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MPHCA Events/Educational Offerings

- **Registration Now Open!** November 3-5, 2010- MPHCA Fall Clinical Conference, The Riley Center in Meridian, MS. Deadline to register is October 15, 2010
- **October 23, 2010-** Greater Meridian Health Clinic, Inc. Health Fair (Click here to view flyer).
- **November 4, 2010- MPHCA Board of Directors Meeting**
- **January 11-12, 2010-UDS Training**

For complete information on trainings listed above, please click on http://www.mphca.com/Training_and_Events.htm

Other Events/Educational Offerings

- **Final BPHC UDS Training Schedule now available.** ([Click here to view schedule](#))
- **November 10, 2010- Family Medicine CME Day 2010.** ([Click here for more information](#)).
- **Upcoming NACHC Training Offerings*Regional Training Seminars**

Register for Upcoming Conferences, Regional and Online Trainings that fit your learning style: View NACHC's Trainings and Technical Assistance education calendar. [Register online to learn more.](#)

- **Mark your calendar – NACHC's 2010 Financial Operations/ Management and Information Technology Conference November 16-18, 2010**
Planet Hollywood Hotel Las Vegas, Nevada!
Registration for FOM/IT is now open. Click [here](#)
For more information about the conference click [here](#).
- **NACHC/Feldesman Tucker Community Partnerships and Collaborations training, Las Vegas, NV Nov. 18-19**

Interested in learning about Accountable Care Organizations? Find out more about them, and how your CHC or PCA can take a leadership role in their development at NACHC's upcoming Developing Successful Community Collaborations Training seminar.

- **Developing Successful Community Partnerships and Effective Accountable Care Organizations**
Planet Hollywood Las Vegas
November 18-19, 2010

Registration is now open!

[Conference Webpage](#)

- **Learn how to successfully collaborate with new partners!**

Community Partnerships Introductory Webinar Series

[Register now!](#)

Health Reform Law encourages providers to develop innovative community-based partnerships for the delivery of health care services to all populations, with a particular emphasis on the underserved. The time is now for health centers nationwide to explore how they can position themselves to not only take part in these new opportunities, but also to lead the way in establishing successful community partnerships utilizing some "tried and true" approaches as well as some exciting new partnering techniques. NACHC, along with co-sponsors Feldesman Tucker Leifer Fidell LLP, invite you to participate in this new webinar series. The series is broken into three webinar sessions.

1. Session #1: Key Operational Concepts for Collaborations; October 13th (2-3:30pm Eastern)
2. Session #2: Key Financial Concepts for Collaborations; October 20th (2-3:30pm Eastern)
3. Session #3: Community Partnerships 101: Keeping Your Collaboration Arrangements Legally Compliant; October 27th (2-3:30pm Eastern)

More information about each of the webinars in the *Community Partnerships Introductory Webinar Series* is provided below. Don't miss this opportunity to **get all the information, resources, and tools from the convenience of your desk.** Online registration ends October 11 – [Register now!](#)

- **Register Now for our New Webinar!!! Developing Successful Partnerships with Critical Access Hospitals**

Learn how to successfully collaborate with new partners during the Developing Successful Partnerships with Critical Access Hospitals Webinar.

[Register now!](#)

Health Reform encourages providers to develop innovative community-based partnerships for the delivery of health care services to all

populations, with a particular emphasis on the underserved. While collaborations play a vital role for all health centers in facilitating the delivery of services, they are particularly important for rural and sparsely populated communities with few existing health care choices and even fewer potential options. In such communities, health centers and Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs) often serve as the foundation of the local health care delivery system and thus, are in a unique position to maintain and expand services in rural areas and better serve their communities and patients by partnering with one another. More information about the *Developing Successful Partnerships with Critical Access Hospitals Webinar* is provided below. Don't miss this opportunity to get all the information, resources, and tools from the convenience of your desk. Online registration ends November 1 – [Register now!](#)

