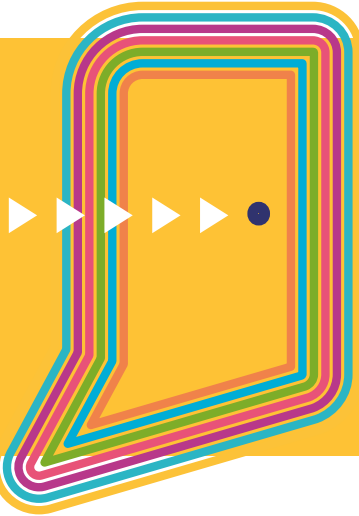
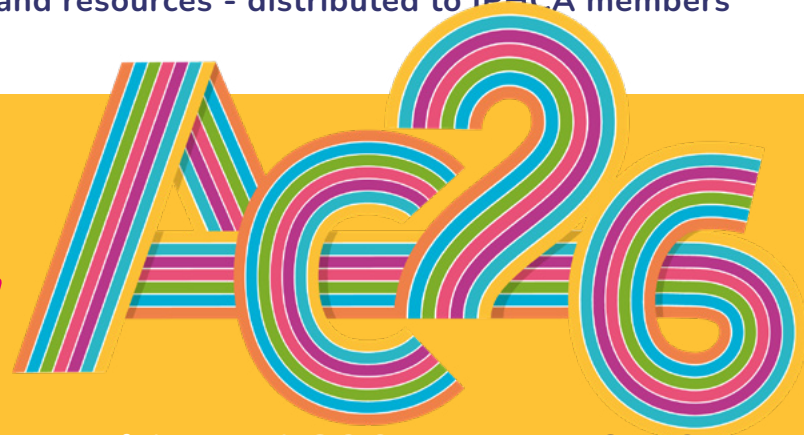




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Letter from Sean

Welcome to the October Issue

As we head into October, I find myself thinking about just how much is happening across our health center community. This is one of those months that brings many parts of our work together, from caring for our patients and protecting our organizations to learning from one another and celebrating the people who make this work possible.

During **Breast Cancer Awareness Month**, we recognize the patients, families, caregivers, and providers whose lives are touched by breast cancer. Community Health Centers play an important role in education, early detection, screenings, and connecting patients to the care and support they need.

October is also **Cybersecurity Awareness Month**, a reminder that protecting our patients also means protecting the information and systems we rely on to serve them. Cybersecurity is not just an IT issue. A cyber incident can disrupt patient care, communications, financial operations, and access to critical information. Throughout the month, we will share practical ways health centers can strengthen awareness, reduce risk, and prepare for potential disruptions.

And, of course, October brings us together for the **2026 IPHCA Annual Conference, October 5 & 6 in Muncie**. This year's theme, **Leading the Way: Advancing the Future of High-Quality Primary Care**, reflects the important work happening across Indiana's Community Health Centers. Over two days, we will learn from one another, reconnect with colleagues and partners, celebrate our **Champions of Health Care**, and bring new ideas and perspectives back to our organizations.

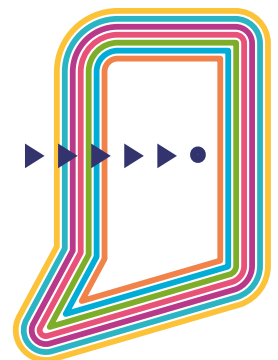
We are grateful to everyone who makes this gathering possible, including our speakers, sponsors, exhibitors, partners, and, most importantly, the health center professionals who bring their experience and commitment to this work every day.

As we begin a busy October, I encourage you to make the most of the opportunities ahead. **Join us in Muncie**, connect with colleagues from across the state, take part in the conversations, and bring something new back to your health center. Use this month to strengthen your cybersecurity practices, reinforce the importance of preventive care, and find new ways to support your patients, staff, and communities.

Happy fall,

Sean

Sean Herbold, IPHCA CFO [Contact Sean](#)





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Announcing the IPHCA Advocacy Action Center

Get into Action!



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We are excited to announce the launch of our new
IPHCA Advocacy Action Center, powered by **VoterVoice**.

The Action Center makes it easier than ever for health center advocates to stay informed, connect with policymakers, and support policies that strengthen Community Health Centers and the patients we serve.

