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UPCOMING EVENTS

OC³ CPI Webcast: Health Centers & Employment Law Part 1, November 18, 9am-11am CST

Join TACHC for Part 1 of the **OC³ CPI Webcast: Health Centers & Employment Law** for the latest developments in Human Resources (HR) and Employment Law and how they affect health centers. Presenting will be from Robert Bettac and his team from Ogletree Deakins.

Outreach and Enrollment Webcast, November 15, 12:00pm-1:15pm CST [See Outreach](#)

UDS Training, December 1, Austin

The Uniform Data System (UDS) in-person training is a full day program covering the preparation of the 2016 UDS Report. [More Information and Register for the UDS Training](#). Call 1-800-843-6664 for reservations and inform the hotel you are reserving under the Texas Association of Community Health Centers UDS Training room block to receive the discount rate of \$127.00 per night (single or double). *Please make your reservation by 5:00 PM (CST) November 16, 2016 to receive your discount rate.*

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN: TACHC Policy & Issues Forum, January 30-31, Austin

Learn about TACHC's legislative agenda for the 85th state legislative session, receive in-depth information on health policy issues in Texas that impact health centers and learn how to successfully conduct a legislative visit at the TACHC Policy & Issues Forum. Then, visit your legislators to share your health center stories and engage them on the health center legislative agenda. [More information and to register for the forum](#). To make Omni Austin hotel reservations at the group rate of \$199/night, please call 1-800- 843-6664. The reservation deadline is Friday, January 6th at 5:00 PM. Contact [Mary Allen](#) with questions.

GOVERNANCE & FINANCE

Letter of Support Requests

If you would like to request a Letter of Support from TACHC, please email TACHC's [Corinne Medina](#) along with the project abstract. Once the request and abstract have been received, please allow 2-3 business days for turnaround.

ASPR TRACIE'S CMS EP RULE: Resources at Your Fingertips

CMS issued the [Emergency Preparedness Requirements for Medicare and Medicaid Participating Providers and Suppliers Final Rule](#) to establish consistent emergency preparedness requirements for healthcare providers participating in Medicare and Medicaid, increase patient safety during emergencies and establish a more coordinated response to natural and human-caused disasters. CMS and ASPR TRACIE are partnering to provide technical assistance and share resources and promising practices to help affected providers start or update the documents mandated by the CMS EP Rule.

For your ease, ASPR TRACIE developed the [CMS EP Rule: Resources at Your Fingertips](#) document so all related materials can be accessed with one click. *The rule was published on September 16, 2016 and is effective November 15, 2016. The regulations must be implemented by affected entities, including FQHC's, by November 15, 2017.* For additional information, please contact [Christina Brito-Tigerina](#).

Sharing Consumer Health Information? Look to HIPAA and the FTC Act

If your health center collects and shares consumer health information, did you know that you need to comply with both the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) and the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) Act? Click [HERE](#) for more information from the U.S. Dept. of Health & Human Services Office of Civil Rights on how to fully comply. For more information, contact [Cecile Carson](#).

New Nondiscrimination Posting Requirements

As of October 17, FQHCs must comply with Section 1557 of the ACA which prohibits discrimination based on the race, color, national origin, sex (including gender identity), age and disability of a patient. FQHCs are required to post a notice of non-discrimination in "conspicuous locations in which it interacts with the public" and their website. [More information on Section 1557 and the notice requirements can be found here](#). For questions, email [Cecile Carson](#) or call (512) 329-5959.

POLICY

CMS Emergency Preparedness Requirements

CMS' final rule regarding emergency preparedness requires that all FQHCs maintain an emergency preparedness: plan, policies and procedures, communication plan and training and testing program. *All regulations must be implemented no later than November 15, 2017.* TACHC will be releasing more

information regarding its recent emergency preparedness activities, including a summary of requirements for FQHCs, in the coming weeks. [The complete rule is available here](#). Email [Christina Brito-Tigerina](#) with questions, or call (512) 329-5959.

UCLA Study Shows FQHCs Play Critical Role in Caring for the Uninsured

A newly released study out of UCLA shows that FQHCs continue to be a key source of primary care services for uninsured patients in both expansion and non-expansion states. Though the ACA has increased the number of insured patients at FQHCs, clinics still face infrastructure, financial capacity, workforce recruitment and retention challenges. You can read the study's policy recommendations, including preparation for the transition to value-based care, [here](#).

GROUP PURCHASING

340B Drug Pricing Program Policies and Procedures Now Available

TACHC's OC3 CPI Manual 340B Drug Pricing Program:

TACHC is pleased to announce a new 340B Drug Pricing Program policies, procedures and tools chapter in the TACHC OC3 CPI Manual. As always, TACHC members who are current 2016 OC3 CPI Manual subscribers can download [HERE](#) the new 340B chapter at no cost. Remember to login with your secure username and password. For members who have not yet purchased the OC3 CPI Manual or are not yet current on their 2016 subscription, once TACHC receives payment, access will be granted for the entire manual, including the new information.

A detailed overview of the manual can be found [HERE](#). For TACHC members not familiar with the TACHC OC3 CPI Manual, the manual has 7 chapters:

1. *Compliance and Performance Improvement* (includes peer review forms, FTCA and risk management and more)
2. *Board of Directors* (includes a CPI checklist for the Board, various tools and forms for the Board and more)
3. *Executive Management* (includes a vendor evaluation and managed care contracting checklists and more)
4. *Finance* (includes finance policy and procedures, CPI checklists and more)
5. *Clinical Care* (includes policy and procedures for referrals, OSHA, tools regarding consents and more) (340B Drug Pricing Program is in the Clinical Care Chapter)
6. *Human Resources* (includes sample job descriptions, credentialing, physician employment agreement and more)
7. *Information Management* (includes meaningful use of electronic health records, HIPAA regarding PHI and more)

If you do not yet have the OC3 CPI Manual and would like to know more about what it contains, a complete Table of Contents can be found [HERE](#).

