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NEWS

Legislation to Coordinate Children's Medicaid/Chip Eligibility Renewal and Re-certification

Hearing Set for Monday at the Capitol

On Monday, April 10, the House Human Services committee will consider [HB 3151](#) by Representative Sheffield of Gatesville. This legislation would coordinate eligibility renewal and recertification for certain children in Medicaid and CHIP. The bill streamlines re-enrollment for families with multiple children enrolled in Medicaid and/or CHIP, allowing parents to re-enroll all children in a household on the same date every year. It also reduces the number of periodic income checks families with multiple children are required to submit. The bill directs HHSC to submit a waiver application to CMS to allow flexibility to modify eligibility periods. If you are in the Austin area, join us at the [Capitol](#) for the hearing or [stream it online](#). Contact [Mary Allen](#) with questions or for more information.



Telecommunications Update from the State Medicaid Director

[TACHC sent HHSC a letter](#) in December requesting clarification on Telecommunications policy related to FQHCs. This week the State Medicaid Director responded to our request. According to the Commission, FQHCs CANNOT bill to present patients OR serve as the distant site provider for any patients, including their own. HHSC has considered adding a facility fee for FQHCs acting as the patient site presenter, but that has not yet been confirmed. FQHCs CAN bill PPS for a contracted physician or midlevel at a distant site seeing patients presented at the FQHC so long as [affiliate rules](#) are met. TACHC will be following up with the Commission and will share any additional correspondence as we receive it. For any immediate questions, contact [Mary Allen](#).

Community Health Center Leaders Learn, Advocate, Celebrate at NACHC Policy & Issues Forum

More than 3,000 community health center leaders from around the country, including about 150 TACHC members, gathered at the nation's capitol to learn, advocate and celebrate at the NACHC Policy & Issues Forum. The P & I Forum was a great opportunity for clinicians, board members, consumers, executives and many other community health leaders to visit Capitol Hill, bringing perspectives to Members of Congress and offer constructive solutions to the issues at hand. [Please take a moment to see the three-minute video recap here!](#)

Two TACHC Members Were Recognized During the NACHC Policy & Issues Forum.

Stan McKee, Board member Community Health Service Agency, Inc. (Greenville) received the NACHC Grassroots Advocacy Elizabeth K. Cooke MVP Award.



Nataly Castro, Business Manager at Lone Star Family Health Center (Conroe) received the Emerging Leader Award for extraordinary service and leadership.



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



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. The **full agenda** is now available and the group hotel rate closes Monday, March 27. For more information, agenda, or to register, [please click here](#).

PCMH Bootcamp • April 19, 2017 →

REGISTER NOW!

PCMH Bootcamp Registration is Now Open

The **TACHC PCMH Bootcamp 1** will be held on April 19, 2017 at the Sheraton Georgetown Texas Hotel & Conference Center, 1101 Woodlawn Avenue, Georgetown, TX 78628. During this session, participants will receive a PCMH 2017 overview, understand the purpose of team huddles and apply the structure and strategy of team huddles, identify PCMH development issues and strategies at peer health centers, apply learned concepts, identify strategies for furthering PCMH development at the health center and identify immediate next steps and responsibilities amongst the team. Additionally, teams will learn to optimize their PCMH Team and have breakout Sessions for Peer Documentation Review. TACHC HCCN members are eligible for travel reimbursement for one Onsite Group Learning Session (up to \$150 each for up to 4 team members for travel and up to \$150 each for up to 4 team members for lodging).

The PCMH Bootcamp will be held the day before the **TACHC Clinical Conference**. If you want to attend both, then you will need to make a separate registrations.

Texas Health and Housing Conference

The Corporation for Supportive Housing or CSH (a HRSA National Cooperative Agreement grantee) and the Texas Homeless Network (THN) are holding their **3rd Annual Texas Health and Housing Conference** on May 1-3, 2017 at the Omni Hotel Southpark in Austin, Texas. The conference will bring together key stakeholders to move forward on the Biggest Partnerships between health and housing systems. This is a great opportunity for health centers to meet and greet with your fellow Texans who work in the housing and health care world and learn what their priorities are and how you can partner with them for the BIGGEST impact.

TACHC Webinar: Collecting Sexual Orientation/Gender Identity Data from Health Center Patients

Join TACHC on Thursday, April 27, 2017 from 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM CST. Experts from the National LGBT Health Education Center, a HRSA National Cooperative Agreement grantee, will cover a quick review of LGBT health disparities, concepts and terms; how to provide a welcoming environment; tools and strategies for training front-line staff, both clinical and non-clinical; and provide recommendations for collecting SO/GI data in EHR records. [To register, click here](#).

