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Weekly Wrap-up - June 28, 2013

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Pediatric exam at Health Opportunities for the People of East Texas, Inc. dba HOPE Project Tenaha, TX

Upcoming Events



[TACHC 30th Annual Conference](#)

October 7-9, 2013, Hilton Austin Hotel

Hotel Reservations are OPEN. As a friendly reminder, the cutoff date is **Tuesday, September 3, 2013**. Call the Hilton central reservations line directly (1-800-236-1592) and reference the group, **TACHC's Annual Conference**, or the group code, **CHC**, in order to receive the group rate of \$194 single/double over the contracted event dates, or you may click [HERE](#) to do so online. ***Reserve early, as the TACHC conference is in the middle of both Austin City Limits Festival weekends!***

IMPORTANT: Housing Policy

In an effort to ensure that our hotel is able to accept the

maximum number of reservations, TACHC has implemented the following housing policies:

- Each reservation must have a unique name attached to it. No person may book more than one room in his/her name.
- A deposit of one night's room and tax will be taken at the time of booking in order to guarantee your reservation.
- Should you need to cancel, cancellations must be made 15 days in advance in order to be refunded your deposit.
- Cancellations within 15 days prior to your arrival date, deposits are non-refundable unless the hotel is able to resell your canceled room.

Click [HERE](#) to find an event agenda outline. For questions or assistance, please contact [TaSheena Mitchell, TACHC Meeting Coordinator](#).

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

Governance and Finance

HHSC Community Partner Program Enrollment: Due to HRSA's recent announcement about the availability of Outreach & Enrollment funds for health centers to increase in-reach, as well as outreach activities, it is even more critical that your health center sign up for the [Community Partner Program](#). Both CMS and HHSC are advocating for online systems to facilitate enrollment in affordable insurance coverage either through the Marketplace and/or CHIP and Medicaid. This is also a prerequisite if you are a participating health center in TACHC's proposal for the CMS Federal Navigator grant. Open enrollment for the federal health exchanges begins **October 1st**; therefore, it is important to get your health center signed up for the Community Partner Program *now* to be onboard and ready to utilize both systems. To submit your request, simply fill out an [online interest form](#). If you have more than one site that you would like to sign up, please be aware that **a separate interest form will be needed for each site**. For more information about the Community Partner Program, contact [RexAnn Shotwell, Community Partner Program Project Manager](#) at TACHC.

Clinical Affairs



Texas/Oklahoma
AIDS Education & Training Center

Texas/Oklahoma AIDS Education & Training Center FREE Webcast: "Dental Management of the HIV Patient" The HIV/AIDS patient can present as a medically complex patient and may need special considerations for examination and for invasive procedure risks assessment. This lecture will review the elements of the health history with special emphasis on certain aspects that related to the patient with HIV or AIDS, as well as review the standard of care for a HIV surgical risk assessment and discuss potential complications, and review the dental procedures that are routinely performed on this population. This course is designed for the oral health care worker and for the nurse, physician or case worker who may be referring HIV patients for dental services. This **FREE** webinar will be held **July 30, 2013 from 12:00 – 1:00 pm CDT**. Pre-registration is **REQUIRED** for participation and **registration closes on July 29th at 11:59 pm CDT**.

To register for this event, click [HERE](#). Please note that CEs are not available for this training. However, Certificates of Attendance are available upon request. For questions on the topic and the webinar format, please contact [Ashley Tijerina](#) (214.590.6686). For more information on this and other HIV/AIDS-related health topics and trainings, visit www.aidseducation.org.

Group Purchasing



1. American Solutions for Business (ASB) Promotional Items: National Health Center Week is coming up—consider using ASB for your center’s promotional items and banners! As you know, TACHC has an agreement with ASB for such items, one which provides a deep discount for centers. Click [HERE](#) for an online brochure. For more information contact either [Lynn Ford, TACHC Purchasing Program Coordinator](#) or [Joseph McCarthy with ASB](#) (757) 880-0466.

2. ViP Program Discounted Cell Phone Contracts for Health Centers: The [Value in Purchasing](#) (ViP) program offers health centers discounted cell phone contracts with Verizon, Sprint and AT&T. You can save up to 27% on your monthly bill, with discounts on device upgrades too. To be eligible, you must be an employee of a health center and your health center must be enrolled in ViP. Family members are eligible for the discounts as well! Enrollment in ViP is **free** and easy. Click [HERE](#) to learn more about this special offer. To enroll in ViP, please contact the following NACHC staff members [Rodrigo Peredo](#) or [Alex Vactor](#), 1-888-299-0324.

3. GlaxoSmithKline Shortage of Fluarix (PFS) Flu Vaccine: TACHC has just been notified by GlaxoSmithKline (GSK) that they are experiencing a shortage of their Fluarix (PFS) flu vaccine for pre-book reservations for the 2013-14 flu season. The shortage does NOT apply for Fluarix Quadrivalent or FluLaval. The official letter from GSK is attached for your reference. If you have not yet heard from your GSK representative on this matter, please contact them immediately. Please remember that TACHC does have a flu vaccine contract with Novartis for their Fluvirin (MDV is still available for pre-booking). The overview for this contract is attached for your reference and it is still available for pre-booking. If you have any questions, please contact Lynn Ford at lford@tachc.org.

Recruitment and Retention



1. TACHC Congratulations to Asian American Health Coalition (Hope Clinic) for New Hire! Dr. Hillary Boswell, a TACHC referral, has accepted an offer from Asian American Health Coalition for their OB/GYN position.

