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UPCOMING EVENTS

Loan Repayment Programs Webcast, November 3, 12pm-1pm, CT

The TACHC R & R department invites you to join them on Thursday, November 3, 12pm – 1pm CT, for a **free webcast featuring an update on state and national loan repayment programs**. Presenting the update will be Cindy Ellis, Recruitment & Retention Coordinator and National Health Service Corps Liaison with the Texas Primary Care Office. Register for the webcast. Contact **Marcia Falloure** for more information.

UDS Training, December 1, Austin

The Uniform Data System (UDS) in-person training is a full day program covering the preparation of the 2016 UDS Report. **More Information and Register for the UDS Training**. Call 1-800-843-6664 for reservations and inform the hotel you are reserving under the Texas Association of Community Health Centers UDS Training room block to receive the discount rate of \$127.00 per night (single or double).

Please make your reservation by 5:00 PM (CST) November 16, 2016 to receive your discount rate.

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN: TACHC Policy & Issues Forum, January 30-31, Austin

Learn about TACHC's legislative agenda for the 85th state legislative session, receive in-depth information on health policy issues in Texas that impact health centers and learn how to successfully conduct a legislative visit at the TACHC Policy & Issues Forum. Then, visit your legislators to share your health center stories and engage them on the health center legislative agenda. [More information and to register for the forum](#). To make Omni Austin hotel reservations at the group rate of \$199/night, please call 1-800- 843-6664. The reservation deadline is Friday, January 6th at 5:00 PM. Contact [Mary Allen](#) with questions.

GOVERNANCE & FINANCE

TACHC Wants YOU!

TACHC is currently forming its 2017 committees. **November 1** is the deadline for health center staff to [submit a committee volunteer form and sign up for the committee they are interested in](#). All committees meet four times a year – and this is an excellent opportunity to become involved in TACHC governance. Email [TaSheena Mitchell](#) or call (512) 329-5959 with questions.

Sharing Consumer Health Information? Look to HIPAA and the FTC Act

If your health center collects and shares consumer health information, did you know that you need to comply with both the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) and the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) Act? Click [HERE](#) for more information from the U.S. Dept. of Health & Human Services Office of Civil Rights on how to fully comply. For more information, contact [Cecile Carson](#).

New Nondiscrimination Posting Requirements

As of October 17, FQHCs must comply with Section 1557 of the ACA which prohibits discrimination based on the race, color, national origin, sex (including gender identity), age and disability of a patient. FQHCs are required to post a notice of non-discrimination in “conspicuous locations in which it interacts with the public” and their website. [More information on Section 1557 and the notice requirements can be found here](#). For questions, email [Cecile Carson](#) or call (512) 329-5959.

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.

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

CMS Emergency Preparedness Requirements

CMS' final rule regarding emergency preparedness requires that all FQHCs maintain an emergency preparedness: plan, policies and procedures, communication plan and training and testing program. *All regulations must be implemented no later than November 15, 2017*. TACHC will be releasing more information regarding its recent emergency preparedness activities, including a summary of requirements for FQHCs, in the coming weeks. [The complete rule is available here](#). Email [Christina Brito-Tigerina](#) with questions, or call (512) 329-5959.

UCLA Study Shows FQHCs Play Critical Role in Caring for the Uninsured

A newly released study out of UCLA shows that FQHCs continue to be a key source of primary care services for uninsured patients in both expansion and non-expansion states. Though the ACA has increased the number of insured patients at FQHCs, clinics still face infrastructure, financial capacity, workforce recruitment and retention challenges. You can read the study's policy recommendations,

including preparation for the transition to value-based care, [here](#).

GROUP PURCHASING

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](#).

IT

EHR Listservs

At the membership's request, TACHC created EHR listservs for the more highly used EHRs to share lessons learned, best practices and other information. These include NextGen, eCW, Greenway Success & Greenway Intergy, GE, EPIC and Henry Schein. If you or your staff are interested in being added to any of these listservs, please email [Lee Davila](#). Please include which listserv you would like to be added to.

ONC Security Risk Assessment Tool

On October 25 ONC hosted 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. **This training is now available via recording**. Please click on the embedded links. TACHC IT recommends health center IT Managers review this training and download this tool as it will assist in compliance with the HIPAA security documentation requirements. For more information, contact TACHC Chief Technology Officer **Rick Pena**.

NEWS

TACHC welcomes **Lisa Ware** to the staff as Executive/Legal Assistant to the Executive Director/General Counsel!

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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