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Building strong relationships with elected officials is key to the long-term well-being of your health center. Learn the latest on upcoming policy issues and effective advocacy tools. Then, join us to meet with your members of the Texas Legislature for Texas Health Center Day at the Capitol. *Board members are encouraged to attend.* [Click here for 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 6 at 5:00pm. Contact [Mary Allen](#) with questions.

#### GROUP PURCHASING

##### Office of Pharmacy Affairs Registration Window

The next window to register both a clinic site and a retail pharmacy to be eligible for 340B pricing is January 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 April 1. The registration process occurs electronically via the [OPA website](#). Remember that you cannot register a site to be eligible for 340B pricing until 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. Contact [Lynn Ford](#) with any questions.

## CLINICAL

### **Webcast: Guide to Improving Patient Safety in Primary Care Settings by Engaging Patients and Families: The Teach-Back Strategy**

On Wednesday, December 21, 2016 11:00am - 12:30pm CST, The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), MedStar Health Research Institute and Clinical Directors Network will host this free event. This webcast is pending for up to 1.5 prescribed credits by the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP). [Click Here to Register.](#)

### **Webcast: Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Emergency Preparedness Rule**

The DSHS Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Section provided a webcast about the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Emergency Preparedness Rule. The recording is available until March 1, 2017 and [can be accessed here.](#)

### **Baylor University is Offering a Primary Care Integrated Behavioral Health Program**

The goal of this weekend training program (beginning spring 2017) is to equip social workers and psychologists to provide quality behavioral services within the primary care setting. The instructors represent the fields of clinical social work, clinical psychology, and family medicine. Each instructor is actively involved in integrated primary care delivered within a community health center that includes a family medicine residency program. [Click here for more information.](#)

## OUTREACH

### **All Aboard! Last Call for Health Insurance Effective January 1**

The last day of Open Enrollment may be on January 31, 2017, but consumers who have current marketplace coverage or who want health coverage effective January 1 must log on to [healthcare.gov](http://healthcare.gov) and enroll in a plan by December 19, which has been extended due to extraordinary demand. CACs should continue to educate and inform consumers about this important deadline and help them enroll in a plan that best meets their needs just in time for the New Year. Remind and follow-up with consumers to pay their first month's premium by December 31, 2016. For questions contact [RexAnn Shotwell.](#)

## IT

### **FREE Telehealth and Other Health IT Resources Available to Health Centers**

HITEQ and HRSA's Federal Office of Rural Health Policy (FORHP) are holding a webcast on Thursday, December 22, 2016 2:00pm - 3:00pm CST on FREE telehealth and other health IT resources available to health centers. Participants will be introduced to the regional Telehealth Resource Centers (TRCs) and how to access the resources and technical assistance provided by the TRCs. Participants will also learn about the HITEQ Center and different health IT resources and services available to them. [More information on TRCs here.](#) To register for this webcast, [click here.](#)

## GOVERNANCE & FINANCE

### **Request a Health Information Agreement & Launch New Nurse Triage Service**

[Envolve](#) is a nurse advice line for health center patients to use after hours that more than a dozen TACHC members have expressed interest in. These centers will be part of a cohort that is set to go live with their new system March 1, 2017. You can sign up too! Please feel free to contact TACHC's [Nancy Gilliam](#) or [Corinne Medina](#) with any questions. Ready to start the process now? You can also contact Nancy or Corinne to request a Health Information Agreement and begin the process.

### **Letter of Support Requests**

If you would like to request a Letter of Support from TACHC, please email TACHC's [Corinne Medina](#) along with the project abstract. Once the request and abstract have been received, please allow 2-3 business days for turnaround.

## NEWS

### **Congratulations to the New Access Point Grant Awardees!**

On December 16, HRSA announced that Legacy Community Health Services, East Texas Community

Health Services, Centro San Vicente, Family Circle of Care, Healing Hands Ministries and Crossroads Healthcare Center were awarded to serve a proposed 30,136 new patients. Congrats, folks!

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 Health Center Support Coordinator [Corinne Medina](#).

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