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

#### **Don't Miss Wednesday's Post-Conference Health Services of North Texas, Denton, Site Tour!**

Drive on your own to Denton to tour [HSNT](#) and learn more about their interesting history and the FQHC that they have become! Sign-up for the tour at the conference registration desk. [More information.](#)



*Register Now!*

# TACHC ANNUAL CONFERENCE

## Webinar: Disaster Management Rx- Bracing for the Impact on Healthcare See Clinical Affairs

### GOVERNANCE & FINANCE

#### 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!

#### 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.

## **CLINICAL**

### **2016 UDS Manual Now Available**

[See Governance & Finance](#)

### **Billing & Coding Training Needs Assessment Survey Results**

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### **Webinar: Disaster Management Rx- Bracing for the Impact on Healthcare**

Hear top industry officials discuss what resources are available to help health care organizations better coordinate disaster response and how severe weather is affecting clinical workflows at this online webinar, 1pm CT, Thursday, October 20, 2016. [Register here](#). For questions, [click here](#).

### **FREE CEU Training for CHWs- 3 certified DSHS for CHWs/ Promotores**

Zika Awareness and Prevention Training for CHWs / Concientización y Prevención del Virus del Zika para Promotores de salud

**Date:** Saturday, October 29, 2016

**Location:** El Buen Samaritano Episcopal Mission - 7000 Woodhue Dr. Austin TX 78745

**Language:** Spanish/Espanol

**To Register:** Email Juan Rosa, [jrosa@elbuen.org](mailto:jrosa@elbuen.org), or call 512- 439-0720

Questions: Juan Rosa 512-439-0720

## **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**

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](#).

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