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Don't Miss the Boat! Register for TACHC Policy & Issues Forum NOW

It's not too late to register for TACHC's Policy and Issues Forum held in Austin, January 30-31. Omni Austin is sold out but you can still book [at a nearby hotel](#) and attend. Given what a critical year 2017 will be for health centers, we urge our members to participate. [Click here for more information](#) and to register for the forum. Contact [Mary Allen](#) with questions.

CPI Webcast: Top 330 Compliance Issues for Health Centers

With 3 years of routine operational site visits (in the current format) under our belts, TACHC has invited HRSA Consultant Cary Calhoun to share the top issues that have been found on these visits in Part 1 of this webcast series, and how those are properly addressed. As always, we will assign homework after Part 1 related to the contents of Part 1; then in Part 2 we will present the homework survey results so you can compare yourself to your peers. TACHC staff will then provide recommendations regarding the gap areas the homework reveals. TACHC staff has conducted 17 mock site visits over the last 3 years and has also attended 11 site visits last year alone to inform this webcast series. [Join us Friday, January 20 at 9:00am CST](#). Contact [Cecile Carson](#) with any questions.

CLINICAL

SAMHSA's MATx Mobile App to Support Medication-Assisted Treatment of Opioid

Use Disorder

MATx empowers health care practitioners to provide effective, evidence-based care for opioid use disorders. This FREE app supports practitioners who currently provide medication-assisted treatment (MAT), as well as those who plan to do so in the future. MATx features include: information on treatment approaches and medications approved by the FDA for use in the treatment of opioid use disorders, a prescribing guide for buprenorphine, clinical support tools and recommendations for working with special populations. For more information, [click here](#).

The Importance of Prenatal Care and the Role of the Community Health Worker

Participants of this webcast will be able to identify the HRSA performance measures related to pregnancy care as well as two unique risk factors for pregnant women migrant farm workers. This webcast will also reflect on the important role that community health workers play in improving access to prenatal care for pregnant women. Speakers include Ileana Ponce-González, MD, MPH, CNC and Candace Kugel, FNP, CNM, MS. English speakers can tune in Wednesday, January 18 at 12:00pm CST and Spanish speakers can tune in Wednesday, February 1 at 12:00pm CST. [Click here for more information and to register](#).

Addressing the Unique Challenges of Opioid Use Disorder in Women

Drug overdose is the number one cause of injury death in the U.S. The amount of prescription opioids dispensed in the U.S. nearly quadrupled from 1999 to 2013. The recent increase in these overdose deaths are related to the misuse of opioids and heroin. Women are closing the death gap with men as their rates of opioid overdose death skyrocket. [Click here for more information and to register](#) for this webcast, held on Tuesday, January 17, at 12:00pm CST.

Guide to Improving Patient Safety in Primary Care Settings by Engaging Patients and Families: Be Prepared to Be Engaged

This webcast, held on Wednesday, January 18 at 11:00pm CST, is sponsored by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), MedStar Health Research Institute and Clinical Directors Network. This webcast is also pending for up to 1.5 Prescribed credits by the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP). [Click here to register](#).

IT

Attestation Worksheets Now Available for 2016 Medicare EHR Incentive Program

The EHR Incentive Programs attestation system will be open from January 3 - February 28, 2017. Providers must attest by the deadline to avoid a 2018 payment adjustment. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has released two attestation worksheets for [eligible professionals](#) to use as a reference when attesting for the 2016 Medicare EHR Incentive Program in CMS' [Registration and Attestation System](#). CMS also encourages providers to visit the [CMS 2016 Program Requirements](#) webpage on the CMS website to access the worksheets and review additional resources for 2016 EHR Incentive Program participation.

GOVERNANCE & FINANCE

Program Assistance Letter (PAL) Released Outlining 2017 UDS Changes

Recently released [PAL 2017-02](#) outlines approved changes to the 2017 UDS that will be reported by Health Center Program grantees and look-alikes by February 15, 2018. Changes include a revision of the clinical quality measures in Tables 6B and 7 to align with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' electronic-specified Clinical Quality Measures (e-CQMs) and a new Appendix E to collect additional information pertaining to telehealth, along with outreach and enrollment assistance.

Advanced Nursing Education Workforce (ANEW) Program Grant Opportunity

The ANEW Program supports innovative academic-practice partnerships to prepare primary care advanced practice registered nursing students to practice in rural and underserved settings through academic and clinical training. The partnerships support traineeships as well as infrastructure funds to schools of nursing and their practice partners who deliver longitudinal primary care clinical training experiences with rural and/or underserved populations for selected advanced nursing education students in primary care nurse practitioner (NP), primary care clinical nurse specialist (CNS), and/or nurse-midwife (NMW) programs, and facilitate program graduates' employment in those settings. [Click here for more](#)

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Office of Pharmacy Affairs Registration Window CLOSING SOON

The window to register both a clinic site and a retail pharmacy to be eligible for 340B pricing began January 1 and continues through January 15. You may also add a new retail pharmacy to contract with for pharmacy services (“bill to/ship to”) during this time. When registering, 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. If you have any questions, please contact [Lynn Ford](#).

NEWS

TACHC 2017 Membership Directory Available Online

With the input of our members and the help of some awesome TACHC staff, the 2017 Membership Directory has been completed and is [available online](#) now! A big thanks goes out to all those who helped put this year’s directory together.

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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