- **October 2010 – Breast Cancer Awareness Month**

Regular screening tests are important for your patients' health and well-being. Regular screening is the best way to find breast cancer early. Women, age 40 or older, should make an appointment for a mammogram and breast exam by a doctor or nurse each year. Depending on many factors, including age and family history, mammograms may be needed at an earlier age or more often. Patients should ask their health care providers which screening tests are right for them. [The National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program](#) also provides free and low cost screening programs. More information about breast cancer awareness is available at the following websites:
[National Women's Health Information Center](#)
[National Breast Cancer Foundation](#)
[Susan G. Komen for the Cure](#)
[American Cancer Society](#)

NACHC NEWS

6 Month Anniversary of the Affordable Care Act!

NACHC has [issued a statement](#) marking the 6 month anniversary of the *Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act*. To assist in getting out the word that there are new consumer provisions now in effect, there communications templates [available here](#).

NACHC has published their second health reform paper in the series, "Spotlight on the States" titled, [Health Insurance Exchanges: Powers and Issues](#).

CMS Proposed Rules on Review and Approval of Medicaid 1115 Waivers

The proposed rule [published in the Federal Register](#) on September 17th, would implement provisions of the Affordable Care Act aimed at promoting transparency and public notice producers for experimental, pilot, and demonstration projects approved under section 1115 of the Social Security Act. *Comments are due on November, 16, 2010* and NACHC will be submitting comments.

Kaiser Family Foundation Launches 'The Health Reform Source'

The Source features the premiere of "[Health Reform Hits Main Street](#)," a new animated short movie designed to explain the health reform law to an American public still confused by how it works. The [Health Reform Source](#) will also feature ongoing and future research and analysis on the health law conducted by Foundation experts, with a special area of emphasis on the 50 states as they proceed with the implementation of the law with varying approaches and results.

ATSU-NACHC Recruitment Fair - There's Still Time to Register for this Unique Medical/Dental Recruitment Opportunity!

Register now for the 5th Annual *ATSU-NACHC Campus Recruitment Fair, October 13, 2010, Mesa, Arizona*: An invitation and unique opportunity for PCAs and Health Centers looking for solutions to medical and dental recruitment specific to community health centers. Meet and interview ATSU dental graduates, and ATSU medical students *trained specifically in the health center model*, and focused on and interested in careers at community health centers. [Click here for more information and registration packet.](#)

U.S. Rep. Frank Kratovil (D-MD) Introduces HIT Bill for Health Centers:

Just before Congress left for recess, [Congressman Frank Kratovil](#) (MD-1) introduced legislation in the House of Representatives that will [streamline the way health centers access and receive Medicaid Health Information Technology \(HIT\) incentive payments](#) established in the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA). H.R. 6348 will allow health centers to better coordinate and deliver care and help health care delivery in every state. Without the change set out in this bill, each health center and eligible health center provider may need to revise their contracts between health centers and health center providers in order to ensure they can access nearly \$1 billion in federal support for the adoption and use of electronic medical records. - *Alexandra Sange, [Health Centers on the Hill](#)*

It's Time to Get Out the Vote!

What comes to mind when you think about Fall? Pumpkins, colorful leaves, football, cooler weather... how about voting? The **General Election – Tuesday, November 2, 2010** – is quickly approaching, but there are a number of things that you need to do before November 2... MPHCA has encouraged its member CHCs to offer voter registration in support of NACHC's [Community Health Vote](#) initiative. MPHCA recently sent participating health centers 'Vote November 2' posters to encourage Community Health Center patients, staff, volunteers and communities to vote! It's not too late to get involved: if you would like to have posters mailed to your health center, email grassroots@nachc.com.

- **FREE Voter Registration Resources – [Get Out The Vote Poster](#) & [NACHC CHVote page](#)**

Funding Opportunities

HHS Announces New Primary Care Grants

New grants totaling \$320 million and aimed at bolstering the primary care work force will include funds to train an additional 900 physicians over the next three years, Health and Human Service (HHS) Secretary Kathleen Sebelius announced on Tuesday.

