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NEWS

ACA Repeal and Replace Plan Known as the American Health Care Act a Threat to Community Health Centers

The GOP plan to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act has been front and center in the news this week, as Congress revealed the details of the new legislation, known as the American Health Care Act (AHCA). On March 6, House Republicans released the draft legislative text of their proposal, which is being considered by the Energy and Commerce Committee and the Ways and Means Committee (the two primary committees with jurisdiction over health care).

- [View the Ways and Means committee summary](#)
- [View the Energy and Commerce committee summary](#)
- [View the full text of the bill here](#)

Primarily affecting community health centers are the changes in Medicaid, which will be funded to states in the form of per capita caps. Per capita caps will have a negative impact on community health centers, and limit federal funds on a per enrollee basis. To find out more about per capita caps, [click here to view TACHC's fact sheet](#).

TACHC will be sending you an updated press release template for your health center to use demonstrating your concern over the current federal proposals, and TACHC staff is sending out a press release to media outlets statewide. Community health centers in Texas have been a reliable source of care for more than 50 years—let's keep it that way! We can't plan for the future with this uncertainty!



National Hispanic Medical Association (NHMA) Opposes the American Health Care Act

The National Hispanic Medical Association (NHMA) opposes the American Health Care Act (AHCA) because it will cause Hispanics to lose health insurance, access to prevention services and health and behavioral health care, decrease physicians in the Medicaid program, increase health care costs and decrease overall quality of life in our communities.

The AHCA will increase the uninsured. Individual and employer mandates will be eliminated. Thus, the healthy will not buy health insurance and more employers will stop providing insurance. Subsidies will be replaced with tax credits that are inadequate, and Medicaid expansion elimination will lead to decreased services and reimbursement to physicians. [READ THE ARTICLE](#)

Gateway Community Health Center Holds Building Dedication

On Friday March 3, after a unanimous vote from the board, Gateway Community Health Center in Laredo held a building dedication ceremony in honor of their founding CEO, Mr. Miguel Treviño, Jr. Mr. Treviño served Gateway Community Health Center and its patients in Webb, Zapata, and Jim Hogg Counties for nearly 50 years. In attendance were CEO's and physicians of other Texas FQHC's, Texas State Representative Richard Peña Raymond, a representative from Senator Judith Zaffirini's office, a representative from US Congressman Henry Cuellar's office, TACHC Executive Director Jose Camacho, and many other friends and former coworkers. **Pictured below** are L-R: TACHC Executive Director José E. Camacho; Mr. Miguel Treviño, Jr.; TX Rep. Richard Peña-Raymond; Lauro A. Garcia, Board Chairman; and Elmo Lopez, Jr., CEO



Registration Now Open for the 2017 National Latino HIV and Hepatitis C Conference

Registration is now open for the [2017 National Latino HIV and Hepatitis C Conference](#) to be held **May 22 – 24** on beautiful South Padre Island, Texas. Your local host Valley AIDS Council and its Westbrook Clinics, are honored to be partnering with South Central AIDS Education Training Center, Denver Prevention Training Center, Doctors Hospital at Renaissance, HIV Connection among others on this ground-breaking event.

This is the **third annual national conference** focusing exclusively on how **HIV and Hepatitis C** impact the **Latino community** and the co-factors that contribute toward Latino's vulnerability for these diseases.

Join more than **450 national leaders and healthcare professionals** to discuss the treatment and care needs of **Latino communities impacted by HIV and Hepatitis C**. With this year's national discourse on Latinos, immigration and health care access there is no better time to convene and increase our abilities to better serve Latino communities.

We Want to Tell Your Story—Request for Anecdotes

Staff at TACHC are hard at work preparing for the legislative session, and we want to tell your story! Stories resonate with people, and are one of the most compelling ways to communicate. We are seeking anecdotes and success stories that highlight the quality care that you provide every day.