By signing up as an advocate, you can:

- Receive timely advocacy action alerts on federal and state policy issues affecting Community Health Centers.
- Quickly contact your state and federal legislators using pre-populated messages that can be personalized with your own story.
- Stay up to date on important legislative developments and opportunities to engage.
- Participate in advocacy events, including Hill Day and other legislator outreach efforts.

Your voice is one of the most powerful tools we have. Lawmakers want to hear directly from health center staff, board members, patients, providers, and supporters about the impact Community Health Centers have in their communities.

We encourage everyone to join the Action Center today and become part of our growing network of advocates working to protect and strengthen access to care.

Click below to sign up for action alerts today!

>>> Visit IPHCA Advocacy Action Center

Thank you for your commitment to Indiana's Community Health Centers and the patients who depend on them.



**Health Policy Committee -
Federal Policy Update and
Report** from the regular HPC
meeting on September 15,
2026.

**>>> Click here to
read more.**

- Read previous reports [here](#)

**>>> See all Policy and
Advocacy resources**



Leading the Way:

Advancing the Future of
High-Quality Primary Care

It's almost here ..

Dear Conference Attendees,

The countdown to our much-anticipated annual conference – Leading the Way: Advancing the Future of High-Quality Primary Care- is almost over! With just a few days left, we are pleased to share the final details to ensure an exceptional experience.

1. Conference Dates and Location:

Dates: Monday, October 5th and
Tuesday, October 6th, 2026.

Location: Horizon
Convention Center,
401 S High Street,
Muncie, IN 47305



2. Registration and Check-In

& Continental Breakfast:

Check-in: For all other attendees, check-in and continental breakfast will take place from 8:00 am to 9:15 am on October 5th, immediately before our opening session. Look for our friendly staff at the registration desks in the lobby.

3. Opening Session:

The opening session begins promptly at 8:45 am on October 5th. Our opening session, sponsored by **PointCare**, features keynote speaker **Dr. Lindsay Weaver**, Indiana State Health Commissioner.

4. Conference App:

Download our conference app, **Whova**, which is available for both iOS and Android devices. It's your one-stop shop for schedules, speaker bios, and networking opportunities. Please log in and set up your profile.



5. Conference Schedule:

The updated conference schedule is on the Whova app -

>>> [Click here to view](#)



6. **Session Highlights:**

We've lined up an exciting array of sessions, workshops, and panels. Don't forget to log in to the Whova app and create your personalized agenda by selecting your concurrent sessions. In the Whova app, you will receive the latest updates, room assignments, and conference information now and throughout the conference.

7. **Sponsors and Exhibitors**

Networking Opportunities: Our sponsors and exhibitors will be outside the event rooms.

This is the perfect place to connect with exhibitors and sponsors to learn more about their services. Additionally, visiting the booths is a key way to earn points toward conference door prizes.

8. **Welcome Reception:**

Don't miss our evening social event on October 5th. **Assort Health** invites you to a reception from 5:00 to 6:30 in the exhibitor areas, featuring networking, food, beverages, fun, and games.

9. **MHN Morning Miles**

Start your Tuesday, October 6th, on the right foot with **Medical Home Network** for MHS Morning Miles, a casual morning walk to get moving, enjoy some fresh air, and connect with colleagues before a full day of learning.



Start your day energized and meet us **by the hotel front desk** for the **MHN Morning Miles** walk at **6:30 am!**

Questions? Call or text Kindle Craig at 775.339.1810

10. **Social Media:**

Share your conference moments on social media using our official hashtag: **#IPHCA2026**. You might see your post on our live social media wall!

11. **Dining and Refreshments:**

Continental breakfast is available on the 5th, and a buffet breakfast is available on the 6th. Lunch will be provided on both days as part of the agenda. Dinner on the 5th is on your own. We invite you to visit the excellent local restaurants.

12. **Feedback and Surveys:**

We value your input! Look for our session and conference feedback surveys on the app. Your insights help us make each conference better than the last.

13. **Parking:**

Ample parking is available in the conference center surface lots and garage at no charge.

