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## MPHCA *e-Update*- June 23, 2010

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### MPHCA Events/Educational Offerings

- **July 14-15, 2010**-ABCD Mississippi Training Session
- **July 21-22, 2010**- Community Health Center (CHC) Growth and Capacity Building Symposium and MPHCA Board of Directors Meeting-IP Casino\*Resort\*Spa, Biloxi, MS
- **August 20, 2010**- Basic Excel 2007

For complete information on trainings listed above, please click on [http://www.mphca.com/Training\\_and\\_Events.htm](http://www.mphca.com/Training_and_Events.htm)

### Other Events/Educational Offerings

- **June 27, 2010-National HIV Testing Day:** HIV testing saves lives! Attached is a letter from OMH regarding the upcoming observance of National HIV Testing Day (NHTD). Please review the letter as it communicates our continued support to you and your work with diverse communities we serve. Also attached is a list of resources for your use in planning activities related to NHTD. We look forward to hearing from you regarding your participation in NHTD events. We thank you for your work and appreciate your continued commitment to your respective communities. Click to view ([2010 Grantee Letter](#)) and ([2010 National HIV Testing Day Resources](#)).
- **July 1, 2010-African American Community Health Workshop:** The "Institute for Improvement of Minority Health and Health Disparities in the Delta Region (Delta Regional Institute [DRI]), through the "CLAS: Spanish and Occupational Health; Administrative Core" project, is sponsoring a workshop to offer quality resources for African American health information. Space is limited to the first 15 people who register. Waiting list available. You can register in the way that better suits you. For more information: Call Ms. Lolita Bolden @ 601-815-9004 or email at [lbolden2@umc.edu](mailto:lbolden2@umc.edu).
- **July 14-15, 2010-Learn how to maximize productivity at your CHC:** Register for NACHC's Health Center Practice Operations Management (POM) Seminar, Memphis, Tennessee. NACHC is pleased to offer the Health Center Practice Operations Management (POM) Seminars. Working in cooperation with the Bureau of Primary Health Care, we are excited to offer two Practice Operations Management trainings in 2010. Designed for Health Center Chief Operating Officers, Executive Management, Other Managers, Front Desk Staff and Board members, this innovative seminar will provide clear strategies to maximize the productivity and resources of their health center. Participants will find out the answers to questions related to improving customer service in a health center and will also learn about the power of patient-staff interactions. Attendees are provided with a comprehensive view of systems that are successful for health

centers. [Register Online](#).

- **August 8-14, 2010- National Health Center Week** ([www.healthcenterweek.org](http://www.healthcenterweek.org))
- **August 10-11, 2010- Strategic and Business Planning Seminar**, Hyatt Regency Chicago, Chicago, IL, Register now for this one and a half-day intensive seminar which offer instruction regarding the critical analyses needed to develop a strategic planning case study. This seminar will highlight a renovated curriculum that your staff will not want to miss! Tips on how to document and implement the strategic plan will be covered as well. [Register Now](#).
- **NACHC Seminars/Conferences/Webcasts 2010 Listings. To view complete listing, click here or Register Today at [www.nachc.com](http://www.nachc.com)!**

## **Funding Opportunities and News**

**Applications are now being accepted to support Breast/Cervical Cancer Prevention, Screening, Treatment and/or Survivorship Projects**

**Applications Due: August 9, 2010**

The Mid-South REACH US Center of Excellence in Eliminating Disparities (CEED) announces the opportunity for organizations to apply for legacy funds to support non-research activities to address breast and cervical cancer disparities among African American women using evidence-based strategies and/or promising practices. *Please forward this announcement to others, who may be interested.* ([Click here to view Request for Proposal](#))

**HRSA (Health Resources and Services Administration)  
Closing Date: July 19, 2010**

New \$250 Million Investment in Primary Care Workforce Grants - See <http://www.hrsa.gov/grants/>

Some health centers might be eligible for the Primary Care Residency Expansion and Nurse Managed Health Clinics funding available.

## **Resources**

### **State ARRA Training Notes**

The Recovery Accountability and Transparency Board (RATB) issued Notes from the State ARRA Training session which occurred on June 14 and 15, 2010 in Denver, Colorado. The Notes are posted on the MMRS website on the Stimulus Policies and Procedures page. Questions concerning this topic should be directed to Nancy DiPaolo at the following email address [nancy.dipaolo@ratb.gov](mailto:nancy.dipaolo@ratb.gov)

## **NACHC News**

### **ACHC Lauds Federal Investment in Prevention and Primary Care Workforce Development**

The National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC) commends the recent investments of \$500 million recently announced by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to strengthen primary care and prevention and boost the primary

care workforce. HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius has announced \$250 million in new Affordable Care Act investments to support prevention activities and develop the nation's public health infrastructure, citing the large numbers of deaths among Americans from preventable chronic diseases, such as heart disease and diabetes. HHS also announced a series of new investments worth \$250 million to increase the number of health care providers and strengthen the primary care workforce ([view press release](#)). The aim of this funding is to increase the number of clinicians and strengthen the primary care workforce, which will be essential as Community Health Centers continue to grow through the investments contained in health care reform.

### **[NACHC Comments on Federal Efforts to Define Criteria for Medically Underserved](#)**

Fri, 11 Jun 2010: Barriers that block access to health services must be considered in shortage designations.

The National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC) has submitted comments to the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) in response to its May 11 Notice of Intent to form Negotiated Rulemaking (NRM) Committee that will establish a comprehensive methodology and criteria for the designation of Medically Underserved Populations and Primary Care Health Professional Shortage Areas. ([Click here to view complete article](#)).

### **News**

#### **[Enroll in PECOS by July 6 or risk denied payments](#)**

Beginning July 6, several Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) provisions that impact Medicare and Medicaid enrollment and claims will take effect. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will reject and deny payment for claims with dates of service on or after July 6 if:

- The provider does not include a National Provider Identifier (NPI) on his/her Medicare and Medicaid enrollment applications and claims;
- If the ordering/referring supplier is not a physician or an eligible professional with an approved enrollment record in the Provider Enrollment, Chain, and Ownership System (PECOS); and
- The provider's legal business name and NPI are not included on claims (only applies to claims for covered, ordered durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics, and supplies, laboratory, imaging, or specialist services).

MGMA will host a Webinar on June 24, "[Medicare Enrollment and PECOS Overview: Changes and Impact on Compliance and Cashflow.](#)" It is designed to help practices enroll their providers in PECOS prior to the regulatory and legislative deadlines. Upon completion of the Webinar, practices will have a solid understanding of how to establish a practitioner and/or organization's enrollment record in PECOS.

*Wednesday to inform members and partners of issues important to Community Health Centers.*

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