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## MPHCA e-Update- June 30, 2010

### 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. **REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!**
- **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

- **July 6, 2010-Invitation: Health Care Reform and Primary Care-The Growing Importance of the Community Health Center**, A live webcast featuring H. Jack Geiger, MD, MSc and Sara Rosenbaum, JD. For more information: <https://web.memberclicks.com/mc/quickform/viewform.do?orgId=cne&formId=83260>
- **August 8-14, 2010- National Health Center Week ([www.healthcenterweek.org](http://www.healthcenterweek.org))**
- **Is the fear of an OIG audit keeping you up at night? No need to lose sleep – learn how to be prepared during the Responding to Government Audits Webinar Series.** [Click here to view this newsletter online.](#)
- **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

#### [Community Based Doulas Program](#)

Application deadline: Jul 1, 2010

Grants to rural and urban communities to support community-based doulas.

#### [National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program](#)

Application deadline: Jul 29, 2010

Loan repayment funding to ensure an adequate supply of health professionals to provide primary health services in selected health professional shortage areas.

#### [2010 Supporting the Safety Net](#)

Application deadline: Applications accepted on an ongoing basis.

Funding to support programs that improve access to quality breast diagnostics and access to breast health care for the medically underserved.

#### [ADA Scholarship Programs](#)

Application deadline: Applications accepted on an ongoing basis.

The ADA Foundation funds scholarships for dental students, minority dental students and allied dental students including dental hygiene, dental assisting and dental laboratory technology.

#### [Komen Foundation Patient Services Grants](#)

Application deadline: Applications accepted on an ongoing basis.

Funds to assist not-for-profit institutions and providers of breast cancer care to maintain the continuum of services to breast cancer patients and breast cancer survivors impacted by Hurricanes Katrina and/or Rita.

**Department of Health and Human Services.** Center for Disease Control and Prevention Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health for Communities Grant. <http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppld=55146>.

**Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families Street Outreach Program Grant.**

<http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppld=54920>

The **Robert Wood Johnson Foundation** Health & Society Scholars program provides two years of support to postdoctoral scholars at all stages of their careers to help build the United States' capacity to address the multiple determinants of population health through research and leadership. The program is based on the principle that progress in the field of population health depends on multidisciplinary collaboration and exchange. Up to eighteen scholars will be selected for two-year appointments beginning in the fall of 2011. Scholars will each receive an annual stipend of \$89,000. **Contact: [Link to Complete RFP](#)**

### Resources

- The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and Bridging the Gap have released a report on nutrition and physical activity practices in elementary

schools nationwide. The new report, School Policies and Practices to Improve Health and Prevent Obesity: National Elementary School Survey Results, "examined practices relevant to nutrition, physical activity and obesity prevention. The report details how many schools have not implemented wellness policy provisions required by the Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorization Act of 2004. For example, only 49 percent of students who attended a public elementary school with a wellness policy in place were covered by nutritional guidelines for competitive foods and beverages—even though such guidelines were required by the federal mandate." For more details: [http://www.rwjf.org/childhoodobesity/product.jsp?id=64429&cid=XEM\\_205602&cid=XEM\\_205602](http://www.rwjf.org/childhoodobesity/product.jsp?id=64429&cid=XEM_205602&cid=XEM_205602)

- The Institute of Medicine recently released a report in response to being directed by Congress to "examine the gaps in the current food safety system under the purview of the FDA and to identify the tools needed to improve public safety: <http://www.iom.edu/Reports/2010/Enhancing-Food-Safety-The-Role-of-the-Food-and-Drug-Administration.aspx>. According to the report, the IOM determined that, "the FDA lacks a comprehensive vision for food safety and should take a risk-based approach in order to properly protect the nation's food. In addition, the FDA should provide standards for food inspection so that states and the federal government follow the same rigorous methods for inspections, surveillance, and outbreak investigations. Most notably, the IOM recommends that Congress take legislative action to provide the FDA with the authority it needs to fulfill its food safety mission. Americans will continue to suffer from foodborne illnesses unless the FDA reevaluates and reworks its approach to food safety management."
- The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) has issued **Program Assistance Letter 2010-03, Streamlining the Budget Period Renewal Process for Fiscal Year 2011**, which outlines a new process for Health Center Program grantees applying for non-competitive continuation funding in fiscal year (FY) 2011. Under the new streamlined process, Health Center Program grantees will now be required to submit an annual Budget Period Progress Report (BPR) in lieu of a Budget Period Renewal application.

