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### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Case Studies Examining the Impact of Community Health Workers/Promotores

On Wednesday, April 13th, DSHS will host a grand rounds presentation on the impact of CHWs, both in the US and internationally. You can [register through this link to attend in person in Austin or by webcast](#). Continuing education credits are available for attendees. Please contact [Christina Brito-Tigerina](#) if you have any questions.

#### OC3-CPI Webcast The Importance of Self-Care in Providing Care Recording & Part 2

In TACHC's last installment of our OC<sup>3</sup>-CPI Webcast series, Dr. Ben Brown provided incredibly practical tips for individuals interested in creating personalized wellness plans and combatting burnout. If you missed the presentation, we recorded it and it is available for viewing for you and your staff. If you haven't registered, email [TaSheena Mitchell](#), and we will send you the link. Additionally, in Part 2 on **Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup> from 9-11AM**, we will be delving a little deeper into what health centers can do to promote a culture of wellness and help prevent burnout of their staff.

### GOVERNANCE and FINANCE

#### HHSC: Deadline Extended for Medicaid Re-Enrollment

The original Medicaid re-enrollment deadline of March 24, 2016, **has been extended by CMS to September 24, 2016** to allow states additional time to process provider applications. **However, to avoid potential disruption in payment, complete re-enrollment applications by June 17, 2016.** For Texas Medicaid, this means all providers, including ordering and referring providers, who have not met all Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act revalidation requirements must do so through re-enrollment by September 24, 2016. TACHC has prepared [Medicaid Re-Enrollment Fact Sheet](#). HHSC's [Laura Blanke](#) can provide more information.

## **POLICY**

### **HHSC Releases RFP for Healthy Texas Women**

HHSC has released the Request for Proposals for the Healthy Texas Women program. **Proposals are due Friday, April 22nd.** Providers can [find the RFP here](#). Vendor questions are due 4/4/2016 and should be emailed to the RFP point of contact [Mahsa Azadi](#). TACHC has prepared a [Q&A for more information](#).

## **CLINICAL AFFAIRS**

### **HIV 4th Generation Test**

For centers using the TACHC/LabCorp contract, be aware that effective 3/28/16 LabCorp will discontinue all third-generation HIV tests and profiles and will offer only the fourth-generation test. Communications have been sent to all LabCorp clients in different phases. LabCorp will continue to alert accounts by letter as well as messages on the lab reports sent to the accounts ordering the third generation HIV test. As a result of this change, the price will increase from \$5.00 to \$10.00. If you have any questions, please contact [Lynn Ford](#).

## **GROUP PURCHASING**

### **Office of Pharmacy Affairs Registration Window Is Open**

The next window to register both a clinic site and a retail pharmacy to be eligible for 340B pricing is now, April 1-15. 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 July 1st.

The registration process occurs electronically via the OPA website. Remember that you cannot register a site to be eligible for 340B pricing till it is listed in the EHB. It is critical for any and all clinic sites that are listed in the EHB to also be listed in the database in order for patients seen at the clinic sites to fill their prescriptions with 340B.

If you have any questions, please contact [Lynn Ford](#).

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