We are excited to welcome you to this year's Annual Conference. Your participation makes this event extraordinary, and we're committed to making it memorable and enriching. Our staff will be available at the information desk if you have any questions or require assistance during the conference.

Safe travels, and we look forward to seeing you at #IPHCA2026!

Sean



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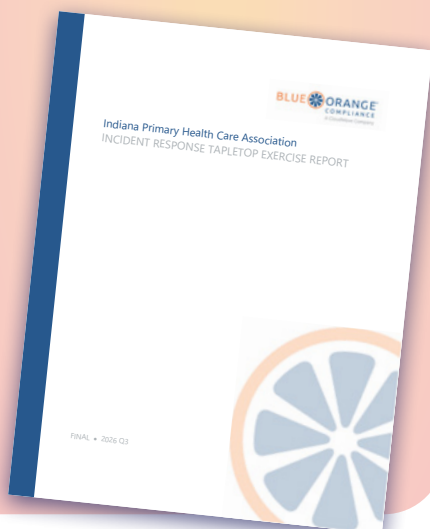


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**>>> Browse all
Emergency Preparedness
resources here**

IPHCA Tabletop Cybersecurity event

In July, the IPHCA annual tabletop exercise focused on cybersecurity. You can find the after-action report for the event [here](#).



Cybersecurity Awareness Month: Protecting Our Health Centers, Patients, and Communities

Every day, Community Health Centers depend on technology to care for patients. Electronic health records, scheduling, patient portals, email, telehealth, billing, pharmacy connections, and other systems keep our organizations running.

That dependence also creates risk.

A compromised password, phishing email, lost device, or unpatched system can quickly become more than an IT problem. It can interrupt patient care, delay prescriptions, disrupt billing and payroll, and prevent staff from accessing critical information.

That is why Cybersecurity Awareness Month is about more than protecting computers and data. It is about protecting our ability to serve patients.

Cybersecurity Is an Operational Issue

Health centers hold sensitive information, rely on interconnected systems and vendors, and must continue providing essential services even when technology is unavailable.

That makes preparation critical. The question is not only, “How do we prevent a cyberattack?” It is also, “If one happens tomorrow, can we continue caring for our patients?”

Health center leaders should know which systems are most critical, what happens when they are unavailable, who has authority during an incident, and how essential services will continue.

Employees are also an important part of that preparation. Many cyber incidents begin with an ordinary-looking email, text, login request, attachment, or phone call. Staff need to recognize suspicious activity, know how to report it, and feel comfortable doing so quickly.

Prepare for Downtime

Even organizations with strong cybersecurity controls can experience an incident. That is why cybersecurity should be part of emergency preparedness and business continuity planning.

Imagine arriving tomorrow morning and discovering that your EHR is unavailable. Email and shared files cannot be accessed. Phones or internet services may also be affected.

Could your health center continue operating?

Staff should know how to register patients, document care, communicate internally, reach patients, coordinate with pharmacies and laboratories, and maintain essential operations when normal systems are unavailable.

Written procedures matter, but testing them matters even more. Including cyber incidents in tabletop exercises so health centers can identify gaps before a real emergency occurs.

Cybersecurity Requires Leadership

Cybersecurity cannot belong exclusively to the IT department or an outside technology vendor. Executive teams and Boards should understand the organization's major cyber risks, whether appropriate safeguards are in place, and how the organization will respond and recover.



Use **Cybersecurity Awareness Month** as an opportunity to review your preparedness.

**CYBERSECURITY
AWARENESS
MONTH**

Test your backups. Review your incident response plan. Confirm multifactor authentication. Talk through an EHR downtime scenario. Make sure employees know how to report suspicious activity.

You do not have to solve every cybersecurity challenge in October. Start with the areas where your organization is most vulnerable and take action.

Because cybersecurity is ultimately about more than technology. It is about protecting our patients, our staff, our operations, and our ability to be there for our communities.

>>> See this article in our resource center

Additional Resources



• **Cybersecurity Awareness Month at Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA)**



**NATIONAL
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ALLIANCE**

• **National Cybersecurity Alliance**
>>> staysafeonline.org



NEWS & UPDATES



Above right: Speaker, Michael Bayci, District 4 Coalition Chair, leading Project Ready



Strengthening Emergency Preparedness Across Indiana

IPHCA staff and representatives from several Indiana community health centers recently attended the 2026 Indiana Healthcare Emergency Preparedness Symposium (IHEPS), held September 3–4. The symposium brought together healthcare professionals and emergency preparedness partners to learn from real-world incidents, explore emerging challenges, and strengthen relationships that are critical when emergencies occur.

