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Senate Republicans' attempt to repeal parts of the Affordable Care Act died early Friday morning, with three GOP senators -- Sen. John McCain, Sen. Susan Collins and Sen. Lisa Murkowski -- voting against the proposal. [Read the full story here.](#)

Congratulations to all who advocated on behalf of FQHCs! And please [continue to weigh in](#) with your elected

officials and continuing to stand up for health centers.

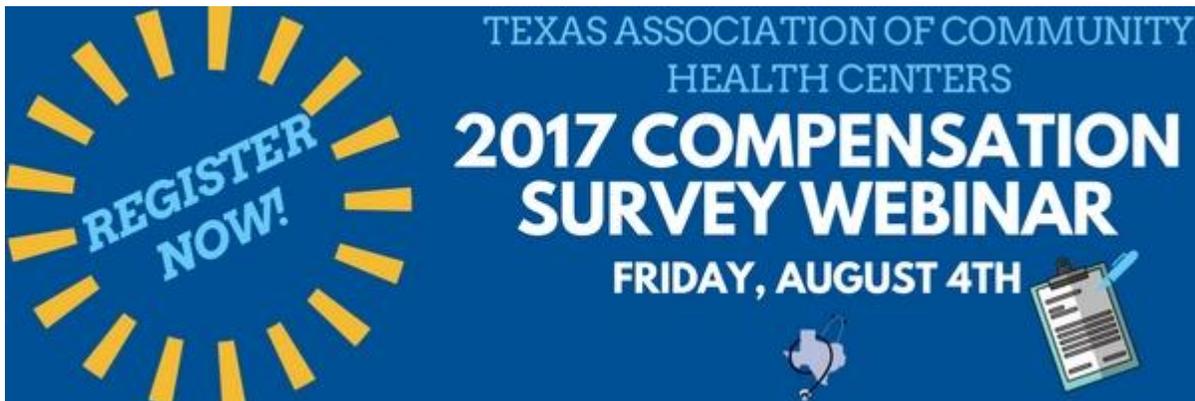


National Health Center Week: Invite Your Elected Officials to Join Your Celebration

NHCW is right around the corner! So far, four members of Texas' Congressional delegation (Reps. Hurd, Ratcliffe, Cuellar, and Vela) are planning on attending health center week events in their district. If you haven't already, remember to **invite your elected officials** to join your celebration and #valuechcs. Received confirmation of an elected official planning to visit? Email TACHC's [Courtney Weaver](#) with the details. Make sure to send us photos, too! If you have your center's events planned, be sure to post them on www.healthcenterweek.org.

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Wrap Methodology Training Rescheduled for August 18 in Austin

A Wrap Methodology Training conference will take place August 18, from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the Sheraton Austin Hotel at The Capitol. The training is intended to answer any final questions, clarify contracting, and any last-minute procedures before centers begin testing their claim submissions. Please plan to be present, as it is impossible to answer individual questions in the short time-frame that we have. Two people from each center are invited to this meeting. Also invited are representatives from the Commission and the Plans. **[Click here to register.](#)**

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GROUP PURCHASING

Office of Pharmacy Affairs 340B Registration Window Now Open

The window to register a clinic site to be eligible for 340B pricing will be open until August 4. When registering during this time, the new site will be eligible for 340B pricing effective October 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](#).

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POLICY

Special Session Update

Special Session began on July 18 and could last for up to 30 days. The first item of business the legislature considered relates to the reauthorization of the Texas Medical Board (TMB), the state agency charged with licensing physicians in Texas. The agency is currently set to sunset this year, but legislation has passed in both the House and Senate that would reauthorize the TMB for an additional two years. Since debate has closed on the sunset legislation, the legislature can start addressing the **19** other charges the Governor included on his agenda. While legislators may file bills on any issues during the special session, it is unlikely they will move unless they are included on the Governor's agenda. TACHC will be monitoring **SB 27** (Miles) and **HB 112** (Walle), relating to automatic enrollment of eligible women into Healthy Texas Women from CHIP or Children's Medicaid; **HB 102** (Coleman) and **SB 44** (Rodriguez), relating to postpartum depression treatment under Medicaid and CHIP-P; and **HB 144** (Farrar), relating to a report concerning health care providers participating in the breast and cervical cancer services program, the family planning program, and the Texas women's health program. Several bills relating to maternal mortality are moving forward. **SB 17** (Kolkhorst), which extends the Maternal Mortality Task Force and creates more data collection opportunities to understand drivers of maternal mortality and morbidity in Texas, has passed the Senate. Several house versions, **HB 9** (Burkett), **HB 10** (Walle), **HB 11** (Thierry), and **HB 28** (Ortega) were heard and voted out of committee this week. For more information on these bills, please contact TACHC's new Director of Policy & External Communications, [Mimi Garcia](#).

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GOVERNANCE & FINANCE

Need a Letter of Support from TACHC?