2. TACHC Upcoming Recruitment Activities: In our continuing mission to help promote member health center career opportunities, TACHC recruiting staff will be exhibiting at two provider conferences in **July** and **August**. These will target providers in Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, OB/GYN, Pediatrics, and Psychiatry, as well as Physician Assistants. **Don’t miss this opportunity for us to PROMOTE YOUR**

JOBS at these events! Does your center have openings for clinical providers or executive management that you would like us to help you recruit for? Click [HERE](#) and complete the quick and easy online position profile. Contact [April Sartor, Recruitment Dept. Program Assistant](#) at TACHC if you have questions or need assistance.

Other News 

1. TACHC Office Closed July 4th: TACHC will be closed on Thursday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day.

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.



If you would like to be removed from this mailing, please send a message to ccarson@tachc.org, and we will remove your name from our list as soon as possible.

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MEMORANDUM

To: TACHC 340Better Members
From: Lynn Ford
Date: April 2, 2013
Subject: Novartis's Fluvirin

TACHC now has available the Novartis seasonal influenza vaccine for the **2013/14 flu season: Fluvirin**. The highlights of the pricing are as follows:

- For all purchases of Fluvirin the purchase price payable for Fluvirin under the 340Better program shall be \$96.90 per 10-dose vial and \$106.30 per packet of 10 pre-filled syringes (in each case excluding excise tax).
- For purchases of Fluvirin direct from Novartis Vaccines, the following terms shall apply:
 1. Members may order Fluvirin via Novartis Vaccines' website at www.novartisvaccinesdirect.com or by phone at 877-NV-DIRECT (877-683-4732). Once a member orders Fluvirin from Novartis Vaccines, the order is "firm" and may not be canceled by the member.
 2. For each order of Fluvirin placed **on or before June 1, 2013**, the purchase price payable by the member shall be \$77.52 per 10-dose vial and \$85.04 per packet of 10 pre-filled syringes (in each case excluding excise tax), which reflects a twenty percent (20%) discount from the applicable purchase price mentioned above.
 3. For each order of Fluvirin placed on or before June 1, 2013, twenty percent (20%) of the aggregate number of doses of Fluvirin subject to such order may be returned.
 4. For each order placed **after June 1, 2013**, no doses subject to such order may be returned. All doses subject to return as set forth above shall be returned to Novartis Vaccines or its designee by the purchasing member on or before March 31, 2014 (at the member's cost and expense) in accordance with Novartis Vaccines' instructions. Each member shall remain obligated to pay for all doses, including doses returned to Novartis Vaccines. Upon its receipt of any doses properly returned, Novartis Vaccines shall provide to the member a number of doses of replacement product for the 2014-2015 influenza season, free of charge, equal to the number of doses returned by the member.
 5. Payment for doses of Fluvirin purchased by members shall be due and payable within 60 days of delivery and members shall be entitled to a 2% prompt payment discount off of the final invoice price paid after applying all other applicable discounts for payments timely made on or before such due date.

If you have any questions, please contact me at lford@tachc.org. Thanks!

June 7, 2013

Subject: IMPORTANT UPDATE on pre-book reservations of FLUARIX® (Influenza Virus Vaccine) for the 2013-2014 influenza season

Dear Ms. Lynn Ford – Texas Association of Community Health Centers:

On behalf of GlaxoSmithKline (GSK) Vaccines, I would like to notify you that GSK is experiencing a supply shortage of FLUARIX for the 2013-2014 influenza pre-book reservations. As a result, GSK is notifying most direct-purchase customers that we will not be able to fulfill their pre-book reservations for this product.* (FLUARIX is the GSK trivalent influenza vaccine, supplied in prefilled syringes.)

This shortage does **not** apply to FLUARIX® QUADRIVALENT (Influenza Virus Vaccine) or FLULAVAL® (Influenza Virus Vaccine).

The supply of FLUARIX has been adjusted because of limits on our prefilled syringe manufacturing capacity for all GSK vaccines. In part, this is due to the response for the shortage of combination DTaP in the US.† GSK is prioritizing the manufacture of its DTaP primary series vaccine in prefilled syringes.

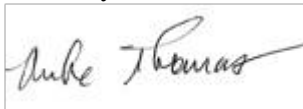
With this GSK decision, we believe that the overall influenza supply for the 2013-2014 influenza season will still meet the US public health and market needs.

Unfortunately, as a result of this difficult decision, FLUARIX supply for most customers is limited. While it is possible that we will ultimately be able to offer a limited number of additional doses of FLUARIX later in the season, we are encouraging customers to pursue alternative sources of influenza vaccines for the 2013-2014 influenza season. We are providing our customers with a list of influenza vaccine distributors who have indicated they may have influenza vaccine available. We hope that by communicating this information to customers as early as possible, customers will have time to find an alternative source of vaccine for the upcoming season.

I want to extend my sincerest apologies for the inconveniences and challenges that your members may encounter due to the reduced supply of FLUARIX for the 2013-2014 influenza season.

Please do not hesitate to contact GlaxoSmithKline at 1.866.GSK.VACC (1.866.475.8222) or contact your GlaxoSmithKline National Account Director today with any further questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



Michael F. Thomas
US Vaccines Business Unit Head

*Based on current anticipated product availability.

†Guidance for Vaccinating Children during the 2013 Pentacel®, Daptacel® and Pediarix Shortage issued May 16, 2013. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases. <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/vac-gen/shortages/default.htm#pentacel>. Accessed June 3, 2013.