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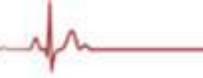
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Upcoming Events



[TACHC January CPI Webcast: Improving Cervical Cancer Screening](#)

Friday, January 18th, 2012, 9am to 11am CST

TACHC has partnered with the American Cancer Society to review the current guidelines and to look at the effective ways to increase cervical cancer screening in a safety net environment. This webcast will be Part 2 of a two part series. Centers will be asked to discuss any barriers that they have had with cancer screening and how they plan to overcome them, and to discuss any project ideas that they may have. For more information contact [Verne LaGrega](#) at TACHC. To register for this event, click [HERE](#).

NOTE: Registration for all CPI Webcast Trainings is for two webcasts, Parts 1 and 2, at once. Thus, please register for December **and** January 2013 CPI Webcasts by contacting [TaSheena Mitchell](#) at TACHC, and paying for one registration covering both months. ***If you missed the December CPI training, you will be able to access it via the [Community Health Learning Network \(CHLN\)](#) website.** For more information contact [Verne LaGrega](#) at TACHC.

[TACHC Health Information Technology Summit](#)

February 18-19, 2013, Austin

Your center has implemented its electronic health record, so now what? The 2013 HIT Summit will explore state, federal and third-party payor expectations and initiatives facing EHR utilization in the Community Health Center setting. Join us to hear speakers from the Office of the National Coordinator (ONC), Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC), Health Resources and Services



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Administration (HRSA), the Joint Commission, National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) and other experts as they discuss the future landscape of HIT. While you are here, don't forget to attend the statewide user-group breakfast on Tuesday morning to share EHR product-specific experiences with other CHC colleagues. To register for this event, click [HERE](#). The deadline for hotel reservations is Sunday, January 27th. If you have any questions, please contact [Todd Radloff](#), Director of Information Technology at TACHC.

Information regarding all upcoming events hosted by TACHC can be found [HERE](#).

Governance and Finance



1. TACHC Policy & Issues Forum (P&I), January 28-29, 2013: TACHC will be convening a Policy and Issues Forum (TACHC P&I Forum) in Austin at the Omni Austin Hotel Downtown. The purpose of the TACHC P&I Forum is to update our health center membership on critical state policy issues impacting FQHCs and our patients, review the TACHC state legislative agenda and educate our state legislators on the good work your health center is doing in their district. For agenda and registration information click [HERE](#). Questions? Contact [Jana Blasi](#) at TACHC.

2. ECPII is Official! Late yesterday, CMS announced approval of the second Accountable Care Organization collaboration for TACHC and its members, Essential Care Partners II (ECPII). Click [HERE](#) to see the press release.

3. Medicaid Meaningful Use EHR Incentive Program Updates: Please see the last four attachments to this email regarding updates to the Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Program. They include:

- Changes Effective in 2013: In September 2012, the Stage 2 Final Rules were released, which included some changes to Stage 1 of the Incentive Program. This article summarizes those changes, including the ones that Texas is implementing.
- RECs Webinar Schedule: The four Regional Extension Centers (RECs) are collaborating on a webinar series; the schedule and topics are attached.
- 90 Day Reporting Period: This document outlines the two options for selecting and reporting the 90 day period for patient volume.
- E-Learning Tool Stage 1: There are now two e-learning modules on the Texas Medicaid EHR Incentive Program – this article announces the release of the Stage 1 tool.

4. DSHS School-based HC Funding Soon to Be Released: On January 10th, TACHC received notice that the Texas Department of State Health Services School Health Program will soon be releasing its Fiscal Year 2014 Competitive Request for Proposal for School-Based Health Centers funding. Eligible applicants

include school districts, charter schools, private schools, local health departments, hospitals, health care systems, universities, and nonprofit organizations such as Community Health Centers. The funds will be made available to:

- Start a school-based health center that delivers primary and preventive health services to a school-age population on a school campus within the school district;
- Expand services within existing school-based health centers to include dental or mental health services, and;
- Enhance existing school-based health centers.

Contact the TDSHS School Health Program at (512) 776-2782 if you would like to be added to the email list to receive notification when the RFP is released and posted on the Electronic State Business Daily (ESBD). Please share this information with other interested agencies or community partners if you do not plan to directly apply. Please keep in mind that starting a new center will also require HRSA's approval of Change in Scope to add a new site/location.

5. CDCHC Funds Available: Is your center in need of affordable financing for a building renovation or equipment purchase? Corporation for the Development of Community Health Centers (CDCHC), a U.S. Treasury Department certified Community Development Financial Institution and corporate affiliate of TACHC, has \$200,000 in funds available to lend for capital project or equipment purchase. CDCHC provides financing at with very flexible loan terms and affordable interest rates that are typically lower than commercial rates. For more information or to request an application, Please contact [Daniel Diaz](#) at TACHC.