The [Robert Wood Johnson Foundation](#) Health Policy Fellows program is designed to provide a comprehensive fellowship experience at the nexus of health science, policy, and politics in Washington, D.C. The program provides an opportunity for exceptional midcareer health professionals and behavioral and social scientists with an interest in health and healthcare policy. Exceptional candidates from academic faculties and nonprofit health care organizations are encouraged to apply. Applicants may have backgrounds in the following disciplines: allied health professions; biomedical sciences; dentistry; economics or other social sciences; health services organization and administration; medicine; nursing; public health; or social and behavioral health. Up to six grants of up to \$165,000 each will be made in 2011. Each fellow will receive up to \$94,000 for the Washington stay (September 1, 2011, through August 31, 2012) in salary, plus fringe benefits or fellowship stipend. Fellows will receive an additional allowance for relocation.

Contact: [Link to Complete RFP](#)

The [National AIDS Fund](#), with support from the [Social Innovation Fund](#), has announced the opportunity for grant support through its Access to Care (A2C) initiative. The goal of A2C is to increase the access and consistent utilization of effective HIV healthcare by People Living with HIV/AIDS, particularly those living in poverty, who know their HIV status but are not receiving HIV-specific care or support. Over the next three to five years, NAF will support approximately eight to twelve states, regions, and communities with high rates of infection to facilitate access to healthcare by strengthening support and service systems and addressing barriers that affect people's readiness or ability to participate in HIV healthcare. Applications should be coordinated by a lead entity for each project; priority will be given to efforts that share resources and involve multiple community partners that together have the trust of populations that experience the greatest challenges accessing healthcare. Contact: [Link to Complete RFP](#)

HHS/BPHC NEWS

Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius today announced awards of \$727 million to 143 Community Health Centers (Coastal Family Health Center Receives \$1,607,563.00)

Earlier today, Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius today announced awards of \$727 million to 143 Community Health Centers across the country to address pressing construction and renovation needs and expand access to quality health care. The press release can be found [here](#). A list of the awardees by state [is here](#).

SBHCC UPDATE:

Earlier this week NASBHC's Executive Director Linda Juszcak was quoted in a Health and Human Services press release, "We are excited about this opportunity to support and expand school-based health services for America's children and adolescents. And we applaud the Department of Health and Human Services' commitment to continuing to build this vital piece of the children's health safety net."

A lot of exciting things have happened since the SBHCC Program Grant was released, so here are a few updates to keep you in the loop.

1. The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) will host a technical assistance conference call for the grant on Wednesday, October 13 from 1:30-3:30 pm EST.
 - Phone: 888-917-8054, passcode: 863662
 - More information visit <http://www.hrsa.gov/grants/apply/assistance/sbhcc/>
2. NASBHC's webinar "Serving Suddenly Military Children" will be rescheduled to Thursday, October 28 from 2-3pm EST in order to accommodate the HRSA calRegister for the webinar: <http://www.nasbhc.org/site/lookup.asp?c=hqJLQPxEpH&b=6019301>
3. The Federal Grants page on NASBHC's website has been updated with new information! Access links to grants.gov, learn information about the SBHCC grant, and post to the discussion board at www.nasbhc.org/federalgrants

Remember to read the guidance carefully, apply for a DUNS number and a grants.gov account, and call-in to HRSA's Technical Assistance call on October 13.

