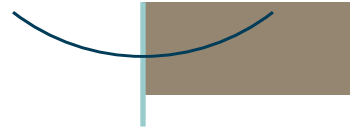

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CHC Digest



Greetings!

In order to promote effective communications, IPHCA would like to present the first edition of the CHC Digest.

This publication will feature information from the CHC Services Team and will periodically discuss topics including Quality, Shortage Designation, the National Health Service Corp, J-1 Visa Waivers, Finance/Operations, Workforce Development and Emergency Management.

Additionally, the CHC Digest will feature articles in the News, upcoming Trainings and Events (within IPHCA and elsewhere) and will periodically feature Frequently Asked Questions and items Especially for FQHCs.

As it is a “digest”, the publication will normally not exceed four pages. The CHC Digest will be sent via email at a minimum of once a month, but no more than once a week, and will be sent on Wednesdays going forward. The Digest will be archived on the IPHCA website for your convenience.

The CHC Services Team hopes that you enjoy this first edition and welcomes your comments and suggestions regarding content. The formatting may change in future publications based on comments and suggestions.

Sincerely,
The IPHCA CHC Services Team

News & Notices

CMS No Longer Reimburses Physician Consultation Codes

With the advent of the new **CPT 2010**, physicians will be required to update their super-bill and current coding practices accordingly. Additionally, consultation codes - specifically 99241-99245 and 99251-99255 - will no longer be recognized or reimbursed by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services ("CMS"), effective January 1, 2010. The American Medical Association ("AMA") has also published its **Corrections Document - CPT® 2010** which is available on the [AMA's website](#).

Region B RAC: Contractor Outreach Programs Scheduled for February 2010

CGI Technologies and Solutions, Inc. ("CGI") is the Medicare RAC contractor for Region B which includes the states of Indiana and Illinois, among others. CGI is mandated by CMS to conduct certain provider outreach programs to further describe their particular RAC initiatives. CMS/CGI will present a 90- minute program entitled "RACs and Medicare: The Who, What, When, Where, How and Why", in conjunction with Indiana Medical Group Management Association, on **February 4, 2010** in Indianapolis. You can access the CGI provider outreach schedule directly on the CGI website at www.racb.cgi.com.

Text4baby Initiative

A new initiative called Text4baby will be publicly launched in February 2010. Text4baby is a National Mobile Health Initiative on Maternal and Infant Health targeting pregnant women, through their pregnancy and their baby's first year, that provides weekly educational health information through participants' cell phones.

New Tool Helps Trace MRSA's Local, Global Spread

A multi-national team of researchers has applied a new genomic tool to a 50-year-old bacterial foe, using minute mutations to track the spread of drug-resistant staph both across continents and within a single hospital. Read more about this, its implications for infection control and what this means for pinpointing intercontinental jumps on the [Center for Infectious Disease Research & Policy \(CIDRAP\)](#) website.

Serologic Study Finds H1N1 Infections Surged Past Official Estimates

In one of the first large serologic studies of pandemic H1N1 infection, British researchers found that in areas hit hard during the first wave, one in three children were infected by the virus, ten times higher than surveillance estimates. Serologic studies, such as this report by scientists from England's Health Protection Agency (HPA) and published January 21, 2010 in *The Lancet*, are needed to help public health officials gauge the true burden of disease. [Read more](#) on the Center for Infectious Disease Research & Policy (CIDRAP) website.

Especially for FQHC's

The Health Resources and Services Administration's (HRSA) Bureau of Primary Health Care (BPHC) has just released the Health Center Site Visit Guide on the web at <http://bphc.hrsa.gov/about/sitevisitguide/>. You can access this document from the "Top Health Center Tools" list, bottom bullet "Health Center Site Visit Guide" on the right side of the Health Center home page.

The Health Center Site Visit Guide is a review instrument used by HRSA to assess an organization's compliance with key section 330 Health Center Program requirements as well as a resource to assist grantees in identifying areas for performance or operational improvements. Health Centers may also use this Guide as a self assessment resource as it provides a series of prompting questions for both program requirements and performance improvement. Appendix B of the Guide provides a link to sample recommended reference documents that grantees might find useful.

CHC Program Updates

Emergency Preparedness

(Updates courtesy of Jenifer Nelson)

What is the National Incident Management System (NIMS)?

According to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), "NIMS is a comprehensive, national approach to incident management that is applicable at all jurisdictional levels and across functional disciplines. It is intended to:

- Be applicable across a full spectrum of potential incidents, hazards, and impacts, regardless of size, location or complexity.
- Improve coordination and cooperation between public and private entities in a variety of incident management activities.
- Provide a common standard for overall incident management."

How can staff be trained in NIMS?

Training is available online through FEMA. Links to the courses can be found on the IPHCA website at: <http://www.indianapca.org/programs/nimscompliance.html>

What courses are offered online?

Incident Command System (ICS) 100 Training: Provides training on and resources for personnel who require a basic understanding of the Incident Command System (ICS).