**Program Assistance Letter 2010-05** (<http://bphc.hrsa.gov/policy/pal1005/>) provides the FY 2011 Budget Period Progress Report (BPR) instructions for Health Center Program grantees. The FY 2011 BPR instructions, slide presentation for the Grantee Technical Assistance call, as well as other technical assistance materials and Frequently Asked Questions are available at: <http://bphc.hrsa.gov/aprta/bpr>. Please see the chart on page 2 of the instructions for a complete listing of all application deadlines.

**Program Assistance Letter 2010-06** (<http://bphc.hrsa.gov/policy/pal1006/>) describes the guidance and process for Health Center Program grantees to submit Federal Tort Claims Act (FTCA) deeming applications for calendar year (CY) 2011. HRSA WILL BE OFFERING A TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CONFERENCE CALL FOR THE CY 2011 FTCA APPLICATION:

Date: Wednesday, June 16, 2010

Time: 1:00 PM. Eastern Time

Call-in Phone Number: 1-888-787-0203 (toll-free)

Pass code: 3214950

For replays through December 31, 2010 call 1-800-774-9248 (toll-free)

- The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) has made available Program Assistance Letter (PAL) 2010-07, "Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) Look-Alike Program Registration for Implementation of Electronic Information Systems." HRSA, is streamlining FQHC Look-Alike program activities and moving them to HRSA's web-based Electronic Handbooks (EHB). PAL 2010-07 is posted on HRSA's website at <http://bphc.hrsa.gov/policy/pal1007/>.
- **The Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Program Website is now available on CMS.gov!** The Centers for Medicare & Medicare Services (CMS) has launched the official website for the Medicare & Medicaid EHR Incentive Programs. This website provides the most up-to-date, detailed information about the EHR incentive programs. The Medicare and Medicaid EHR Incentive Programs will provide incentive payments to eligible Community professionals and hospitals as they adopt, implement, upgrade, or demonstrate meaningful use of certified EHR technology. Bookmark this site and visit <http://www.cms.gov/EHRIncentivePrograms/> often to learn about who is eligible for the programs, how to register, meaningful use, upcoming EHR training and events, and much more!
- [Medicare Provisions in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act \(PPACA\) Reference Document.](#)

## NACHC News

**NACHC Policy Updates June 29, 2010:** [Click here to view this newsletter online.](#)

### **Capitol Hill Briefing: The Expansion of Health Centers Through Health Reform**

Mon, 28 Jun 2010: An analysis of the long-term cost-savings of health centers to be release by the George Washington University School of Public Health and Health Services. ([Click here to view complete article](#)).

### **CMS TO EXPAND MEDICARE PREVENTIVE SERVICES AND IMPROVE ACCESS TO PRIMARY CARE IN 2011**

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) today issued a proposed rule that would implement key provisions in the Affordable Care Act of 2010 that expand preventive services for Medicare beneficiaries, improve payments for primary care services, and promote access to health care services in rural areas. The proposed policies would apply to payments under the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule for services furnished on or after January 1, 2011.

To read the entire CMS Press Release issued today (6/25) click here: [http://www.cms.gov/apps/media/press\\_releases.asp](http://www.cms.gov/apps/media/press_releases.asp)

CMS Issued Fact Sheets (6/25) with additional details at: [http://www.cms.gov/apps/media/fact\\_sheets.asp](http://www.cms.gov/apps/media/fact_sheets.asp)

The proposed rule is available at: [http://www.federalregister.gov/OFRUpload/OFRData/2010-15900\\_PI.pdf](http://www.federalregister.gov/OFRUpload/OFRData/2010-15900_PI.pdf)

Or <http://www.federalregister.gov/inspection.aspx#special>

## HRSA/BPHC News

### **Establishing Baseline Information for Compliance with Earned Value Management (EVM) Requirements:**

In preparation for the submission of the July 2010 Health Center Quarterly Report (HCQR), grantees will need to gather information to assess the current

status of funded projects under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) that must use Earned Value Management (EVM) practices during the course of the project(s). Additional information and guidance regarding the EVM requirement will be available within the HCQR Manual available at <http://bphc.hrsa.gov/recovery/hcqr/>.

