



CHCACT WEEKLY BULLETIN

NEWS FOR CONNECTICUT'S COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS

JULY 12, 2010



July is Juvenile Arthritis Awareness Month

<http://www.arthritis.org>

UPCOMING CHCACT MEETINGS

July 13 – CT SEARCH Partner Network Meeting 9:30-10:30 a.m. at CHCACT. The agenda will focus on the summer 2010 program updates, Year two 2011 student recruitment process, preceptor and mentor training and student projects. For additional information contact **Rashad Collins** at rcollins@chcact.org or 860.667.7820.

July 14 – What You Need to Know About OIG Audits Webinar, CHCACT, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. CFOs are invited to attend the first of the three part series on what FQHCs need to know about the federal government's audit process. Session #2: July 28- OIG Audit? Don't Despair, Prepare!; and Session #3: August 11 - Challenging Government Audits.

July 21 – Human Resource Directors Workgroup Conference Call, 10:30-11:30 a.m. The agenda will include: Community HealthCorps program update, SEARCH program update, and HR workforce policies/issues. For additional information contact **Rashad Collins** at rcollins@chcact.org or 860.667.7820. Conference Call number is 1.888.994.2509, pass code is 519603#.

EVENTS/EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES – FOR COMPLETE INFORMATION ON THE OPPORTUNITIES LISTED BELOW PLEASE CLICK ON [HTTP://WWW.CHCACT.ORG/EVENTS/DEFAULT.ASP](http://www.chcact.org/events/default.asp)

- July 14-15 - Building a Quality Measurement System That Works, San Diego
- July 21 – CT HIVQUAL Workgroup, “HIV/AIDS Patient Retention Workgroup”, CHC, Inc., Meriden, CT
- August 8-14 - National Health Center Week
- September 3 - 2010 International Medical Interpreters Conference, Boston
- September 23 - National Summit of Clinicians for Healthcare Justice, Washington *New*
- September 24 – 5th Annual New England Rural Oral Health Conference, Westford
- October 4 - Managing Ambulatory Health Care I: Introductory Course for Physicians in CHCs, Boston *New*
- October 15 - African Refugee Health Conference, Lewiston, ME *New*
- October 18 – 7th National Conference on Quality Health Care for Culturally Diverse Populations, Baltimore *New*
- October 20 – DPH 2010 Diabetes Review and Update, Cromwell *New*
- NACHC Seminars/Conferences/Webcasts, **Register Today!**
 - July 14 - Health Center Practice Operations Management Seminar
 - July 14 - What You Need to Know About OIG Audits
 - July 15 - Staffing Your Health Center in an Era of Health Reform *New*
 - July 19 - 14th Annual 340B Coalition Conference
 - July 28 - Health Center Financial Operations Management Level III Seminar
 - July 28 - OIG Audit? Don't Despair, Prepare!
 - August 10 - Strategic and Business Planning Seminar
 - August 11 - Challenging Government Audits
 - August 25 - Health Center Practice Operations Management Seminar
 - September 10 - NACHC 2010 Community Health Institute (CHI) & EXPO
 - September 11 - Strengthening the Board Chair/CEO Partnership

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- o November 8 - 2010 State and Regional Primary Care Association Conference
- o November 16 - NACHC 2010 Financial Operations Mgmt/Info Technology Conference

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

The [SQ Foundation](#), a nonprofit foundation whose mission is to enhance the health and well being of underserved individuals, is initiating its Better Health for Living grantmaking program. The Better Health for Living grantmaking program will provide funding to nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations and government entities (including but not limited to local health departments and state agencies) that strive to improve in significant and measurable ways the health of those without health insurance or those in need of health insurance supplementation. Service areas may include but are not limited to pharmacy care, behavioral health, primary care, dental care, and health education. A total of \$33,000 in grants ranging from \$5,000 to \$7,000 will be awarded in this funding cycle. **Contact:** [Link to Complete RFP](#)

RESOURCES

The audio transcript of the June 15, 2010 national provider conference call, "**ICD-10 Implementation in a 5010 Environment**", hosted by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is now available. To access the transcript, go to http://www.cms.gov/ICD10/02c_CMS_Sponsored_Calls.asp on the CMS website. In the Downloads section select the June 15, 2010 ICD-10 Conference Call Zip file. The audio transcript is 1 hour and 51 minutes in length. The written transcript will be available soon.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

National Health Service Corps (NHSC) is expanding and reaching out to better serve communities in need around the country and is currently recruiting 4,000 new Corps members to receive loan repayment awards. New materials have been developed that help to outline the program's eligibility requirements and the process to apply, which can be found at: <http://nhsc.hrsa.gov/loanrepayment/apply.htm>

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention (DHAP) is launching a series of five targeted HIV/AIDS communication products for partners.

- e-HAP FYI will provide a monthly digest consisting of DHAP announcements, federal HIV and AIDS announcements, resources, Act Against AIDS campaign updates and notifications of other developments in CDC's HIV prevention science, programs, and policies;
- e-HAP In-Depth will provide quarterly overviews and analyses of emerging and ongoing issues of critical importance to domestic HIV prevention (e.g., emerging biomedical interventions, resource allocation, CDC's investments in disproportionately affected communities, and policy changes);
- e-HAP Pubs will offer bimonthly notification of CDC's HIV-related scientific publications including summaries and links to full-text articles;
- e-HAP Web Updates will alert you to updates to the DHAP Web site (www.cdc.gov/hiv) and social media news updates; and
- e-HAP Direct (targeted distribution) will provide as-needed statements, Dear Colleague letters, and other communications from the Division.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact the newly formed DHAP Office of Communications at DHAPCommunications@cdc.gov.

Eastern AHEC is currently accepting registration for the upcoming 48 hour *Interpreting in Health & Community Settings* training being held throughout in 3 different locations: Stamford, Bridgeport and Hartford in October and November. This class is eligible for CEUs and discounts can be offered for organizations sending 3 or more employees and for self-pay participants. Please visit <http://www.easternctahcec.org/eventdetail.php?ID=1> for more information.

The **U.S. Department of Health and Human Services** took an important step to improve access to critical HIV/AIDS prescription drugs. The \$25 million reallocated for AIDS drug assistance provides resources to States that have AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) waiting lists or have implemented strategies to contain costs and delay or prevent a waiting list.



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Improving access to care and treatment for people living with HIV is a top priority for HHS. These funds are just one part of a broader effort to improve the health status of people living with HIV. Created under the Affordable Care Act, the Pre-Existing Condition Insurance Plan will provide a new health coverage option for Americans who have been uninsured for at least six months and have been unable to get health coverage because of a health condition-including HIV. This option will be available until 2014, when insurers will be banned from discriminating against adults with pre-existing conditions.

For more information, see the fact sheet: www.hhs.gov/news/facts/adap.html To learn more about the Pre-Existing Condition Insurance Plan, please visit: www.healthcare.gov/law/about/provisions/pcip/