



TACHC Weekly Wrap-Up

The Heartbeat of Texas Community Health Centers

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UPCOMING EVENTS

TACHC OC³ CPI Webcast Series: Improving Performance, Ensuring FTCA Coverage

April 17: Part 2, TACHC Associate General Counsel Cecile Carson will present data from the homework survey from Part 1 of this series offering recommendations for problem areas and opportunities for performance improvement.

Click here to see webcast agendas and register for the series. Submit any FTCA questions you would like answered on the webcasts to **Cecile Carson** at

TACHC.

GOVERNANCE and FINANCE

CY2016 Requirements for FTCA Health Center Medical Malpractice Coverage

HRSA has issued **Program Assistance Letter (PAL) 2015-03** to describe the process for Health Center Program grantees to submit initial and redeeming Federal Tort Claims Act (FTCA) deeming applications for Calendar Year (CY) 2016.

Applications are due by Tuesday, May 26, 2015, 11:59pm, ET. Technical Assistance (TA) Webcasts will be held on April 2 (Risk Management) , April 8 (Credentialing), and April 9 (Professional Liability) from 2:00pm – 3:30pm, ET.

View more information on this PAL and TA Webcasts.

CLINICAL AFFAIRS

TACHC Special Motivational Interviewing Training Workshop

Motivational Interviewing (MI) is a person-centered approach to communication and counseling intended to elicit and strengthen intrinsic motivation for positive health behavior change. It is effective at building a relationship between clinical staff and patient with a focus on shared-decision making. It has been shown to outperform traditional advice giving in the treatment of a broad range of behavioral problems and diseases. Join us for this interactive workshop where you will learn more about MI and be given ample opportunity to practice the skills which can help support your patients make and sustain healthy behavior changes.

The session will be held at the Austin Marriott North in Round Rock on Friday April 10th, 2015 from 8:45am to 12:30pm. (Breakfast starts at 7:30am.) **Click Here for More Information and to Register.** For more information contact TACHC's **Lily Mitchell.**

POLICY

State Legislative Update

The state legislative session has kicked into high gear with the House passing their version of the state budget for the next two years. **Click HERE for more info.**

Federal Advocacy & Funding Cliff Update

Last week, the House voted overwhelmingly to pass H.R. 2, which includes vital 2-year extensions of funding for Health Centers, the National Health Service Corps and Teaching Health Centers. In the House, **32 out of 36 Texas Members voted in favor of H.R. 2.** Thanks to all Texas health center

representatives whose attendance at the NACHC Policy and Issues Forum in Washington, D.C. last week made our advocacy efforts a huge success! Back home, Texas had the second highest number of advocacy calls to their Members! We are on our way to a fix to the health center funding cliff, but not in the clear yet. **Click HERE for more info.**

GROUP PURCHASING

HRSA's OPA Registration Window

A reminder that the Office of Pharmacy Affairs (OPA) window to register new clinic sites and new contracted retail pharmacies is now open and will close 4/15/15. When the health center registers during this April window, the new site will be eligible for 340B pricing effective July 1st. The next window to register will be July 1-15.

IT

HCCN Members, schedule your 1 on 1 training today!

Please contact **Todd Radloff** to schedule your HCCN reporting system training session. Email or call for details.

Password Strength Tool

Use this easy, safe tool to **check your password strength.**

ICD9 <--> ICD10 Relation Tool

A tool to assist you to **find the correct ICD10 code set.**

NEWS

Send NEWS about your health center to be considered for inclusion in the TACHC Weekly Wrap-Up to TACHC Communications Director **Andrea Abel.**

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