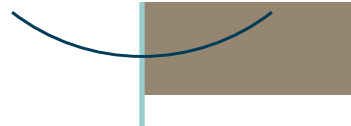




CHC Digest



News & Notices

(Updates courtesy of CHC Services Team)

Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA): Medicaid and Health Reform

The PPACA expands Medicaid to individuals under age 65 with incomes up to 133% of the federal poverty line (FPL). This expands coverage to large numbers of people who currently have no insurance, specifically adults. Both federal and state actions are needed to implement the new law. In an attempt to share information about the expanded coverage and costs the Kaiser Commission has published a report that can be found by [clicking here](#).

Initial analysis shows:

- * Medicaid expansions will significantly increase coverage and reduce the number of the insured.
- * The federal government will pay a very high share of new Medicaid costs in all states.
- * Increases in state spending are small compared to increases in coverage and federal revenues relative to what states would have spent with no reform.

States Seeking Six Month Extension to FMAP (Federal Medical Assistance Percentage) Funding

47 states are facing huge budget shortfalls in the coming fiscal year. Attempts to meet budgets and ensure Medicaid patients have access to care are by seeking from taxpayers a six month extension of the enhanced FMAP payments. Current funding levels are set to expire on January 1, 2011. The enhanced FMAP rate was a result of the ARRA (American Reinvestment and Recovery Act) of 2008. It provided more assistance to states with high unemployment rates, stabilized state budgets and prohibited cuts to Medicaid services. The enhanced FMAP cost a total of \$87 billion to taxpayers and is scheduled to expire December 31, 2011. If there is not an extension of this FMAP rate the rates will return to standard match rates.

The FMAP (Federal Medical Assistance Percentage) provides matching funding to each state to cover at least 50% of state Medicaid costs. For additional information please [click here](#).

More Than 1 in 5 Kids Live in Poverty

USA Today, Liz Szabo, 06/08/2010

The rate of children living in poverty this year will climb to nearly 22%, the highest rate in two decades, according to an analysis by the non-profit Foundation for Child Development. Nearly 17% of children were living in poverty in 2006, before the recession began.

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Hybrid Expansion Approved

In a letter received by Cathy Boggs, Director, Department of Family Resources (DFR), on June 2, 2010 the State of Indiana was notified that the Vigo Region for the Hybrid expansion had been approved. The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) approved the expansion based on the positive results currently being demonstrated in the Vanderburgh Region. A site visit was conducted by USDA earlier this spring to review the current processes for applying for Medicaid, food stamps and TANF benefits. The Hybrid model replaced the IBM modernization application process in January of 2010.

The Vigo Region consists of Clay, Fountain, Greene, Monroe, Owen, Parke, Putnam, Sullivan, Vermillion, Vigo and Warren counties. The Vigo Region will be expanded effective June 21, 2010. This [link](#) provides a review of the actual letter sent to Director Boggs.

Medical Malpractice Coverage Update

Program Assistance Letter 2010-08 (PAL) provides guidance on adding medical malpractice coverage for free clinic board members, officers, employees and contractors under the Affordable Care Act.

Medical malpractice coverage under the Free Clinics FTCA Program does not occur automatically. FTCA coverage requires HRSA approval of an application for deeming of certain individuals from a sponsoring free clinic. Coverage extends only to medical malpractice coverage such as medical, surgical, dental or related functions within the scope of the covered individuals employment on behalf of the free clinic. Additional information on PAL 2010-08 can be found [here](#).

National Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Coalition's (HMHB) TEXT4BABY

Text4baby is a free mobile information service designed to promote maternal and child health by providing pregnant women and new moms with information they need to take care of their health and give their babies the best possible start in life. Women who sign up for the service by texting BABY (or BEBE for Spanish) to 511411 will receive free SMS text messages each week, timed to their due date or baby's date of birth. For additional information, FAQ's and registration instructions for the program click [here](#). To subscribe to *Text4baby Tuesday*, their weekly newsletters click [here](#). To view the text4baby free Webinar schedules click [here](#). HRSA is very excited about this program and would like for every health center's pregnant woman take advantage of it.

Especially for FQHC's

(updates courtesy of Carla Chance and Mark Vonderheit)

Report from the "At the Bar: Hot Legal Issues Facing Community Health Centers" webinar. This is part one of a four-part series.