Amendments to PIN 2009-06 FQHC Look-Alike Guidelines and Application

The Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA) has released [Policy Information Notice \(PIN\) 2010-02](#), "Amendment to PIN 2009-06, Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) Look-Alike Guidelines and Application, Additional Submission Requirements for Change in Scope Applications," to announce supplemental requirements for submitting change in scope (CIS) applications. Effective September 8, 2010, all FQHC Look-Alikes must submit CIS applications electronically through HRSA's Electronic Handbook (EHB) system. When completing CIS applications in HRSA's EHB, FQHC Look-Alikes must complete two additional forms, which were not included in PIN 2009-06. These forms are SF-424 Face Page and SF-424A Budget Information for Non-Construction Programs. PIN 2010-02 also discusses factors that HRSA considers in making determinations on FQHC Look-Alike CIS applications to add specialty services to the HRSA-approved scope of project.

It's "Recess" in Congress, but Health Centers Have Lots to Keep Us Busy on the Hill:

Congress is on "recess" until November 15, in the meantime, [health center advocates have plenty to keep us busy](#). During the recess, NACHC will advocate for full [FY2010 health center appropriations](#), meet with congressional staffers to secure a "fix" to [Health Center Medicaid HIT incentive payments](#), and carry the [momentum of the FTCA for Volunteers \(H.R. 1745\) bill](#) as it heads over to the Senate. It is important to note, however, that the outlook for all of these issues may be influenced by what happens in the election. - [Kaitlin McColgan, Health Centers on the Hill](#)

BPHC's Jim Macrae: Health Center Employee Satisfaction A Measure Of Our Success:

In his recent [Primary Health Care Update](#), Jim Macrae, BPHC's Associate Administrator, highlighted strengthening our health workforce

through recruitment and retention efforts. He pointed out that **employee satisfaction** has contributed to the success of the [Primary Care Model](#). NACHC and [Insightlink Communications](#) have bundled two of NACHC's web-based survey products into one comprehensive package. [ExitPulse](#), an online exit survey system, and [StaffPulse](#), a web-based staff satisfaction tool, have been designed specifically to meet health centers' needs. Listen to and view [Building a Stronger Primary Care Workforce by Addressing Staff Turnover and Improving Staff Satisfaction](#) to learn more. - [Katja Laepke](#), [NACHC Pulse](#)

CMS launches newsletter on common Medicare billing/audit problems

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services has launched [a quarterly newsletter](#) to help health care providers avoid common Medicare billing errors and comply appropriately with payment audits. The initial newsletter presents a variety of payment issues identified by Recovery Audit Contractors.

Future editions will focus on common issues identified that quarter by the Government Accountability Office, Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Inspector General, CMS or its contractors. In addition to the newsletter, the Medicare Learning Network recently issued articles focused on common payment denials during the RAC demonstration program, including ["high-dollar" medical necessity denials](#), [coding-based denials](#) and [other "high-risk" vulnerabilities](#).

HRSA Releases SBHC Capitol Program Grant

October 4, 2010

Dear Colleagues:

Exciting news!

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) has just released the guidance for the "Affordable Care Act (ACA) Grants for School-Based Health Centers Capital (SBHCC) Program." The goal of the program is to award funds made available by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to support expanded capacity of school-based health centers (SBHCs) to provide primary health care services to school-aged children. The funds are available for construction, renovation, and/or equipment expenses.

HRSA expects to award approximately \$100 million for 200 or more grants in FY 2011. The deadline is DECEMBER 1, 2010.

HRSA has informed us that they will conduct a technical assistance call for interested applicants next **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13 (to be confirmed)**. Please reserve all of your questions for NASBHC until after that call, when we will all have more information about the process.

