdf

2016 UDS Manual Now Available

Each year, health center program grantees and look-alikes report on their performance using the measures defined in the Uniform Data System (UDS). The 2016 Uniform Data System (UDS) manual is a comprehensive guide for health centers to use to understand the framework of reporting requirements, including data submissions on patients, operations, and clinical performance. The manual, which is used to reference the 2016 UDS tables when preparing the UDS report, provides:

- an introduction and overview of the UDS,
- instructions for completing each of the tables, and
- information on how to submit the data through HRSA's Electronic Handbooks (EHBs)

[Access the manual and more UDS resources.](#)

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.

POLICY

TACHC LARC Survey

TACHC created a long-acting reversible contraception (LARC) survey to better assist in TACHC's Texas legislative advocacy efforts on women's healthcare, particularly LARCs. The survey also includes questions on training needs, barriers and contraceptive counseling. With your help, we can educate legislators on the realities of LARC use and issues providers have encountered. [Please participate in the survey by October 25!](#) For more information or questions, please contact TACHC Policy & Research Associate [Mary Allen](#).

GROUP PURCHASING

OPA's Registration Window is OPEN!

The Office of Pharmacy Affairs (OPA) October window is open and will remain open till 11pm CT on 10/15/16. This is the time to register a clinic site and/or contracted retail pharmacy. Registration that occurs during the October window will be eligible for 340B pricing effective January 1. **Please remember that any and all clinic sites listed in the EHB needs to be listed in the OPA database** (OPA database needs to match EHB perfectly!!). Contact [Lynn Ford](#) with questions.

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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.

DSHS-certified CEUs for CHWs - Continuing Education Training

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 8 DSHS certified Community Health Worker CE's free of charge:

Fundamentals of Chronic Disease; Overview of Healthy South Texas; Asthma & Healthy Homes

Date: Friday, November 4, 2016

Time: 8:00am – 5:00pm

Location: Call for location

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

IT

ONC Security Risk Assessment Tool

On October 25 from 1-2pm CT, the [Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology](#) (ONC) is hosting a webinar to launch the ONC Security Risk Assessment (SRA) Tool. It is looking to advance health IT and to improve the quality, safety, and efficiency of healthcare. [Register for the webinar](#). TACHC IT recommends health center IT managers attend and download this tool as it will assist in compliance with HIPAA security documentation requirements. For questions, contact TACHC Chief Technology Officer [Rick Peña](#).

NEWS

Congratulations to [Houston Area Community Services \(HACS\)](#) for being selected as the Services Partner of the Year by the [Houston Coalition for the Homeless](#)! HACS will receive the award at the Coalition's World Homeless Day Luncheon on October 12.

Happy TACHCiversary to [Jose Camacho](#) celebrating **32 years** at TACHC this month!

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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