



The Heartbeat of Texas Community Health Centers

Weekly Wrap-up - May 31, 2013

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*Dentist Reviewing X-Ray
Gateway Community Health Center
Laredo, TX*

Upcoming Events



[TACHC June CPI Webcast: Cancer Screening- Highlighting Improvement \(Part 2\)](#)

June 21, 2013, 9am to 11am

We will review the homework assignment from Part 1 and discuss how centers can leverage this data for improvement. We will also highlight the screening work from other community health centers. For more information contact Verne LaGrega at vlagrega@tachc.org To register for this event, click [HERE](#). If you have any questions, please contact [Verne LaGrega, Clinical Coordinator](#) at TACHC.

NOTE: Registration for all CPI Webcast Trainings is for two webcasts, Parts 1 and 2, at once. If you missed part 1 of the training, you will be able to access a recording of it via the TACHC [Community Health Learning Network \(CHLN\)](#) website.

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



1. Physician Education Loan Repayment Program (PELRP) Now Accepting Applications Until August 31, 2013: The PELRP provides loan repayment funds to physicians who agree to practice in a Health Professional Shortage Area for at least four years. The Application for Enrollment in the PELRP may be downloaded from [the program web page](#). The priority **deadline** for the initial group of new applications is **August 31, 2013**. If the funds are appropriated for this program, applications will be ranked after the priority deadline, according to current criteria established in the administrative rule (see attached document: *THECB-PELRP.DOCX*). Any programmatic changes resulting from the passage of new legislation will be updated on the PELRP webpage. If you have any questions, please contact Lesa Moller, Stacy Johnson, or Tamika Lighten at the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board by phone at (512)427-6366, (512)427-6357, or (512)427-6492 or by e-mail at loanrepaymentprograms@thecb.state.tx.us.

2. HHSC State Innovation Models Initiative: A model design award was granted to HHSC on April 1, 2013, as part of the State Innovation Models initiative to design an innovative payment and delivery system model. The six-month long initiative will conclude September 30, 2013. Under this project, Texas will design innovative multi-payer delivery and payment models that base payment on quality outcomes. Potential models include:

- Accountable care organizations or shared savings arrangements
- Bundled or episodic payments
- Medical or health homes

To design innovative models, HHSC will:

- Convene public and private payers, providers and other stakeholders through webinars and meetings to develop a common understanding and consensus around the design of an innovative model and determine the elements needed to successfully implement that model, including health information technology infrastructure, billing and claims data, and quality measures
- Research actuarial and financial models and determine policy options
- Design innovative and meaningful payment and delivery models specific to the needs of Texans

All meetings and webinars scheduled for this initiative will be open to the public and details will be posted on this webpage: https://www.hhsc.state.tx.us/hhsc_projects/Innovation/sim.shtml. **This is important to all TACHC members and as such we would like you to attend the meetings whenever possible. This may be the platform for a Medicaid ACO.** See the attached FAQ for more details. The links for the archived April 19, 2013, Kick-Off Webinar are listed below.

- [Presentation \(PDF\)](#)
- [Recording of the webinar \(MP4\)](#)

Public Regional Meetings: Please note that meeting facility arrangements have not yet been finalized and are subject to change. These meetings are open to the public and will be posted with finalized details on the [HHSC public meetings webpage](#).



1. NACHC-sponsored Training for New Medical Directors to be Hosted by TACHC June 26-27: Are you new to your role as Medical Director of your health center? This 1 ½ day, in-person training for new Medical Directors will be a foundational and essential building block in your career development, providing core knowledge and competencies that all health center Medical Directors need to function as effective managers, leaders, and advocates for their centers and communities. In addition to providing contextual knowledge regarding the history, political evolution, regulatory expectations, and terminology of the health center movement, course content focuses on developing competency in evolving health care issues such as the patient centered medical home, electronic health records, and meaningful use.

Topics covered include: History of Community Health Centers and the National Health Service Corps; Performance Evaluation; Review and Accreditation; Funding Sources and Regulatory Expectations; Additional Delivery Models and Supporting Organizations; Federal Tort Claims Act and Risk Management; The Role of the Clinical/Medical Director; Quality Management; Patient Centered Medical Home and Meaningful Use; and Small Group Case Studies.