6. Community Partner Program Anchor Centers & Jan. 17th Webcast: The Community Partner Program is in full effect. TACHC, in partnership with Baylor University's Texas Hunger Initiative and Texas Impact, is currently working with HHSC to recruit community based organizations statewide to participate in the program. TACHC believes this is a great opportunity for health centers to be able to provide a convenient and more streamlined process for enrolling and renewing Medicaid coverage for eligible patients. In an effort to fulfill our goal of 300 community based organizations and/or health center sites to sign up as Application and Case Assistance Community Partners, TACHC has identified one health center in each of the 12 managed care regions to serve as lead contact to assist your organization with the sign-up process, provide ongoing technical assistance and training to staff in your main health center and satellite sites, monthly community partner updates, and general program support. Each lead center will have a designated Regional Coordinator that will work closely with your Community Partner Program Navigators and staff. **Please see attached Excel spreadsheet; those highlighted in green are the lead health centers for this project.**

You can begin the process of becoming a Community Partner by filling out HHSC's [online interest form](#). HHSC will review and respond within 4-6 weeks. **You must fill out this form in order to participate in the program.** In the meantime, please read and familiarize yourself with HHSC's [Memorandum of Understanding](#). Upon acceptance, HHSC will send you a copy of this form to sign and mail back. On **Thursday January 17, 2013**, TACHC will also convene a free webinar to provide an overview of the Community Partner Program, review www.yourtexasbenefits.com, and discuss available technical support and training through TACHC and our lead health centers throughout the state. Please visit TACHC's website [HERE](#) to register. For more information or to get specific questions answered, please contact our new staff members for this project: [RexAnn Shotwell](#), Project Manager, and/or [Elizabeth Endres](#), Program Coordinator.

1. OSHA MSDS Hazard Communication Standard to Undergo Change: The MSDS will become SDS and there will be more uniformity in the information forms. You can get a side-by-side comparison of the 1994 and the 2012 versions [HERE](#). Training on the new system has to be done by December 2013 and the final compliance in June 2016. (The new forms are to be mailed out by December 2015.) During the interim providers must comply with one or the other. For further information click [HERE](#). Questions? Contact [Verne LaGrega](#) at TACHC.

2. NOEP Continuing Education Course: Cervical Cancer—What the Nurse Needs to Know: To help registered nurses working in primary care settings advance their knowledge of cervical cancer, the Nurse Oncology Education Program is offering this continuing education course. The nurse will take back to practice an updated knowledge of cervical cancer risk factors, screening guidelines, treatment options and aspects of survivorship necessary to educate their patients and empower them with knowledge regarding their healthcare. Click [HERE](#) to take the course. This module will expire **March 8, 2013**. For more information contact the Nurse Oncology Education Program at 1-800-515-6770.

3. Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Emergency Management Resources Available: The Emergency Management Institute (EMI) serves as the national focal point for the development and delivery of emergency management training. The Independent Study Program (ISP) is a distance learning program offered free of charge to the American public. It serves as both an alternate means to deliver valuable training to the professional and volunteer emergency management community, and an opportunity to improve public awareness and promote disaster preparedness nationally. For more information click [HERE](#). To learn more about available resources from FEMA, click [HERE](#).

AmeriCares Offers FREE Prescription Drugs for CHCs: TACHC was recently contacted by [AmeriCares](#) about a number of prescription medications they are available to donate and ship to community health centers **at no cost** for use with low-income patients who are uninsured or underinsured. Details about the new donations are below. They also still have the flu and Tdap vaccines available that we emailed about at the end of December.

Generic Name	Brand Name	NDC #	Expiration Date	Units Per Case	Cases Available per Health Center
ETHINYL ESTRADIOL / NORGESTIMATE TABLET 168'S, USP	ORTHO TRI-CYCLEN LO	50458-251-15	11/30/13	24	10
QUETIAPINE FUMARATE 25MG TABLET 1000'S, USP	SEROQUEL	0310-0275-34	05/25/14	12	2
VALSARTAN 320MG / HYDROCHLOROTHIAZIDE 12.5 MG TABLET	DIOVAN HCT	0078-0471-15	3/30/2013	72	4
METFORMIN HYDROCHLORIDE / PIOGLITAZONE HYDROCHLORIDE – ASSORTED STRENGTHS	ACTOPLUS MET & ACTOPLUS MET XR	64764-155-41 64764-310-07	6/30/2013	20	4

In order to access the medications, your health center must first become an AmeriCares Partner. Click

[HERE](#) to learn more and initiate the partnership application process. Once you become a partner, you will receive weekly emails alerting you to additional medications, vaccines and supplies that AmeriCares makes available on an ongoing basis to its partners. If you have any questions, please contact Euthimios Theotokatos of AmeriCares at etheotokatos@americares.org or 203-658-9553.

Recruitment and Retention



TACHC R&R Celebrates a Successful 2012: Last year the Recruitment Team, in partnership with member centers, exceeded our system monitoring and candidate placement goals. This year, we continue in our efforts to assist member centers by referring quality candidates to help fulfill clinical and administrative workforce needs. If your center has an opening that you would like us to help you recruit for, please click [HERE](#) and complete the quick and easy online position profile. Have questions or need assistance? Contact [April Sartor](#) at TACHC.

Other News



TACHC Member News: To learn what your fellow health centers are involved in or read news that may affect your health center, click [HERE](#) for news coverage. We also encourage you to post your news, questions and comments to each other on the TACHC members listserv (members@tachc.org), where only TACHC executives or their designees are recipients.

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