If you would like to request a Letter of Support, signed by TACHC Executive Director, José Camacho, please

email [Corinne Medina](#) along with the project abstract. Once the request and abstract have been received, please allow 2-3 business for turnaround.

Meet HRSA's After-hours Requirement, Save Money and Increase Continuity of Care for Your Patients

The nurse advice line, TACHC's newest service offered through group purchasing, went live in early March. This after-hours support service allows patients to speak to registered nurses that will follow triage protocols and be directed to appropriate care options. Reduce the number of patients being unnecessarily sent to the ER when they cannot reach your center and meet HRSA's after-hours requirement with ease. The flat monthly rate is based on unduplicated UDS patient counts, not call volume. There are no additional fees for translation services and the number of calls is unlimited. Unlike other advice lines, you can *encourage* your patients to utilize this service when your center doors are closed and ultimately provide more continuity of care. For more information, please contact [Corinne Medina](#) or [Nancy Gilliam](#).

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OUTREACH



The banner features the 'mytexas myhealth' logo on the left, with 'mytexas' in pink and 'myhealth' in green. To the right, it says 'REGISTER NOW!' in bold, followed by 'TACHC Outreach and Enrollment 2017 Conference' and the slogan 'Together Towards Tomorrow.' Below this, the dates 'September 27-28' and location 'Bee Cave, TX' are listed.

TACHC Outreach & Enrollment Annual Conference – Registration Now Open!

Please join us September 27-28, 2017 at the Sonesta Bee Cave - Austin Hotel for the 5th TACHC Outreach & Enrollment Conference: My Texas My Health. Together Towards Tomorrow. The conference will focus on the latest health care policies at both the federal and state levels and what that means for outreach and enrollment activities in health centers, including messages and strategies to respond to any changes. Breakout sessions will highlight an updated session on immigration issues, outreach to Veterans, programs available for women's health and an improved lesson on selecting and comparing Marketplace health plans. There will be opportunities for peer learning and networking for sharing best practices as well. All health center outreach and enrollment staff and supervisors are invited to attend. [Register here](#). Contact [Sonia Lara](#) or [RexAnn Shotwell](#) for more information.

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CLINICAL

Guideline-directed Asthma Care Live Webcast

On Tuesday, **August 1, 2017** from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM CST, the Clinical Directors Network, Inc. (CDN) and the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality will host a live webcast: [Guideline-directed Asthma Care](#). The speaker is Maureen George PhD, RN, AE-C, FAAN, Associate Professor of Nursing at Columbia University Medical Center. A live webcast sponsored by: The N2 PBRN Virtual Training Series (AHRQ, Grant No. 1P30-HS-021667) and Clinical Directors Network, Inc. (CDN) [Click Here for More Information or to Register](#)

Diagnosis, Prevention, and Treatment of Syphilis and HIV — A Healthy People 2020 Progress Review Webinar

Healthy People 2020 is hosting a webcast on the "Diagnosis, Prevention, and Treatment of Syphilis and HIV — A Healthy People 2020 Progress Review Webinar on **August 1, 2017 from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM CST**. You'll also learn how the Bureau of Infectious Diseases in the Louisiana Department of Health is addressing syphilis and HIV. You can find a complete list of presenters on the registration page. [Click Here For More Information](#)

[and to Register](#)

Promising Practice: Health Center Experience with Accreditation Webinar-Which one is for you?

Hear from your peers in this FREE program presented by ECRI Institute, on behalf of HRSA. Speakers will discuss the benefits of accreditation, tips for getting started on the process, strategies for maintaining accreditation, and ways to connect accreditation efforts with existing quality improvement programs. Guest speakers from two health centers—one accredited by Joint Commission and one accredited by the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care (AAAHC)—will share best practices and lessons learned based on their experiences. Achieving accreditation takes hard work, but its benefits can be significant. Health centers can use accreditation to inform their quality improvement programs, improve patient safety and health outcomes, provide structure and guidance for best practices, and help ensure compliance with regulations and requirements. Although accreditation is voluntary, health centers should consider it as a key part of their quality improvement efforts. The webinar is set for Tuesday, August 8 at 11:00 AM. [Click Here for More Information or to Register](#)

National Acupuncture Detoxification Association (NADA) Acudetox Didactic Training August 5-7 in Austin

Thousands of behavioral health treatment and criminal justice programs worldwide offer ear acupuncture using the NADA protocol to support the treatment and recovery process as well as disaster/trauma response interventions. NADA strives to make acudetox-based, barrier-free behavioral health treatment accessible in all communities and to ensure its integration with other treatment modalities. Texas law allows for the following licensed professionals to cross-train as Certified Acu Detox Specialists to treat “substance abuse” under physician or acupuncturist supervision: Social Workers, Nurses, Counselors (LCDCs, LPCs), and Psychologists. [Click Here For More Information or to Register](#).

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Would You Like us to Help You Recruit?

Does your center have openings for clinical providers or executive management that you would like us to help 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!](#)

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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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