The National Association of Community Health Centers hosted a webinar with speakers from the law firm of Feldesman, Tucker, Leifer and Fidell on legal issues that are facing community health centers. Information from the following topic was provided:

1. Lessons learned from recent Office of the Inspector General (OIG) audits

It was noted that with amount of money provided by ARRA and health reform and the government's responsibility for transparency and accountability, there will be increased scrutiny.

1. Lessons learned from the recent OIG audit.
 - A. Undercover agents posing as a family presented at a Head Start agency to apply for financial assistance. The agents provided financial documents that put them over the limit, but the Head Start representative disregarded one of the parents' income documentation and approved the application. The GAO (Government Accountability Office) has posted a video on its' website documenting the undercover encounter. It should be noted that the GAO received hotline tips alleging fraud and abuse by grantees. For health centers the lesson learned is: never be disingenuous of what is needed to determine financial eligibility.
 - B. Medicare site –by-site certification/enrollment. The lesson learned is each and every one of the health center sites needs to be certified.
 - C. Improper billing of patient visits. The lesson learned is that health centers need to re-visit their definition of a patient visit and properly bill that visit. The attorneys cautioned that you do not want a pattern to show up in your billing practices (especially if it is an improper billing practice) as that will be a red flag to potential auditors.

Part two thru four will be included in future issues of the Digest and will include: 2. Health reform's expansion of fraud and abuse enforcement, 3. Use of Federal funds to construct new facilities, 4. New 340B guidance on contract pharmacies and program integrity efforts.

Especially for FQHC's (Continued)

(updates courtesy of Carla Chance and Mark Vonderheit)

UDS Mapper Available July 1, 2010

HRSA has announced that a new tool, called the UDS Mapper, will be available July 1, 2010. HRSA has worked with the Robert Graham Center and John Snow, Inc. to develop a mapping and support tool driven primarily from data within the UDS. It is designed to assist health centers in their expansion planning efforts. The UDS Mapper is part of the *HealthLandscape* online mapping platform.



Coinciding with the launch of this new tool, **daily webinars will be offered through July to demonstrate the functionality of this tool.** Links to register for these webinars and other help tools can be found [here](#). HRSA and IPHCA encourage you to take advantage of the opportunity to use the UDS Mapper in planning for health center services.

PAL (Program Assistance Letter) Notice 2010-01

In April HRSA issued a PAL describing the EHB monitoring system that will be used to ensure health center compliance with Section 330 requirements, financial stability, non-compliance with previous NGA conditions and other conditions affecting quality and effective performance. The recent release of HRSA's EHB Version 2.0 has improved HRSA's ability to provide more streamlined systems for tracking information related to grant conditions. These recent enhancements will allow for a more efficient and effective manner for communicating and interacting with grantees on conditions through a Progressive Action process. Please review [the link](#) for additional information and the progressive action process.

UDS Reporting Changes for 2010 (HRSA PAL 2010-04)

HRSA (Health Resources and Services Administration), through this PAL, is providing information on the changes to the UDS for calendar year 2010. These changes include a revised definition of agriculture in the UDS manual and report full time equivalents (FTE's) for optomologists, optometrists, and optometric assistants. Changes also include, combine reporting of Symptomatic and Asymptomatic HIV, report Hepatitis B and Hepatitis C patients' visits and tests, and comprehensive and intermediate eye exam patients and visits.

The release of this PAL was on 5/25/2010 and additional information on it can be found at [here](#).

Accreditation Initiative Resource: a Side-by-side Comparison of the Accreditation Services

HRSA has added another resource to their Accreditation Initiative website. The resource document is a comparison of the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care's (AAAHC) and The Joint Commission's, formerly known as the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations services. This new resource will allow health centers to choose the accreditation organization that best meets the needs of their organizations. The major differences noted is that the AAAHC currently has a certification/recognition for medical home, the Joint Commission does not, but is expected to in mid 2011. The Joint Commission provides the following, (the AAAHC does not): a stand alone behavioral health services survey; a possible additional laboratory survey; a dedicated website for health centers; a preliminary on-site report at the conclusion of the survey; and they will provide an annual periodic performance review.

For more information visit the [HRSA Accreditation Initiative website](#) and click on Accreditation Initiative Resources located on the right hand side of the page

CHC Program Updates

CHC Services

(Updates courtesy of Carla Chance)

FREE Child Passenger Safety Parent Education Materials

The Automotive Safety Program at Riley Hospital for Children offers a number of brochures and materials free of charge to Indiana residents and organizations. To order, call 1-800-KID-N-CAR (1-800-543-6227) quantities are limited. Please allow 2 weeks for shipping. For a list of titles with content description [click here](#).

