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CMS SHO# 16-006

TACHC received a request to share the CMS State Health Official letter regarding FQHC and RHC Medicaid and CHIP managed care supplemental payments and network sufficiency standards. **Please find the April 26, 2016 letter here.** Contact **Mary Allen** with any questions.

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.** 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](#).

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340B Drug Pricing Program Policies and Procedures Now Available

TACHC's OC3 CPI Manual 340B Drug Pricing Program:

TACHC is pleased to announce a new 340B Drug Pricing Program policies, procedures and tools chapter in the TACHC OC3 CPI Manual. As always, TACHC members who are current 2016 OC3 CPI Manual subscribers can download [HERE](#) the new 340B chapter at no cost. Remember to login with your secure username and password. For members who have not yet purchased the OC3 CPI Manual or are not yet current on their 2016 subscription, once TACHC receives payment, access will be granted for the entire manual, including the new information.

A detailed overview of the manual can be found [HERE](#). For TACHC members not familiar with the TACHC OC3 CPI Manual, the manual has 7 chapters:

1. Compliance and Performance Improvement (includes peer review forms, FTCA and risk management and more)
2. Board of Directors (includes a CPI checklist for the Board, various tools and forms for the Board and more)
3. Executive Management (includes a vendor evaluation and managed care contracting checklists and more)
4. Finance (includes finance policy and procedures, CPI checklists and more)
5. Clinical Care (includes policy and procedures for referrals, OSHA, tools regarding consents and more) (340B Drug Pricing Program is in the Clinical Care Chapter)
6. Human Resources (includes sample job descriptions, credentialing, physician employment agreement and more)
7. Information Management (includes meaningful use of electronic health records, HIPAA regarding PHI and more)

If you do not yet have the OC3 CPI Manual and would like to know more about what it contains, [a complete Table of Contents can be found HERE.](#)

NACHC's 340B Manual:

The National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC) has an excellent 340B Manual, created by NACHC and FQHCs involved with 340B and includes input from various sources, including legal and financial experts and some "best practices" from health center peers. The manual includes: 340B basics, registration and recertification, Medicaid and 340B, audit and compliance requirements and the latest HRSA policies. The NACHC 340B Manual is available for purchase [HERE](#) to NACHC members (\$249) and non-members (\$349).

For more information, contact [Lynn Ford](#).

CLINICAL

Bug Repellent Available via AmeriCares for Zika Prevention

In mid-August TACHC asked if the members were in need of bug repellent via a donation from AmeriCares for Zika prevention; 34 centers responded. There is still more bug repellent available if it is needed. If your center would like to take advantage of this donation, please email [Lynn Ford](#).

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.

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!](#)

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