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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.

CLINICAL

HHS Launches Trafficking TA Center

The Administration of Children and Families' [Office on Trafficking in Persons](#) is using Human Trafficking Awareness Month to launch the National Human Trafficking Training and Technical Assistance Center (NHTTAC). [NHTTAC](#) offers a variety of resources to help build capacity to serve survivors of trafficking and those at risk of trafficking.

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: 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.

GOVERNANCE & FINANCE

Using Uniform Data System (UDS) Data and Reports for Program Evaluation and Quality Improvement

The UDS technical assistance webcast on January 11 provided detailed information on how health center data stakeholders can access standard UDS reports and interpret and leverage data for tracking performance and quality improvement efforts. In addition, participants explored how to use the UDS audit report and reviewed the process to submit an accurate UDS report. Access the webcast recording [Here](#) and access the UDS resources page [Here](#).

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.

OUTREACH

Best Practices for Supervising Year-Round OE Work

Join us Thursday, February 2 at 11:00am CST for TACHC OE's first webcast of the New Year. This webcast, [Best Practices for Supervising Year-Round OE Work](#), will include a Federal Policy Update and is the follow-up to the OE Supervisor session provided at the OE annual conference in September. This webcast will also include important updates related to what we know about the impact of President Trump's executive order and a proposed ACA replacement. All health center staff is invited to attend. Registration is required. For questions, please contact [Sonia Lara](#).

IT

Free HITEQ Webcast

Join HITEQ on [February 21 at 2:00pm CST](#) for an overview of why data monitoring is important and what we mean when we talk about it. Participants will discuss considerations prior to taking on data monitoring including data validation, transparency and committed resources. Finally, the session will share case studies from organizations that are currently engaging in various types of data monitoring, including organizations that are using population health management systems and other software solutions.

Attestation Worksheets 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.

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](#).

NEWS

Have You Gotten Your Letters of Support Yet?

[Community Health Development, Inc.](#) has shared one of the best letters of support we've ever seen. What a [powerful message](#) this sends! We LOVE to see this kind of thing! Thanks so much for sharing.

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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