Coming Soon – Customer Service Trainings

Regional Customer Service Trainings are coming to a location close to you in May and June! Watch the [TACHC events](#) page for registration opportunities!

GROUP PURCHASING

Mosquito Repellant Available via AmeriCares

For most areas of Texas, summer is already here, and that means Zika prevention should be in full swing. AmeriCares continues to be generous with mosquito repellant available for donation for uninsured patients. If your center would like to take advantage of this donation, please email [Lynn Ford](#).

Henry Schein's Healthy Lifestyles Healthy Communities Grant

The online invitation for applications for the Healthy Lifestyles Healthy Communities 2017 Program partners is now live. All CHCs that are NACHC members have received the invitation for grant applications direct from NACHC on January 30, 2017. The process is designed to help the Henry Schein Cares Teams determine which CHC partners will be awarded a grant of \$5,000 plus \$5,000 in medical/dental supplies to support the screening program on the day of the health screening event.

The application for submitting a request can be found [HERE](#). The deadline for applications is **TODAY** April 7, 2017. For more questions, please contact [Andrea Hight](#) or [Lynn Ford](#).

POLICY



THANK YOU

House Dear Colleague Bilirakis- Green FY2018 Appropriations Letter Totals 289 Signatures

Whether you were in Washington D.C. last week for the NACHC P&I or not, we want to extend a huge THANK YOU for all your work in bringing the Health Center message to your Members of Congress! Between folks who stormed the Hill in person, and the national Call-In Day, last week was a major success! [Click here for the final list](#) of signatures for the Bilirakis- Green FY2018 Appropriations Letter. The list totaled 289, with 173 Democrats and 116 Republicans. Here is the list of Texas signers, which totaled 21:

Louie Gohmert (R- TX01)

Kevin Brady (R- TX08)

Al Green (D- TX09)

Michael McCaul, (R- TX10)

Vicente Gonzalez(D- TX15)

Beto O'Rourke (D- TX16)

Bill Flores (R- TX17)

Sheila Jackson Lee (D- TX18)

Joaquin Castro D-TX20)

Lamar Smith (R- TX21)

Pete Olson (R- TX22)

Will Hurd (R- TX23)

Roger Williams (R- TX25)

Blake Farenthold (R- TX27)

Henry Cuellar (D- TX28)

Gene Green (D- TX29)

Eddie Bernice Johnson (D- TX30)

Marc Veasey (D- TX33)

Filemon Vela (D- TX34)

Lloyd Doggett (D- TX35)

Brian Babin (R- TX36)

NACHC Policy & Issues Forum Evaluation Forms

If you were the lead on any of the Congressional visits during the NACHC Policy & Issues Forum, please fill out this [quick evaluation](#) to follow up with us about your visits here.

GOVERNANCE & FINANCE

Upcoming CFO Network Meeting

Don't forget to register for the CFO Network Meeting on Tuesday, April 18 from 10:00 AM-2:00 PM!!! Let us know if you will attend in person or over the phone! For those attending in person, lunch will be provided. [Register here on the events page.](#)

Nurse Triage Line: Wave 1 Live and Wave 2 Coming Soon!

The first wave of centers to take advantage of the nurse advice line went live earlier this month. If you are interested in being a part of wave 2, set to launch June 1, please email [Nancy Gilliam](#) or [Corinne Medina](#) with questions or to request more information.

CLINICAL

Clinician Consultation Center Substance Use Warmline

The University of California, San Francisco's Clinician Consultation Center provides Substance Use Warmline consultation to health center providers. This is a free, real-time clinician-to-clinician telephone consultation, addressing the care and treatment of substance abuse, chronic pain, and behavioral health. Access the Warmline toll-free at: 1-855-300-3595 (Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM CST). [Click here for more information](#)

Improving Oral Health Using Telehealth-Connected Teams: Opportunities for Health Centers

This webinar is hosted by the National Network for Oral Health Access (NNOHA), a BPHC-funded NCA, and will be held Monday, April 10, from 11:00-12:00 PM CST. [Register here](#)

Free Opioid Guideline App

A free Opioid Guideline app [is available from the CDC](#) that allows users to access the agency's recommendations on pain management and opioid treatment. It provides quick reference materials on the opioid crisis and includes features such as a Morphine Milligram Equivalent calculator for opioids, summaries of key guideline recommendations, a glossary of terms and an interactive motivational interview feature.

RECRUITMENT & RETENTION

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](#).

Send **NEWS** about your health center to be considered for inclusion in the TACHC Weekly Wrap-Up to TACHC Wrap Editor [Brom Hoban](#).

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