NASBHC recommends that you:

- Read through the application guidance, available here: <http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?jsessionid=wPRnMqDLdxWQ14ZwKGTvwxCQqNyB3Fhczv2tG35pnp2Gydyw02T12049803271?oppld=58278&mode=VIEW>
- **Immediately** register for a Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number on www.hrsa.gov/grants/dunscrr.htm or by calling 866-705-5711 if you have never before applied for a federal grant. **An application will not be reviewed without a DUNS number.**
- Visit our website at www.nasbhc.org/federalgrants. We will continue to post details and resources on our website as we receive them.
- Take part on the call on the HRSA call **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13 (to be confirmed)** to learn more information.
- **Apply for construction and equipment funding by DECEMBER 1!**

Sincerely,

Linda Juszczak
Executive Director

AHRQ Health IT Update -- New Medicaid-CHIP Case Studies Available

Three New Medicaid-CHIP Case Studies Now Available

AHRQ has released three new case studies focused on the beneficial outcomes for Medicaid and CHIP agencies who implement Health IT and /or health information exchange to improve the quality of care for their beneficiaries. The new case studies are:

- Leveraging Existing Leadership to Support Health IT and HIE: Lessons Learned from Minnesota's Medical Assistance Program
- Developing an Electronic Prescribing Incentive Program: Lessons Learned from New York Medicaid
- Developing a Universal Consent Form: Lessons Learned from Florida Medicaid

To access these case studies and for more resources on health IT and HIE activities for Medicaid and CHIP select [here](#).

You are subscribed to Health IT for Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ). This information has recently been updated, and is [now available](#).

Alert: HRSA Funding Guidance Revised

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Wed, 06 Oct 2010: New version has been reissued with corrections to worksheet. [Read More...](#)

OTHER NEWS

Distracted Driving Deaths Estimated at 16,000 in Six Years

Drivers distracted by talking or texting on cell phones killed an estimated 16,000 people from 2001 to 2007, U.S. researchers reported on Thursday. [Read More >>](#)

On October 5, 2010, the Division of Medicaid proposed filed the following policy amendment with the Secretary of State:

AP2010-17 Provider Policy Manual/Dental/Oral Evaluations/ and Preventative Services/Sealants (Sections 11.05 and 11.07)
Effective Date December 1, 2010
AP2010-23 Provider Policy Manual/Physician/Oral Health Assessment and Applications of Fluoride Varnish by Medical Providers (Section 55.04)
Effective Date December 1, 2010

This filings can be reviewed at the following links:

<https://www.medicaid.ms.gov/Amendments/Amendments.aspx>

<http://www.medicaid.ms.gov/MsStatePlanAmendments.aspx>

If you have any questions, please contact me at the number below or Emily Thompson at Emily.Thompson@medicaid.ms.gov or by phone at (601) 359-4122.

[Nurses' Push For Bigger Role Gets Powerful Ally](#)

A new report released today may give nurses with advanced degrees a potent weapon in their perennial battle to get the authority to practice without a doctor's oversight. The Institute of Medicine report says nurses should take on a larger and more independent role in providing health care in America, something many doctors have repeatedly opposed, citing potential safety concerns.

[When Moms Get Flu Shots, Babies Reap Benefits](#)

Newborn babies whose mothers got a flu shot while pregnant are less likely to get the flu or to be admitted to the hospital with a respiratory illness in the first six months of life, U.S. researchers said on Monday.

[States Face Medicaid Expansion Challenge](#)

Political hostility over the health care law and the potential for turnover in statehouses this November are creating uncertainty for state Medicaid leaders as they prepare for a huge expansion of their programs.

[Depression Hits 9% of Adults, Worst in South, CDC Reports](#)

Rates of depression vary widely from state to state, ranging from a low of 4.8% in North Dakota to a high of 14.8% in Mississippi, according to researchers from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Overall, more people in the Southeast met the criteria for depression, compared with other parts of the nation, the researchers found.

RESOURCES

MississippiCAN Helpful Information

We just wanted to give you a heads up that Medicaid has a MS CAN link on their website. www.medicaid.ms.gov/mscan/Welcome.aspx
Below are a couple of documents from that site.

[MississippiCAN FAQ](#), **[MississippiCAN CCO Comparison Chart](#)**, **[Magnolia Health Plan Brochure](#)**

With the start date of 1/1/2011, Medicaid plans to send out a packet to the beneficiaries Nov. 15 to start the enrollment process.

