



TACHC Weekly Wrap-Up

The Heartbeat of Texas Community Health Centers

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UPCOMING EVENTS

OC3 CPI Webcast: Serving Veterans, Part 2 on Friday, August 28th

The follow-up to last month's webcast on serving veterans at FQHCs will be presented next Friday at noon. We will discuss the results of your homework surveys and expand on some of the content from the first part of the webcast

series. **Follow this link to find more information.**

TACHC Salary & Benefits Survey Results!

The TACHC Salary and Benefits Survey results will be featured as part of the CPI webcast on Friday, September 18, 9am – 11am CST. Survey findings of Texas health center executives, providers and clinical support staff will be presented along with state and national benchmarks for comparison. **Registration for the webcast.**

GOVERNANCE and FINANCE

Funding Opportunity: Transitions of Care for Children with Special Needs

The Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) seeks applications from pediatric and adult primary care and family practices to contract with the Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program. The deadline is September 1. The project aims to improve processes around transition services for children and youth with special health care needs (CYSHCN) who are leaving pediatric care and entering adult care. **More information, including geographic eligibility, is at this link.**

TriWest Webcast: Claims & Reimbursement Under Veterans Choice

A free TriWest webcast on Thursday, September 17 from 1:00 – 2:30pm CST will discuss submitting claims and ensuring reimbursement for services provided to Veteran patients under the Veterans Choice Program. Health centers interested or already enrolled are strongly encouraged to participate. In preparation for the webcast, please send questions or concerns regarding the claims submission or reimbursement process that you would like addressed on the webcast to Sonia Lara. A TriWest Claims Supervisor will be on hand to answer questions and respond to any concerns. **Registration Information.**

CLINICAL AFFAIRS

OC3 CPI Webcast: Serving Veterans, Part 2 on Friday, August 28th **See Upcoming Events**

Funding Opportunity: Transitions of Care for Children with Special Needs

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Coffee Break Webinars for Busy Health Professionals

HRSA advertised a series of **10-15 minute “Coffee Break” pre-recorded webinars** hosted by Health Outreach Partners (HOP). Topics include: "Leveraging Outreach to Support the Patient-Centered Medical Home" and

"Common Mistakes When Planning Health Outreach Programs."

Free Viral Hepatitis Conference

The **2015 Texas Viral Hepatitis Summit** is an annual statewide conference that works to promote education and awareness regarding viral hepatitis C and to provide an interactive session for participants to develop strategies to address viral hepatitis in their respective communities. If you're interested in attending the summit next week (August 26) in Austin.

Do Your Hypertensive Patients Have Great BP Control?

Applications are currently being accepted for the Hypertension Control Challenge which identifies and recognizes even more Hypertension Control Champions. Clinicians, practices and health systems that provide continuing care and have achieved hypertension control rates greater than 70% are eligible to enter. You can apply through the end of October 2015.

POLICY

Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board GME Info

The 84th Legislature directed more resources toward Graduate Medical Education in the upcoming biennium. **Go here for an update** from the Higher Education Coordinating Board on their GME expansion efforts.

GROUP PURCHASING

Dental Supplies and Equipment Purchasing Program

TACHC wants to remind all of the members of the dental purchasing program for supplies and equipment available to the membership in coordination with Henry Schein. There are significant savings available when using the program. For a cost analysis of the savings available, please contact **Lynn Ford**.

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TACHC Upcoming Recruiting Events

PracticeMatch in Houston, August 26th!

NEWS

Congratulations to **Hope Clinic** (Ellis County Coalition of Health Options) for receiving **NCQA Patient Centered Medical Home Recognition!**

Congratulations to **Houston Area Community Services** for receiving the **National Center for Health in Public Housing Award Committee Edward M. Kennedy Award**. This award was established to recognize individuals devoted to the advancement of quality, affordable health care for all Americans.

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