Target Audience: Course content is designed specifically for new Medical Directors. Registration limited to Medical Directors in their position for two years or less.

CMEs: This live activity has been reviewed and is acceptable for up to 6 Elective Credits by the American Academy of Family Physicians. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

For registration and hotel information, click [HERE](#). For additional information about the training, contact [Dr. Davelyn Eaves Hood, Director of Clinical Affairs](#) at TACHC.

2. TACHC Clinical Director Institute to be Held June 28-29: Attention all Chief Medical Officers, Chief Dental Directors, and Behavioral Health Directors, please join your colleagues this year for an interactive network and learning event. Sessions include an update on TACHC Clinical Initiatives, FQHC Billing for Clinical Directors, Better Documentation and Coding, Patient Termination in the Safety Net Setting and UDS from Audit to Submission to Improvement, What Does it Mean for Your Center and Health Home, How Well Do you know your Health Care Community. There will be specialized breakout sessions for the Medical, Behavioral and Dental providers on topics such as: Moving HIV Care into the Primary Care Setting, Quality Metrics in the Dental Setting, Models of Integration that Work, How Do Medical and Dental Providers Complement Each Other and Teaching the Care Team about Screening and Brief Behavioral Health Interventions. For hotel information and to register for the conference, click [HERE](#). For additional information, contact [Dr. Davelyn Eaves Hood, Director of Clinical Affairs](#) at TACHC.



Mylan Mails Checks for 340B Overcharges: As per the *Drug Discount Monitor* on May 15, 2013 by the Safety Net Hospitals for Pharmaceutical Access, drug manufacturer Mylan has mailed refunds to 340B providers for overcharges on all products sold by its Mylan Specialty subsidiary (formerly known as Dey Pharma) from late 1994 through late 2006. Last November, the Office of Pharmacy Affairs (OPA) posted a message from Mylan on its home page explaining that the company needed to give refunds to 340B entities due to a recalculation of average manufacturer prices and best prices that Dey Pharma reported to the

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) under the Medicaid rebate program. Mylan bought Dey Pharma in 2007 and renamed it Mylan Specialty in February 2012. The Mylan 340B refunds cover all products bearing NDC labeler code 495021 from the third quarter of 1994 through the fourth quarter of 2006. Past and present Dey Pharma/Mylan Specialty products with relatively high rates of utilization include the EpiPen and EpiPen Jr epinephrine auto-injectors as well as albuterol and albuterol/ipratropium nebulizer solutions. Centers with questions about the refunds should contact Mylan Manager of Government Pricing & Reporting Terry Pierce by telephone at 304.554.5256 or by fax at 304.553.6853.

Recruitment and Retention



TACHC Quarterly Recruitment Opportunity Status Reports: Every quarter, member centers utilizing TACHC's recruitment services receive a report showing their open job opportunities on the TACHC Online Job Bank. Though each vacancy is only shown once, your center's opportunities are advertised by TACHC on Practice Link, 3RNet and several other online marketing venues in order to reach as many qualified candidates as possible, nationwide, and attract them to your opportunity. **The next report is forthcoming.** Prompt review and feedback from your center helps us maintain up-to-date information on these sites. With great enthusiasm, TACHC staff continue in our mission to support member organizations in fulfilling their clinical and administrative staff 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, Recruitment Dept. Program Assistant](#) at TACHC.

Other News



1. Women's Health Leadership Institute's (WHLI) Training for Community Health Workers (CHWs) & Promotoras/Promotores: WHLI is a national initiative of the Department of Health and Human Services Office on Women's Health (DHHS-OWH). The purpose is to train and support experienced CHWs in leadership development to enhance their capacity to influence change in their communities. Everyone who completes the training will be expected to implement a Community Action Project using the skills they gained. (See [CHW FAQs](#) for more information). You may download an application [HERE](#). Please submit your application by **June 3, 2013**. The training will be held **July 9-11, 2013** in Dallas from 8am-5pm. Please contact [Rosie Piper, WHLI Coordinator, MCHC Health Promotion Manager](#) (toll free: 1.855.627.4767) for details, including hotel accommodations. The workshop and all materials are FREE; however, applicants are responsible for their own travel.

2. 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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