CDC Releases New Seasonal Influenza Prevention

CDC Releases New Seasonal Influenza Prevention Strategies for Healthcare... *We're Back to Surgical Masks!* CDC recently issued its new guidance on Prevention Strategies for Seasonal Influenza in Healthcare Settings. The updated guidance recommends that healthcare workers wear surgical masks instead of N-95 respirators during routine care of flu patients. Find more details, click [here](#).

Spanish-AHRQ released eight new free evidence-based guides designed to help Spanish speakers understand and compare the risks, benefits and side effects of treatments for eight health conditions. The guides provide valuable information that patients can use in talking with their clinicians. Access these Spanish language consumer guides at: <http://effectivehealthcare.ahrq.gov/index.cfm/informacion-en-espanol/>

The Pro Bono Partnership is a nationally-recognized nonprofit that provides free, high-quality legal services to other 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations that serve poor and disadvantaged populations, working primarily in the areas of health and human services, community development, affordable housing, and neighborhood revitalization, as well as arts, civic, and environmental or conservation work. We do not represent individuals and we do not engage in litigation. Our client organizations benefit from free legal services on a wide-range of business-related matters.

The Partnership's Nonprofit Crisis Management Initiative helps nonprofit organizations identify and proactively address legal problems they are likely to face as a result of the current recession. They also offer educational workshops and operate a legal helpline, by which nonprofits seeking quick answers to brief legal questions can call or email us directly. To learn more, please visit www.probonopartnership.org <<http://www.probonopartnership.org/>> . You may contact the Hartford office directly at (860) 541-4951 or by emailing Priya Morganstern, the Program Director at pmorganstern@probonopartner.org.

The Rural Health IT Toolbox has been relaunched as an important technical assistance resource for HRSA grantees and the rural health community. The Rural Health IT toolbox is a key resource for implementing and adopting health IT systems and focuses on rural providers such as Rural Health Clinics and Critical Access Hospitals. You can directly access the Rural Health Toolbox at <http://www.hrsa.gov/ruraltoolbox>.

The HRSA Health IT and Quality website will also be home to the HRSA Health IT and Quality webinars. The first webinar "Tips for Meaningful Use Gap Analysis within the Safety Net Community," is now available. In the coming weeks, more webinars providing technical assistance tips and strategies on health IT and quality will be added. The webinars can be found at the website: <http://www.hrsa.gov/healthitandquality> in the resources section on the homepage.

Health e-Tip: Goals and Progress

"Weigh less" and "Eat more vegetables" are common words of advice, but they aren't very exact. Getting personalized numbers can make your goals – and accomplishments – clear.

Find the Numbers that Fit You

"Keep track" is probably the best advice for anyone setting out toward their fitness goal. The first step in your health accounting is getting a good idea of what numbers to aim for. The basic calculators below can help you get started with personalized results.

- Find Your Healthy Weight: Our interactive page quickly shows you the healthy weight range for your height, based on your body mass index (BMI). It's handier to use than BMI charts, and quickly gives you a healthy weight target. Try it out »
- Find the Foods You Need: The interactive food pyramid lists the calories you need each day to maintain or lose weight, and the amount of each food group to get them from, all based on your age, sex and activity level. Try it out »
- Find the Calories You Use: Activity burns calories, but some forms do so more than others. Check out how many calories are used by typical exercises (or none) for a given length of time. Try it out »

Find Out More

The University of Maryland has a good selection of common [health and nutrition calculators](#), including those for correct intake of [fat](#) and [fiber](#). Also check out [MyPyramid.gov](#) for a wide range of online tools for improving your health. *This e-Tip provided by the Mississippi State Department of Health*

[Unsubscribe](#). Mississippi Primary Health Care Association distributes the MPHCA e-Update every Wednesday to inform members and partners of issues important to Community Health Centers.

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Community Health Center executive leadership, board members, health professionals, non-clinical staff, and other MPHCA members and partners.

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