Incident Command System (ICS) 200 Training: Provides training on and resources for personnel who are likely to assume a supervisory position within the Incident Command System (ICS). The primary target audiences are response personnel at the supervisory level.

Introduction to the National Incident Management System (NIMS) (IS-700): Provides training on and resources for the National Incident Management System (NIMS). NIMS provides a consistent nationwide template to enable all government, private sector, and nongovernmental organizations to work together during domestic incidents.

Introduction to National Response Framework (NRF) (IS-800): Provides training on and resources for the National Response Framework (NRF). The NRF presents the guiding principles that enable all response partners to prepare for and provide a unified national response to disasters and emergencies – from the smallest incident to the largest catastrophe. The Framework establishes a comprehensive, national, all-hazards approach to domestic incident response.

Which classes should staff take?

Entry Level:

- FEMA IS-700: NIMS, An Introduction
- ICS-100: Introduction to ICS or equivalent

First Line, Single Resource, Field Supervisors:

- IS-700.A, ICS-100, and ICS-200: Basic ICS or its equivalent

Middle Management: Strike Team Leaders, Division Supervisors, EOC Staff, etc.:

- IS-700.A, IS-800.B NRF, ICS-100, ICS-200, and ICS-300

Command and General Staff; Area, Emergency, and EOC Managers:

- IS-700.A, IS-800.B NRF, ICS-100, ICS-200, ICS-300, and ICS-400

Coming Soon!

IPHCA will be offering free regional training classes on the ICS-100 HC class in conjunction with the Indiana Rural Health Association. The classes will begin in March. Watch for further details!

CHC Program Updates (continued)

Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP)

https://hseep.dhs.gov/pages/1001_HSEEP7.aspx

According to FEMA, HSEEP is “is a capabilities and performance-based exercise program that provides a standardized methodology and terminology for exercise design, development, conduct, evaluation, and improvement planning.”

HSEEP contains a Toolkit that will assist in all aspects of exercise planning, design, conduct and evaluation.



HSEEP Conference Call

Join IPHCA on **February 10, 2010** at 12:30 pm EST for a 1-hour conference call to learn more about the HSEEP and how the tools within it can assist with your Emergency Preparedness efforts and exercises. A Power-Point with information to assist with the call will be sent prior to the call and will be posted on the IPHCA website.

Call in information is as follows:

Number: 1-866-846-3997 Passcode: 314165

Contact Jenifer Nelson for more information on any of these upcoming Emergency Preparedness Trainings!

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Upcoming IPHCA Emergency Management Events

February 10, 2010	Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP)	Conference Call
March 2010	Table Top Exercise (TTX): Earthquake with Pipeline ruptures	Webinar
April 2010	Red Cross Online Continuity of Operations Tool	Webinar
May 2010	Alternate Care Sites	Conference Call
June 2010	Redundant Communications Equipment and Tools	Webinar
July 2010	Community and Partnerships	Conference Call



For questions regarding IPHCA's training activities or registration, please contact **Stephanie Suddeth**, Membership Coordinator, at 317-630-0845 or ssuddeth@indianapca.org.

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Upcoming IPHCA Events

For updated information please view IPHCA's Event Calendar at:

<http://www.indianapca.org/eventscalendar/index.html>

January

- * January 21, 2010: Online Coding Seminar "Wellness and Illness Coding"
- * January 26, 2010: Online Coding Seminar "What's New in CPT for 2010"

February

- * February 1-2, 2010: Corporate Compliance Training
- * February 2, 2010: Online Coding Seminar "FQHC and RHC Coding Review"
 - * February 4, 2010: Online Coding Seminar "Chart Auditing I"
 - * February 9, 2010: Online Coding Seminar "Injection Service Coding"
 - * February 10, 2010: Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP) Conference Call
 - * February 11, 2010: Online Coding Seminar "Chart Auditing II"
 - * February 25, 2010: Online Coding Seminar "Chart Auditing III"

March

- * Table Top Exercise (TTX): Earthquake with Pipeline ruptures Webinar

Other Training Opportunities

- * Farmworkers and Influenza: Planning for their health and safety, sponsored by AgriSafe Network. **January 28, 2010 from 12-1pm CST**. Click here for the [session link](#).
- * HIV: Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission From Start to Finish, sponsored by MATEC (Midwest AIDS Training and Education Center). **February 16, 2010 from 7:30 am to 12:30 pm** at the St. Mary's Medical Center in Evansville, IN. Click [here](#) for more information and to register for the training.
- * "Health Literacy and Clear Communications" spring workshop, sponsored by the Indiana Society for Public Health Education. **March 30, 2010 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm** at the Ball State University Alumni Center. [Register online now!](#)
- * Indiana Joint National Public Health Week Conference, "A Healthier America: One Community at a Time" will be held at the Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis Campus Center on **April 6-7, 2010**. The abstract submission system for the 2010 meeting is internet-based. To find the instructions and forms necessary for submitting your abstract, please click [here](#).