## NEWS

### [House Passes Plan to Stop Medicare Cuts to Doctors](#)

The House on Thursday approved a six-month plan to prevent a steep cut in doctors' fees paid by Medicare, agreeing to a short-term solution that Speaker Nancy Pelosi called "totally inadequate" but said the House had decided to adopt after concluding that the Senate was hopelessly gridlocked and could do no better. (Source: New York Times, David Herszenhom, 6/24/2010)

### [Doctors Limit New Medicare Patients](#)

The number of doctors refusing new Medicare patients because of low government payment rates is setting a new high, just six months before millions of Baby Boomers begin enrolling in the government health care program. (Source: USA TODAY, Richard Wolf, 6/21/2010)

### [Gulf Oil Spill Puts Mental Health at Risk, Too](#)

For humans, the psychological effects of the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico could be as devastating as the physical, say experts who will speak at an Institute of Medicine workshop today in New Orleans.

### [Understanding Very High Rates of Young Child Poverty in the South](#)

The southern United States differs from other regions of the country in poverty "risk" factors, such as family structure and education levels. The South, for example, has a higher share of minorities than other regions coupled with a legacy of slavery and racial discrimination that continues to adversely affect minority families and children, which contributes to its higher poverty rates.

### [FDA OKs Test for Swift HIV Diagnosis](#)

The FDA has approved an HIV diagnostic test that can detect the virus within days of infection.

### [Secondhand Smoke and Mental Health](#)

Smokers are known to suffer from high rates of depression and other mental health problems, and now a study reports that even people exposed to secondhand smoke are at significantly increased risk - and more likely to be hospitalized for mental illness.

### [How to Evaluate That EHR Demo](#)

Selecting an EHR is not just about the demo. But those EHR vendors sure do put a lot of focus on that demo! You need to get beyond the smoke and mirrors and consider how to use that focus to evaluate the solution as it meets your needs and requirements.

### [CDC: SCID is Contraindication for Rotavirus Vaccine](#)

Rotavirus vaccine should not be given to infants with severe combined immunodeficiency (SCID), according to new CDC guidance.

### [Mary K. Wakefield on Getting Ready to Double the Work of Clinics](#)

Mary K. Wakefield, 55, is the administrator of the Health Resources and Services Administration, an agency of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The agency oversees community health centers across the nation and programs that bring health care to the uninsured. The health-care legislation signed into law in March provides a major boost to community health centers: \$11 billion over five years.

### [CMS Invites States to Apply for Medical Home Demonstration](#)

Jun 3, 2010 -- AHA News reports that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services is accepting applications from states to participate in a demonstration project that will assess the ability of patient-centered "medical homes" to improve primary care delivery and lower health care costs.

### [CDC Report Highlights States' Abilities to Support Physical Activity](#)

May 26, 2010 -- Many states could do more to promote policies and environments that support physical activity for good health, according to a [report](#) released today by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius announced a series of new investments worth \$250 million to increase the number of health care providers and strengthen the primary care workforce. The investments in the primary care workforce are the first allocation from the new \$500 million Prevention and Public Health fund for fiscal year 2010, created by the Affordable Care Act. Half of this fund - \$250 million - will be used to boost the supply of primary care providers in this country by providing new resources.

A fact sheet can be found at: <http://www.healthreform.gov/newsroom/primarycareworkforce.html>

The Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and the Office of the National Coordinator (ONC) for Health Information Technology announced yesterday the release of the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for **Applying the Substance Abuse Confidentiality Regulations to the Health Information Exchange (HIE). The Substance Abuse Confidentiality Regulations, 42 CFR Part 2**, govern the use and disclosure of alcohol and drug abuse patient records that are maintained at federally funded substance abuse programs. Both SAMHSA and ONC want to ensure that our constituents receive every tool and resource possible to allow a more complete understanding of these Federal regulations, which were enacted in 1972 and 1975. The FAQs outline the general provisions of 42 CFR Part 2, provide guidance on its application to electronic health records, and identify methods for including substance abuse patient record information into health information exchange that is consistent with the Federal statute.

### [Read More About Health Privacy](#)

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