Community Health Needs Assessment Resource

As a result of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (the "PPACA") tax-exempt hospitals must implement new requirements to maintain their tax exempt status and increase the amount of information they provide to the IRS and Congress. One requirement is to conduct a Community Health Needs Assessment once every three years. They are to develop and implement strategies to meet the needs that are identified. The Assessment also requires the hospital to have input from persons who represent the broad interest of the community they serve, including those with special knowledge or expertise in public health. This will encourage the hospitals to partner with other providers in their service area to identify needs and opportunities for serving their collective patient populations. The results of the Assessment can help to demonstrate the important role that organizations can play in an overall strategic health plan. The effective date for the completion of the assessment is the taxable year that begins two years after the date of enactment. A \$50,000 penalty will apply to an organization that consistently fails to satisfy the requirement. More information on this topic can be found [here](#).

NHSC Update

(Updates courtesy of Natalie Brown & Felice Vargo)

National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Updates

- * **One Month Left!!! Full-time Loan repayment cycle ending July 29, 2010.** Interested applicants should submit **complete applications as soon as possible for faster processing**; applications consist of an **online portion and the submission of supporting documentation**. Completed applications are being processed in about 4-6 weeks. Applications that are incomplete take significantly longer.
- * Current loan repayors must attend an orientation conference; they will be contacted by NHSC to make arrangements. If they absolutely cannot make an in-person conference there will eventually be internet-based trainings; but every effort should be made to attend in-person. Conferences for the rest of this year are Aug 5-7 in Washington, DC; Oct (date and place TBD); and Dec 8-12 in San Francisco, CA.
- * **Full-time Loan repayment program after July 29, 2010.** For interested applicants who are not able to apply by the July 29, 2010 deadline there will be future opportunities for applying. Because of additional ARRA and Health Reform funding it is expected that another application cycle will begin possibly as early as September. Please stay tuned to future updates for more information.
- * It is also expected that at least initially HPSA scores will not be factored into funding decisions, meaning the Corps will continue to fund on a first come, first serve basis. This could change down the line, so please stay tuned to future updates.

Current approved NHSC site reminders

- * **Current information:** It is important for sites to keep their site contact information up-to-date; sites may check [here](#) to see their information: if you need to make updates to your site contact information contact Demita Brown of RTSC at dbrown@nhscrtsc.net or 1-877-313-1823 ext. 7193; it is very important to keep your contact information up-to-date so as not to miss important email messages from NHSC and RTSC.
- * **Vacancy management:** Sites with a vacancy on the Job Opportunities List will be contacted monthly by email (the email will come from Demita Brown of RTSC, mentioned in the bullet above) to update their vacancy; this means verifying whether the vacancy is still open or has been filled and the specifics of the vacancy. This also provides an opportunity for sites to update their contact information. If sites are continually non-responsive to these emails their vacancies will be removed from the job opportunities list.
- * **New procedure:** If you have current staff that would like to apply for loan repayment that were not listed on your original Recruitment and Retention Assistance (R&R) application you **DO NOT** have to fill out a new R&R requesting a vacancy for that staff person. You also **should not** contact RTSC to add this vacancy; if you do then the vacancy will appear online on the Job Opportunities List even though you are not actually recruiting. You should just have the staff person apply for loan repayment and HRSA will internally add a vacancy for the potential loan repayor.

NHSC Update*(Continued)**(Updates courtesy of Natalie Brown & Felice Vargo)***2010-2011 NHSC Scholar Placement Cycle**