We want to hear your success stories that highlight integrated services, care coordination, and excellent clinical outcomes. Stories that include patient names and pictures are the best, but make sure to get patient consent before sending personal information. However, we would love to hear anonymous stories as well. Please help TACHC to educate policymakers about the outstanding work that you are doing and email [Brom Hoban](#) or [Corinne Medina](#) with your best stories!

UPCOMING EVENTS

PCMH Bootcamp • February 28, - July 17, 2017  **REGISTER NOW!**

PCMH Bootcamp

TACHC is offering a FREE PCMH Bootcamp starting Tuesday, February 28 and continuing through July. In partnership with Community Health Solutions, the Bootcamp will help health centers either attain or maintain PCMH recognition through a combination of face-to-face group learning sessions, webinars, weekly virtual office hours, and an online support portal. Space is limited to 25 health centers. To reserve your spot, contact [Verne LaGrega](#). For more information, [please click here](#).

Billing Bootcamp

Billing Boot Camp is scheduled for April 10-12, 2017 in Austin, TX. More details coming soon!



TACHC Clinical Conference – Putting the "U" in Value

April 20-22, 2017

Sheraton Georgetown Texas Hotel & Conference Center
1101 Woodlawn Avenue, Georgetown, TX 78628

TACHC's Clinical Conference April 20-22 in Georgetown (Austin area)

TACHC's Clinical Conference will be held April 20-22, 2017 at the Sheraton Georgetown Texas Hotel & Conference Center in Georgetown, TX. This annual conference which is open to all clinical staff provides a mix of innovative concepts along with practical skills-based trainings. This year's theme is "Putting the 'U' in Value." We will be discussing the value of staff and treating them as your most important resource, the value that health centers bring towards patients and their communities, and the current move towards value-based care. Registration is now open. For more information or to register, [please click here](#).

GROUP PURCHASING

Cardinal Health's Annual Conference

Cardinal Health hosts a national conference for their customers: Cardinal Health's RBC. The RBC this year is in San Antonio, TX from July 26-29. Cardinal wants to do something extra special for the TACHC members, so they have made July 27 a special TACHC day.

You are welcome to attend Thursday, July 27, fully free/no charge. [An invite/flyer about the conference and an agenda are available](#). TACHC members are welcome and encouraged to attend a joint TACHC/Cardinal presentation from 12:30-2:30 PM to talk more in depth of the services available to the TACHC members via Cardinal.

Save the date!! Come visit the great city of San Antonio and get your pharmacy CE at the same time. If you are interested in attending the Cardinal RBC on July 27, please let [Lynn Ford](#) know.

POLICY

Bill of the Week: American Health Care Act (See above in News)

Updates for the NACHC 2017 Policy & Issues Forum

- The State Delegation dinner has been scheduled from 5:45 - 8 PM on Wednesday, March 29 in room Washington 4.
- We need to know which state legislators have sent funding cliff letters to Congress. If you know your state Representative or Senator sent a letter, please forward a copy to mallen@tachc.org. Additionally, many centers still have not filled out feedback forms from the state P&I. A link to the [survey can be found here](#).

Registration Open for the NACHC 2017 Policy & Issues Forum

Registration for the NACHC Policy & Issues Forum is now open. The meeting will be held March 29-April 1, 2017 in Washington, D.C. at the Marriott Wardman Park hotel. We encourage all health center advocates and board members to join as healthcare issues will be at the forefront of the new administration's agenda. The focus at P&I will be to preserve Medicaid and the unique role of health centers, as well as ensure strong funding to enhance health center capacity. [Click here to register](#).