The two-day program covered a wide range of issues directly relevant to health centers and their communities. Sessions addressed vicarious trauma, healthcare facility evacuation, de-escalation, mass-casualty triage, active shooter response, pediatric family reunification, and recovery and reoccupation following an emergency. Presenters shared lessons from actual events, including the evacuation of a senior living facility during zero-degree weather and the evacuation and recovery of a cancer center.

The symposium also reinforced an important part of preparedness that can sometimes be overlooked: caring for the people who respond.

Sessions on vicarious trauma and caregiver rehabilitation highlighted the effects emergencies can have on healthcare workers and responders.

The event concluded with a Statewide Exercise Workshop, Project Ready, giving participants an opportunity to move beyond discussion and apply preparedness concepts in an exercise environment.

For IPHCA and participating health centers, the symposium offered valuable lessons and strengthened connections across Indiana's healthcare preparedness community, helping organizations better prepare to serve their communities during emergencies.



Above L-R: Scott Huffman of IPHCA, Josie Sanders and Lori Moon of Valley Professionals



Above, L-R: Justin Mast of Eskenazi Health, Laura Pryor & Kim Newlin of Windrose Health Network, Sean Herbold & Scott Huffman of IPHCA

Together...



Carrie Miles, CEO,
 Neighborhood Health Center

August can only be summed up as an emotional roller coaster at Neighborhood Health Center.

We started the month celebrating HRSA Quality awards. For the 3rd year in a row, we achieved GOLD Health Center Quality along with Advancing HIT, Behavioral Health, and Diabetes Health. Our teams work incredibly hard throughout the year, and we are thrilled to see their dedication celebrated through this national recognition.

In mid-August, our community experienced catastrophic flooding.

There was so much devastating loss for our friends, neighbors, coworkers, and small businesses and it happened in the blink of an eye. It is hard to comprehend the tremendous destruction from the storms in the neighborhoods we love so much and the streets we

drive daily. But watching our communities come together to help their neighbors; work, clean, feed, donate, pray, give a big hug and sharing words of encouragement, brings me tremendous pride.

Seeing the coordination and collaboration of multiple health care entities to take help where it was needed was something I will never forget. That is the beauty of living in small, close-knit communities. Our clinical team jumped into action to provide health care and vaccinations in the very remote town of Laurel utilizing our mobile outreach clinic.

In the same week, being awarded a New Access Point grant from HRSA officially making Neighborhood Health Center a 330 funded health center has left me darn near speechless. It is hard to find the right words to sum up all the emotions. There have been so many setbacks, challenges, making mistakes, getting back up, and going again. Years of perseverance, hard work, dedication, and commitment by our entire team, has led us to this enormous milestone in our history.

Outreach mobile unit



Pharmacy staff opening day



By the end of the month, we had opened our first retail pharmacy in Liberty. The rural community has been without a pharmacy for well over a year and we were welcomed with enthusiasm and appreciation. It is such a blessing to see a need and be able to meet that need through our mission.

All the while, patients continued to receive primary care, mental health services, chronic care management, navigation, and food distributions through our **Gleaners2Go program**. Traditional programming never missed a beat; despite the odds we were up against.

Through it all, we have done it together. Together we have persevered. Together we have endured. Together we have succeeded. I am enormously grateful and thankful for every single person at Neighborhood Health Center.



Community
Outreach



Gleaners2Go
food distribution

Our Governing Board provided unwavering commitment and optimism. Their encouragement sustained us through the challenging times, and we are so appreciative of all the hours they volunteer.

Our incredible staff; It takes special people to serve in a community health center. It takes people full of empathy, respect, kindness, resourcefulness, and grit to show up and care for patients. What they do everyday matters, and we encourage them to never forget that and to never underestimate their ability to be impactful. Our patients look forward to seeing them, they find comfort in their smiles, they trust their wisdom and knowledge, they enjoy being welcomed by a friendly and familiar face.

