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#### UPCOMING EVENTS

##### **We're Almost There! 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.

#### GROUP PURCHASING

##### **340B Annual Re-certification**

It is that time of year again.....Annual 340B Re-certification for health centers to maintain their eligibility for 340B pricing! HRSA's Office of Pharmacy Affairs (OPA) conducted a webcast on January 18 outlining the re-certification process. Though there is not a significant difference between this year and last year's re-certification, members are encouraged to review important [key points from this webcast](#). We also encourage you to keep an eye out for the webcast recording, available soon on the [OPA website](#).

#### IT

**EHR Training at the TACHC HIT Summit**

The TACHC HIT Summit is March 1-3, 2017 at the Airport Hilton in Austin, TX. The summit is open to all members and all are encouraged to attend. HCCN members, as part of the grant, are authorized for up to 4 people from your center to receive up to \$150 for travel and \$150 for lodging for each member as part of attendance. The final day of the summit is set aside for EHR training on the two most member utilized EHRs; NextGen and eCW. For more information please review the draft agenda on the [TACHC Events Page](#). Please contact [Rick Pena](#) with any questions.

### **Attestation Worksheets Now Available for 2016 Medicare EHR Incentive Program**

The EHR Incentive Programs attestation system is now open and will continue to be until 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.

## **CLINICAL**

### **An Introduction to the National Institute for Medical Assistant Advancement**

Recruiting for NIMAA's second year class has begun! Learn about this groundbreaking new way to train key primary care team members January 30, 1:00pm CST. You'll also hear from representatives of health centers in Colorado and Connecticut that piloted the first year class. [Click Here](#) for more information about NIMAA. [Click Here](#) to register for this webcast.

### **FREE Continuing Education: The Opioid Epidemic**

There is an upcoming series of webcasts, offered by the Central East Addiction Technology Transfer Center, in collaboration with the Regional Office (Region III) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the Mid-Atlantic Training Collaborative for Health and Human Services (MATCHHS). Topics include medication, tactics to promote screening and abuse prevention and practice techniques for safe opioid prescribing. [Full descriptions](#) of these continuing education opportunities are available on the ATTC website.

### **Free Continuing Education: National Center for Complimentary and Integrative Health**

The National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health is offering [FREE comprehensive video lectures](#) about research in complementary health approaches. Topics range from mind-body pain therapies to acupuncture. These online video lectures provide an in-depth perspective on the current state of science, as related to complementary medicine. Health professionals are eligible to receive continuing education credits (CME and CEU) and a certificate of completion at NO COST. For assistance, contact NCCIH's Clearinghouse toll-free at 1-888-644-6226 or [info@nccih.nih.gov](mailto:info@nccih.nih.gov).

## **POLICY**

### **TACHC Legislative Briefing at State Capitol**

On January 19, TACHC hosted a briefing at the Texas State Capitol to discuss various legislative issues with staff. Cam Kleibrink did a great job of sharing his health center's story with the group. Thank you for being a wonderful health center advocate, Cam! If you missed last week's webcast and would like a copy of TACHC's policy presentation, please email [Mary Allen](#).

## **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.

## **NEWS**

### **Healing Hands Ministries Honored with D CEO's Excellence in Healthcare Award**

Healing Hands Ministries is proud to be named the recipient of **D CEO's Excellence in Healthcare Award** for Achievement in Community Outreach for their efforts in the new Northwest Community Center at Vickery Meadow. Congratulations, Healing Hands Ministries!

### **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!**

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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