- * A notice appeared in the June 23rd Federal Register stating that the minimum HPSA scores needed to be eligible for a NHSC scholar in the upcoming placement cycle (2010-2011). These are clinicians who are in the final year of training. The minimum HPSA scores for this years cycle are:
 - HPSA score of 15 for NHSC Scholars-Physician Assistants ONLY
 - HPSA score 17 for ALL OTHER Primary care, Mental Health and Dental clinician Scholars, which includes: Primary Care Physicians (FP, IM, PEDS, & OB/GYN), Family Nurse Practitioners, Certified Nurse Midwives, Dentists, Psychiatrists.
- * Each year, the ratio of NHSC vacancies to scholars who are finishing training is calculated to help determine the minimum HPSA score to be eligible for NHSC scholars. If you are a NHSC approved site that is currently recruiting for current or future provider vacancies, please be sure to check to be sure that *all* your vacancies are listed on the NHSC website.
- * NHSC sites that have a vacancy listed on the NHSC website that also meet the minimum HPSA score will be eligible to attend the 2010 Scholar Placement Conference/Recruitment Fair held August 25-28, 2010 in Atlanta, GA. Up to 2 recruiters from a site may attend the conference free of charge. Recruiters are responsible for travel, lodging, and exhibit-related expenses. Recruiters must complete a registration process and be approved to attend the conference. Interested parties should check [here](#) for more information on the conference, registration, etc. To update your NHSC vacancies/opportunities, please contact Demita Brown of the RTSC at dbrown@nhscrtsc.net or 1-877-313-1823 ext. 7193.

NHSC Site Approval Announcement

The National Health Service Corps (NHSC) announced this month that the renewal deadline for all currently approved sites with an upcoming renewal date prior to September 30, 2011, has been extended until September 30, 2011. This is due to impending changes to the NHSC Site Application process, which IPHCA will we will inform you of as soon as details are released. To see the announcement please click [here](#). If you are not sure if your site is approved or would like help with the application process please contact Natalie Brown at (317) 630-0845 or nbrown@indianapca.org.

J-1 Waiver Update*(Updates courtesy of Natalie Brown)***2010 J-1 Visa Waiver Program**

IPHCA is pleased to announce that all 30 slots for Indiana's J-1 Visa Waiver Program for the 2010 cycle have been filled. The Indiana State Department of Health has put together a committee to review the current Indiana J-1 Visa Waiver guidelines and to make recommendations for the 2011 cycle guidelines. The 2011 Indiana J-1 Visa Waiver Program guidelines are expected to be posted on both the IPHCA and ISDH websites in August. If you have any questions please contact Natalie Brown at nbrown@indianapca.org or (317) 630-0845

Finance & Operations*(Updates courtesy of Mark Vonderheit)***Workshops for community health centers through Indiana Medicaid**

Indiana Health Coverage Programs (IHCP) provider relations staff is presenting regional workshops for community health center providers in July. The workshops have been regionally located within the state for easy access. The workshops will address Indiana Medicaid billing questions and provide a presentation applicable to community health center billing staff. This is an excellent opportunity to become more familiar with Medicaid community health center billing procedures, procedure, tools, and methodology. Anthem, MHS, MDwise and Advantage will attend the meeting to answer questions and share in the presentation. Here is the meeting times and places for each workshop: July 26, 2010, 1-3pm at St. Catherine's Hospital Professional Office Building, Conference Room, 4321 Fir Street, East Chicago, IN 46312, July 27, 2010, 9-11am at IU School of Dentistry, Room DS 114, 1121 W. Michigan Street, Indianapolis, IN 46202-5186 and July 29, 2010, 10am-noon at Paoli Medical Arts Building, Education Classroom, 488 W. Hospital Road, Paoli, IN 47454. If you need further information please contact me at mvonderheit@indianapca.org or click [here](#).

Finance & Operations

(Continued)

(Updates courtesy of Mark Vonderheit)

IPHCA Attends Quarterly Meetings held by the Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning

Several informational meetings are held each quarter at the Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning (OMPP). IPHCA represents its members at each of the following meetings:

- * Medicaid Advisory Committee
- * Dental Advisory Panel
- * HP/Medicaid workshop committee
- * SUBC (State Uniform Billing Committee)
- * Care Select Advocacy meeting

On a semi-annual basis IPHCA attends the All Association meeting which is held at HP. This meeting is important because all provider and medical associations are invited to attend to get updates on Indiana Medicaid. It also gives the associations an opportunity to meet with each health plan; Hoosier Healthwise, Care Select, Healthy Indiana Plan, in addition to HP and OMPP for questions.

As these meetings occur I will provide a summary in the digest as to the content and discussion of each. Please feel free to contact me at mvonderheit@indianapca.org for questions regarding these meetings.

CMS website offers ICD-10 FAQ's (Frequent Asked Questions) document

What are some of the benefits of ICD-10? Will ICD-10 have an impact on CPT (Current Procedural Terminology) and HCPCS (Healthcare Common Procedure Codes Systems) coding? For answers to these questions and others on ICD-10 please see the FAQ ICD-10 on the CMS website. CMS also provides an overview of ICD-10, resources for providers and vendors, plus timelines and regulations at this [link](#).