Our providers; their professionalism, clinical excellence, and patient advocacy are unmatched. Their resilience, patience, and leadership inspire me every day. They are incredible examples of how providers care for their patients.

Our leadership; There is not a group of people I believe in more. I am blessed to work with these amazing humans every day and see their unwavering leadership. Their love for our patients, our communities, and our staff is a beautiful thing to witness.

Our story isn't unique. Examples, like ours, are evident all throughout the state at health centers serving their communities. The services that health centers provide is unmatched; meeting people where they are and providing care beyond the exam room. Neighborhood Health Center is proud, grateful, and blessed to serve alongside the health center community in Indiana!



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RESOURCE BULLETIN



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National Breast Cancer Awareness Month:

Expanding Access to Early Detection

October is **National Breast Cancer Awareness Month**, a time to raise awareness about the importance of breast cancer screening and early detection.



Breast Cancer Awareness Resources

- **Indiana Breast and Cervical Cancer Program (BCCP)**

Learn about eligibility and available breast and cervical cancer screening and diagnostic services.

- **BCCP 40+ Brochure**

- **Find an Indiana Community Health Center**

Explore FQHC organizations and locations across Indiana.

- **National Breast Cancer Foundation**

Access free educational resources covering breast health, early detection, screening, signs and symptoms, and more.

For many Hoosiers, access to timely preventive care can make a meaningful difference—and Indiana's Community Health Centers play an important role in helping remove barriers to care.

The **Indiana Breast and Cervical Cancer Program (BCCP)** provides eligible Hoosiers with access to breast and cervical cancer screenings, diagnostic services, and follow-up care. Through partnerships with participating Community Health Centers and other providers across the state, BCCP helps connect individuals to potentially lifesaving services.



IPHCA recognizes and celebrates the Community Health Centers participating in the BCCP program for their commitment to increasing access to cancer prevention and early detection. Their work helps ensure that more Hoosiers have an opportunity to receive recommended screenings and connect to the care they need.

This October, we encourage our members and communities to learn more about BCCP and the resources available to support early detection and healthier communities.



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MCH Focus for October

Breast Cancer Awareness Month



October is widely recognized as **Breast Cancer Awareness Month**, a designated time to raise awareness about the significant impact of **breast cancer** on individuals, families, and communities.

Breast cancer is one of the most commonly diagnosed cancers among women, affecting millions of people everywhere. In the United States alone, it is estimated that **one in eight women** will be diagnosed with breast cancer in their lifetime and in 2026, an **estimated 2,670 men** will be diagnosed with invasive breast cancer. These staggering statistics highlight the urgent need for increased awareness and proactive measures in the fight against this disease.

While not all cases of cancer can be prevented, there are several ways to help **reduce the risk of developing breast cancer**. Increasing awareness of the disease, remaining current with recommended screenings, regularly attending healthcare appointments, and healthy lifestyle choices, all play a vital role in lowering one's risk. This includes maintaining a balanced diet, exercising regularly, limiting alcohol consumption, and avoiding tobacco use.

Early detection is crucial in improving treatment outcomes for breast cancer. Routine mammograms, clinical breast exams by healthcare professionals, and regular self-breast exams are essential tools that can help identify any abnormalities before symptoms manifest. It is important for individuals to have open conversations with their healthcare providers about their personal risk factors, family history, and the most appropriate screening schedule based on those factors.

Breast Cancer Awareness Month also provides an important opportunity to celebrate and honor the courage of survivors and fighters, and to remember those who have lost their lives to the disease. Furthermore, it emphasizes the need for continued support and funding for research to enhance methods for prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of breast cancer.

As we observe **Breast Cancer Awareness Month** this October, consider taking actionable steps such as scheduling a screening, sharing educational resources with friends and family, participating in local awareness events, and contributing to organizations that support breast cancer research.

Together, we can make a difference and help spread the vital message that early detection saves lives.



National Maternal Mental Health Hotline:

A Resource for Families

The National Maternal Mental Health Hotline provides free, confidential support 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for pregnant and postpartum women and their loved ones.

Call or text 1-833-TLC-MAMA (1-833-852-6262) to connect with trained counselors who can provide emotional support, information, and referrals to local resources. A web chat option is also available.

