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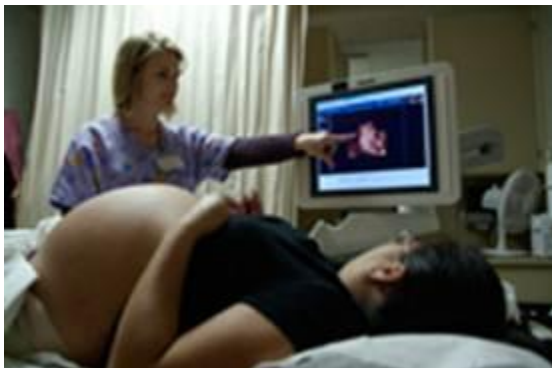
The Heartbeat of Texas Community Health Centers

Weekly Wrap-up - July 5, 2013

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*Prenatal Exam at Heart of Texas Community Health Center
Waco, 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](#).



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.



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](mailto:Ashley.Tijerina@texasaids.org) (214.590.6686). For more information on this and other HIV/AIDS-related health topics and trainings, visit www.aidseducation.org.



1. 340B Registration Window: Remember that **July 1st through July 15th** is your window to register with the Office of Pharmacy Affairs (OPA) for a new site to be eligible for 340B pricing. This is also the window if you want to add a new retail pharmacy to contract with for pharmacy services (“bill to/ship to”). When registering in this window of time, the new site will be eligible for 340B pricing effective **October 1st**. The registration process occurs electronically via the [OPA website](#). Under the ‘Covered Entities’ section there is an additional bullets listed to use for registering. A guide to registering is attached for your reference. **Remember that you cannot register a site to be eligible for 340B pricing until it is listed in the EHB and must have the site ID (found in the EHB)**. The OPA has changes, which are in effect with this registration window. The changes are described in the [March 20th webinar](#).

The highlight of the changes include:

- Certification of the existence of a 340B contract pharmacy services arrangement will now be done electronically.
- Language has been added to this certification statement that the authorizing official will now click to accept instead of printing out, signing, and mailing back to OPA.
- The Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) pharmacy registration database and the OPA 340B contract pharmacy database have been integrated.
- If a covered entity wants or needs to terminate a contract pharmacy arrangement, there will now be a direct link on the OPA database home page allowing it to do so online.

Click [HERE](#) for more details. If you have any questions, please contact [Lynn Ford, TACHC Purchasing Program Coordinator](#).

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 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. Click [HERE](#) to view the official letter from GSK. 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). Click [HERE](#) to view the overview for this contract, which is still available for pre-booking. If you have any questions, please contact [Lynn Ford, TACHC Purchasing Program Coordinator](#).

Recruitment and Retention

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. North Central Texas Community Health Care Center Receives Accreditation from The Joint Commission: The Community Healthcare Center in Wichita Falls was awarded accreditation Thursday, June 27th for streamlining services and meeting The Joint Commission requirements to become the first and only facility in the region designated as a Patient-Centered Medical Home (PCMH). The center, which already has an ambulatory care accreditation from the respected nonprofit focused on improving quality patient care, has worked for about two years to meet the PCMH criteria. Congratulations [Community Healthcare Center!](#)



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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