Policy & Advocacy Update Webinar on March 21

NACHC will be hosting a webinar on March 21 at 2:30 PM (CST) designed to help advocates prepare for P&I, understand this year's policy agenda/messaging and generally ensure a successful conference. This is NACHC's monthly Policy/Advocacy webinar with custom direction for those attending P&I. [Register here.](#)

Healthy Texas Women Contract Renewal Notice

On March 7, HHSC sent out contract renewal packets for the upcoming State Fiscal Years (September 1, 2017 – August 31, 2018 & September 1, 2018 – August 31, 2019). Contracts went out early this year because HHSC will be updating its contracting system over the summer and their software will not be working during that time. All contract must be fully executed by June 1 in order to ensure timely payments beginning September 1, 2017. Please review, complete the related documents, and return the documents to HHSC as soon as possible. The contract amendment is in the final stages of completion and will be sent soon for signature. The anticipated contract not-to-exceed amount is based on your center's last executed contract on file. Please be advised that funding for your center's contract is subject to the appropriation of funds. Upon official notification of the 2018-2019 final legislative appropriations, HHSC, in its sole discretion, may adjust the contract award accordingly. If you have any questions or have concerns regarding the requested return date of contract documents, please contact Healthy Texas Women Program at HTWContracts@hhsc.state.tx.us or Mary Allen at TACHC at mallen@tachc.org.

GOVERNANCE & FINANCE

Archived SO/GI Training to help Meet New UDS Data Tables 3A and 3B

The [2016 UDS guidance](#) for health center reporting metrics now calls for screening and identifying LGBT patient populations within health centers. The National LGBT health Education Center, a HRSA National Cooperative Agreement grantee, has a few [archived webinars](#) you can view to help ensure your health center staff responsible for collecting Sexual Orientation/Gender Identity (SO/GI) data are doing so accurately. They also have a publication on collecting SO/GI that is available for [download](#).

If further training is requested, TACHC will host a webinar for Texas health centers targeted for April 2017. Please contact [Sonia Lara](#) by March 17 if you would like SO/GI data collection training, targeting the appropriate health center staff.

CLINICAL

March is Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month

March is Colorectal Cancer Awareness month, and you're cordially invited to a presentation hosted by MD Anderson on Tuesday March 14, 2017 at 10 AM on the importance of reaching 80% screened rate by 2018! This is an opportunity for you and your organization to learn valuable information about the importance of screening/prevention, the state of CRC screening in Texas, how to address barriers in getting people screened and the 80 by 2018 campaign. To Participate: [RSVP Here!](#)

Here are the tools and materials that have been made available as part of building CRC awareness this month:

- **CDC Learning Opportunity: Screening for Colorectal Cancer: Optimizing Quality (CME)**
This continuing education activity provides guidance and tools for clinicians on the optimal ways to implement screening for colorectal cancer to help ensure that patients receive maximum benefit. There are two versions of this course: one for [primary care providers](#) and one for [clinicians who perform colonoscopy](#). [Continuing education](#) is available for both versions.
- **CDC's *Screen for Life* campaign** has new and updated materials for you to use in March and throughout the year. You can find them on the new [Resource Toolkit](#) for quick one-stop shopping. Many thanks to our colleagues at CDC for their work on these resources!
- **Colorectal Cancer Webinar Series for HCPs: March 14 & March 22**
- **Colorectal Cancer Facts and Figures**

Texas Wildfires

Three separate wildfires have burned thousands of acres in the Texas Panhandle, killing at least three people and injuring firefighters, according to media reports. Please visit the TxDPS Texas Department of Emergency Management for [wildfire resources](#).

- Additional resources: [PAL 2014-05](#); [Wildfires: Emergency Preparedness](#); [National Fire Protection Agency](#); www.americares.org
- Please contact Christina Brito-Tigerina cbtigerina@tachc.org for additional information.

RECRUITMENT & RETENTION

TACHC Upcoming Recruiting Events:

- A.T. Still University Dental Recruitment Fair – St. Louis, MO (3/28/17 – 3/31/17)
- PracticeMATCH – Dallas, TX (3/29/17 – 3/30/17)

Does your center have openings for clinical providers or executive management that you would like us to help you recruit for? [Complete the TACHC online position profile](#). Contact [Danielle Ramos, TACHC Recruitment Dept. Program Assistant](#) for more information.

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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