Emergency Preparedness

(Updates courtesy of Jenifer Nelson)

Upcoming IPHCA Emergency Management Events

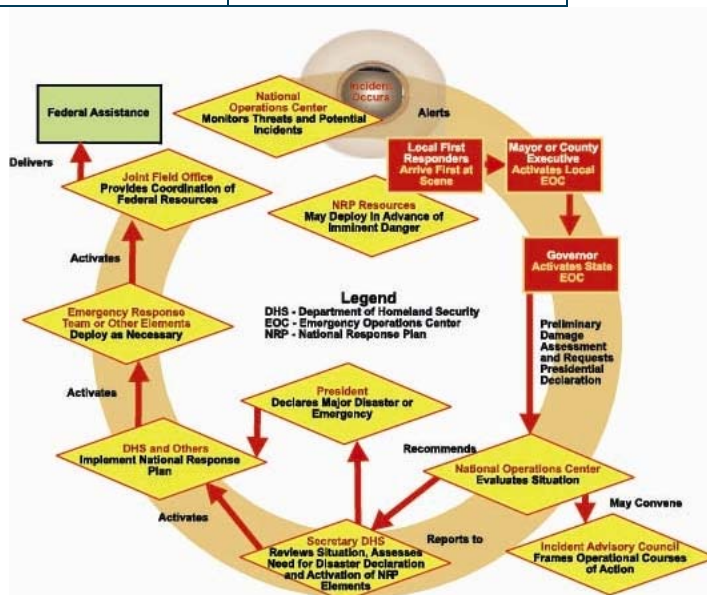
July 7, 2010	Community and Partnerships	11:30– 12:30 EST Conference Call
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The Importance of Local Connections

The saying “all responses are local” is supported time and again through reviewing past responses. It is the actions of the local responders and community that will determine the success or failure of the response efforts. This chart shows some of the steps that are necessary to bring in federal resources, which takes time and coordination. Local resources need to be prepared to manage the incident for about three days.

The current listing of the City/County Emergency Management Directors is maintained on the State of Indiana website at: http://www.in.gov/dhs/files/sanitized_compact_directory.pdf. Please contact your local director to discuss your role in local response.

www.acq.osd.mil/dpap/pacc/cc/jcchb/chap_9.html



*****Save the Date*****

IPHCA's Annual Conference is scheduled for October 11—12, 2010!

Contact **Stephanie Suddeth** for more information!



For questions regarding IPHCA's training activities or registration, please contact **Stephanie Suddeth**, Member Services Specialist, 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/eventscalender/index.html>

- * July 1, 2010 Online Coding Seminar "101 ICD-9-CM Diagnosis Coding I"
- * July 13, 2010 Online Coding Seminar "105 Diagnosis Coding for OB/GYN and Contraceptive & Procreative Management" *Audience: Intermediate and experienced level coders/billers*
- * July 15, 2010 Online Coding Seminar "102 ICD-9-CM Diagnosis Coding II"
- * July 29, 2010 Online Coding Seminar "103 ICD-9-CM Diagnosis Coding III"

Other Training Opportunities

- * **Workshops for community health centers through Indiana Medicaid** If you need further information please go to www.indianamedicaid.com.
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- * The **14th Annual 340B Coalition Conference** on Improving Access to Pharmaceutical Care and Ensuring Compliance with Federal and State Laws will take place **July 19-21 in Washington, D.C.** For more information on the conference or to register, go to www.340Bcoalition.org. If you have questions, please contact Mike Hess at mike.hess@snhpa.org or (202) 552-5869.
- * NACHC is offering three levels of **Health Center Financial/Operations Management Seminars (HCFOMS)** training. Each level focuses on different topics that will help health center financial and operational staffs understand and meet the unique challenges of operating a health center. Available levels: FOM III **Las Vegas, NV - July 28-29, 2010.** [For a full explanation of training and Registration.](#)
- * National Government Services is proud to host a three-day conference from **August 18-20, 2010** at the Marriott Louisville Downtown Hotel in Kentucky. This conference provides education to the following NGS providers: **Medicare Part A, Medicare Part B & FQHC's.** For full details [click here.](#)

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