



# TACHC Weekly Wrap-Up

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## GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE

### **NACHC Needs CHC Participation in QHP Contracting Assessment**

NACHC needs real Texas data to develop a national QHP strategy with regard to the ACA. Click [HERE](#) for a list of Texas centers who have not completed the assessment, or completed or partially completed the assessment. Click [HERE](#) to see the assessment tool. Questions: Contact NACHC's Allison Abayasekara at [aabayasekara@nachc.com](mailto:aabayasekara@nachc.com) or 301-347-0426.

### **ECRI Institute Offers FREE Live Webinar "Privileging: Real World Applications and Challenges"**

Privileging of providers is an essential risk management and patient safety activity for health centers. In order to

support centers in their evaluation and documentation of privileging activities, ECRI Institute, on behalf of HRSA, presents a FREE program to encourage proactive approaches to address privileging challenges, providing a timely discussion of issues and assisting with solutions. The program will discuss the following:

- Distinguishing privileging from credentialing
- Using checklists and other tools for privileging providers
- Identifying strategies to communicate requirements to providers of all levels
- Developing strategies to proactively minimize risks

The 60-minute webinar will be presented on **December 10th at 11:00 a.m. CT** and **December 11th at 2:00 p.m. CT**. You do not need a username to sign up for this FREE webinar. Just click on the time you want to attend above to register.

## CLINICAL AFFAIRS

### **FQHC Patient Satisfaction Over 80% in Recent Study**

Over 80% of FQHC patients report excellent/very good attributes to the care they receive in a recent study which appeared in the Annals of Family Medicine. Click [HERE](#) to read the article. Click [HERE](#) to read NACHC's blog on the study.

### **Curious About HIV & STD Impact in Your Community?**

The Texas Department of State Health Service's (DSHS) TB/HIV/STD Epidemiology and Surveillance Branch released the 2012 Texas HIV and STD Surveillance Reports which describe cases reported to DSHS Surveillance Program from January 1 to December 31, 2012 and historical data. Click [HERE](#) to go to the DSHS HIV - STD Program page and to view the direct links to the reports.

## POLICY

### **Tell HHSC How to Simplify Medicaid Managed Care**

HHSC is asking providers, managed care organizations, consumers and other stakeholders to recommend ways to simplify and streamline Medicaid managed care. The 2013 Texas Legislature required HHSC to develop a plan to simplify and reduce administrative requirements for providers by September 1, 2014. Potential focus areas include prompt payment and reimbursement, prompt credentialing processes, uniform standards related to prior authorizations, decreasing duplicative administrative reporting requirements, and promoting consistency across administrative policies. **To submit ideas, complete this survey: [Ideas for Administrative Simplification in Medicaid Managed Care](#) by MIDNIGHT December 6th.**

### **TACHC Update on State Affiliation Agreement Requirements**

HHSC has finalized new rules on FQHC Affiliate Agreements. You can find TACHC's summary of the new requirements [HERE](#).

## OUTREACH

**National Spotlight for Centro San Vicente Assisters!**

Congratulations to Centro San Vicente's Certified Application Counselors who were featured last week as the Assister of the Week in the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services Weekly Assister Newsletter!

## **R & R**

### **Congratulation Lone Star Family Health Center for New Hire!**

Ms. Ana Rosalie Tresvalles, a TACHC referral, accepted Lone Star Family Health Center's Family Nurse Practitioner position. 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, TACHC Recruitment Dept. Program Assistant](#) if you have questions or need assistance.

### **TACHC Upcoming Staff Recruitment Activities**

With great enthusiasm, TACHC staff continue in our mission to support member organizations in fulfilling their clinical and administrative staff workforce needs. As such, we will be speaking with **Family Medicine residents in Conroe on December 18th**. If your center has a new Family Medicine opportunity that you would like us to help you recruit for at this event, simply click [HERE](#) and complete the easy online position profile. Have questions or need assistance? Contact [April Sartor, Recruitment Dept. Program Assistant at 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](mailto:members@tachc.org)), where only TACHC executives or their designees are recipients.

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