Health centers can also access free promotional materials, including posters, magnets, and wallet cards, to share with patients, families, and community partners.

>>> Learn More and Access Materials

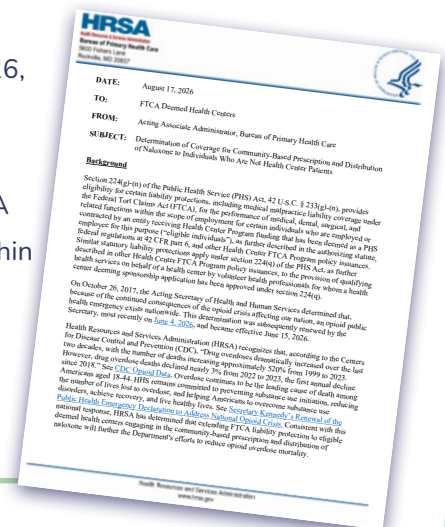


FTCA Coverage and Naloxone: 2026 General Determination Now Available

The Bureau of Primary Health Care (BPHC) has released the 2026 General Determination addressing Federal Tort Claims Act (FTCA) coverage for the prescribing, dispensing, and distribution of naloxone by deemed health centers.

The determination is effective August 17, 2026, through August 16, 2027. Health centers involved in naloxone-related activities should review the determination and applicable FTCA requirements to ensure their activities fall within the scope of coverage.

>>> Review the 2026 Naloxone General Determination



Webinars:

UDS Clinical Tables Part 1: Screening and Preventive Care Measures

Thursday, October 15 / 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

>>> Register here



Learn Simple Steps to Help Save Lives: Suicide Prevention in Primary Care

Wednesday October 21 / 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Primary care clinicians are likely to encounter patients at risk for suicide, but many professionals do not receive the training necessary to identify, assess, and care for these patients. Join our webinar to learn about the public health crisis of suicide and gain simple, evidence-based **Suicide Safer Care** strategies that you can implement into the space of any 15-minute primary visit, from recognizing warning signs and risk factors to implementing safety planning and simple micro-interventions.

>>> Register here



Note: All times given are Eastern



NEWS & RESOURCES

Lung Cancer Screening Grant Update!

Big Breaths, Bigger Progress:

The Lung Cancer Screening Grant continues to gain momentum, and we have even more progress to celebrate!

Since our last update, **the number of fully implemented health centers has grown from 5 to 8**, bringing us another step closer to expanding access to lifesaving lung cancer screening services across Indiana. Azara continues to move steadily through implementations, with additional health centers working through the process and preparing to go live in the coming months.

We're also excited to share that **Community Health Worker (CHW) training is on the horizon**. This upcoming education will help equip CHWs with the knowledge and resources they need to support patients throughout the lung cancer screening journey and further strengthen the impact of this initiative.

Looking ahead, **IPHCA is preparing for its next quarterly update with Eli Lilly in October**, where we'll have the opportunity to showcase the tremendous progress made by participating health centers and highlight the collective impact of this work. With implementation efforts continuing, trainings on the way, and strong engagement from our health centers, we're excited to keep the momentum going. Big progress today means even bigger impact tomorrow!

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The health centers that have successfully implemented the Lung Cancer Screening Module with Azara:

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HEALTH

Heart City Health

IHC
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NEWS AND RESOURCES

Eye Safety Resources



AMERICAN ACADEMY
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Learn more about preventing eye injuries, including tips for protecting your eyes at home, at work, and during sports.



Indiana
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>>> Indiana Optometric Association

Access Indiana-specific resources for optometrists, including eye health education, school vision screenings and more.

Eye Injury Prevention Month

Protecting Vision, Preventing Injury

October is Eye Injury Prevention Month, a time to raise awareness about the simple steps that can help protect our eyes and prevent avoidable injuries.

According to the **American Academy of Ophthalmology (AAO)**, many eye injuries can be prevented by taking appropriate safety precautions at home, at work, and during recreational activities. Wearing protective eyewear during activities that may expose the eyes to flying objects, chemicals, or other hazards is one important way to reduce the risk of injury.