NACHC's 340B Manual:

The National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC) has an excellent 340B Manual, created by NACHC and FQHCs involved with 340B and includes input from various sources, including legal and financial experts and some "best practices" from health center peers. The manual includes: 340B basics, registration and recertification, Medicaid and 340B, audit and compliance requirements and the latest HRSA policies.

The NACHC 340B Manual is available for purchase [HERE](#) to NACHC members (\$249) and non-members (\$349).

For more information, contact [Lynn Ford](#).

CLINICAL

West Nile Virus Needs Attention Too

An outbreak of West Nile virus in 2012 sickened nearly 2,000 people and killed 89 in Texas. Like Zika, West Nile causes illness in about 1 in 5 people. The majority of those with symptoms experience joint pain and fever, but a few can suffer severe illness and even death. West Nile can be a more likely threat to

many Texans. [Click HERE for TDSHS West Nile Virus information.](#)

DSHS-certified CEUs for CHWs and Instructors: Dispelling Zika Myths & Rumors - Nueces County

CHWs and CHW Instructors are important messengers for Texas Zika prevention. Come learn how to protect your community and fight the bite.

Date: Thursday, Nov. 10, 2016

Time: 1pm-4pm (lunch at 12:30)

Location: Banquete Senior Center, 4359 4th St., Banquete, TX 78380 (Near Robstown)

CEUs: 3 DSHS- certified CEUs for CHWs and CHWIs. An additional 2 CEUs are available upon completion of a Field Assessment.

Cost: FREE (includes lunch and toolkit sponsored by Dia de la Mujer Latina)

Contact [Janie](#) to register. Contact [Janie](#) or [Venus](#) with questions.

Bug Repellent Available via AmeriCares for Zika Prevention

In mid-August TACHC asked if the members were in need of bug repellent via a donation from AmeriCares for Zika prevention; 34 centers responded. There is still more bug repellent available if it is needed. If your center would like to take advantage of this donation, please email [Lynn Ford](#).

IT

Important Medicaid/Meaningful Use Deadline is Fast Approaching

Medicaid: Providers must submit an application for Medicaid enrollment or a revision/change to an existing enrollment by December 31 to ensure that program deadlines are met. It is the provider's responsibility to meet all program deadlines. [Full Notice](#). EPs will however have till March to complete their attestation.

Meaningful Use: Currently within our membership there are 10 health centers that have not yet submitted for AIU incentives. This is a substantial opportunity (\$21,250/PE). Three of the 10 members are also part of the HCCN 2016 grant. As the December 31 deadline approaches, TACHC would like to encourage everyone that is able to take advantage of this. Texas Medicaid eligible professionals (EPs) must be enrolled as a performing or billing provider to participate in the electronic health record (EHR) Incentive Program. Currently 24 health centers have submitted for AIU incentives but have not yet submitted for MU1 (\$8,500/PE). For more information, contact TACHC CTO [Rick Pena](#).

EHR Listservs

At the membership's request, TACHC created EHR listservs for the more highly used EHRs to share lessons learned, best practices and other information. These include NextGen, eCW, Greenway Success & Greenway Intergy, GE, EPIC and Henry Schein. If you or your staff are interested in being added to any of these listservs, please email [Lee Davila](#). Please include which listserv you would like to be added to.

ONC Security Risk Assessment Tool

On October 25 ONC hosted a webinar to launch the [ONC Security Risk Assessment \(SRA\) Tool](#). It is looking to advance health IT and to improve the quality, safety, and efficiency of healthcare. [This training is now available via recording](#). Please click on the embedded links. TACHC IT recommends health center IT Managers review this training and download this tool as it will assist in compliance with the HIPAA security documentation requirements. For more information, contact TACHC Chief Technology Officer [Rick Pena](#).

OUTREACH

Outreach and Enrollment Webcast, November 15, 12:00pm-1:15pm CST

Join us on Tuesday, November 15, 2016 from 12:00PM-1:15PM (CST) for a free webinar that will cover the basic elements for understanding and explaining the 2017 Marketplace health plans, as well as an overview of key advanced topics in comparing qualified health plans (QHPs). This webinar will also include a live Texas-specific plan shopping demonstration using healthcare.gov. [Register here](#). Contact TACHC's [RexAnn Shotwell](#) with questions.

NEWS

TACHC Board President [Mike Campbell](#) presented [State Representative Drew Darby](#) the **2016 TACHC President's Award** this past week in recognition of Rep. Darby's continuous support of health

centers and leadership during the 84th legislative session to ensure more medical students can afford to finish their training and become doctors in Texas.

Happy **TACHC**iversary to **Lee Davila** (16 years), **Lisa Allen** (15 years) and **RexAnn Shotwell** (4 years).

TACHC Welcomes new Executive/Legal Assistant **Lisa Ware**!

Did you know that the TACHC Weekly Wrap-Up is available to ALL TACHC members and ALL your staff? **Share this link with your health center staff to sign up for the Wrap!**

Don't miss out. Follow TACHC on **facebook** and **twitter**.

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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