Community Health Centers can help promote eye safety by encouraging patients and families to recognize potential hazards and take preventive measures. From using appropriate protective eyewear during home improvement projects to following safety guidelines when handling household chemicals, small precautions can help protect vision for a lifetime.

This October, IPHCA encourages Community Health Centers and their patients to make eye safety part of everyday injury prevention.

Webinar:

Eyes on Access: FQHC Optometrist Office Hours & Networking

Friday, October 16, 2026, at 1:00 pm

Practicing optometry in a federally qualified health center comes with unique operational and systemic challenges, from billing and referrals, to staffing, to high no-show rates. **ACU's Vision Services Committee** recently launched a quarterly office hours series to assist health center optometrists with finding solutions to some of the common problems they face.

Join **Dr. Kristin White**, a national expert who has established optometry departments in several states, for the second session entitled **Challenges and Opportunities for Implementing Teleoptometry in Federally Qualified Health Centers**. 'Teleoptometry' or

'telemedicine in optometry' can serve to expand patient access to care, improve coordination of care, and enhance communication among health care practitioners.

October's Office Hours will feature Amanda Frost, COO of Hidalgo Medical Services in Silver City, NM, to share her experience with using teleoptometry. Get practical advice, network with fellow FQHC optometrists about expanding and **improving vision services** with telehealth.

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Indiana Primary Care Learning Collaborative

INPCLC Storyboard 2026–2027:

Setting the Stage for the Year Ahead

Thirty-five community health centers.

Two days of learning, collaboration, and connection.

One shared focus: improving care for Hoosier patients and communities.

On Sept. 15–16, the Indiana Department of Health (IDOH) and Indiana Primary Health Care Association (IPHCA) welcomed 35 community health centers to Indiana Government Center South in Indianapolis for the 2026–2027 Indiana Primary Care Learning Collaborative (INPCLC) Storyboard Session and Grant Year Kick-Off.

Storyboard is one of two opportunities each year for the learning collaborative to come together in person. The event sets the tone for the year ahead, giving health centers a chance to share their goals, learn from one another, build connections, and identify opportunities to collaborate throughout the year.

[Read more >>>>](#)

Below (left to right, full planning committee):

Front Row: Karla Marin Muskus, Oral Health Program Director; Maggie Kroeff Streiff, Quality and Population Health Director; Alexis Stewart, Maternal and Child Health Coordinator (all of IPHCA); Madison Heller, Cardiovascular Program Coordinator, Shay Bex, Health Center Practice Improvement Advisor

Back row: Katelin Rupp, Deputy Director; Devan Busenbark, IPHCA Health Information Program Director; Julie Gries, Section Director; Sara Griewank, Section Director; Daisy Surface, Cardiovascular Data Analyst



Day one | Welcome to Storyboard

The first day began with a welcome and the first round of community health center Storyboard presentations.

Each health center shared its focus for the year, including its SMART goals, priority measures, baseline data, and what they hope to accomplish by the end of the grant year.

These presentations set the stage for two days of peer learning. Health centers were able to ask questions, share challenges, offer ideas, and connect with other health centers working toward similar goals.

Day one also featured two educational breakout sessions. **Brent Anderson** and **Christy Gauss** from the **Center for Mind Body Medicine** introduced participants to mind-body skills and their application in FQHC settings.

Angela M. Boyer, Chief Strategy Officer for IPHCA and CEO of the **Clinically Integrated Network of Indiana**, led a session on quality improvement and value-based care.

The day wrapped up with IDOH updates including reporting reminders, training opportunities in lifestyle medicine and mind-body medicine, cancer screening updates, as well as updates on cardiovascular disease, diabetes and WISEWOMAN.

Day two | From goals to action

Day two continued with another round of Community Health Center presentations before moving into measure-focused breakout sessions.

Health centers chose from three discussion areas: Adult Preventive Care, Cancer Screening, and Chronic Disease Management. Within each group, participants dug deeper into their selected measures, discussing why they chose the measure, their priority populations, barriers they are experiencing, community or clinical partners they are working with, strategies they are testing, and what success will look like within their health center.

The conversations gave health centers a chance to share practical and innovative ideas from their own communities, troubleshoot challenges with peers, and take new strategies back to their teams.

The afternoon featured a Lifestyle Medicine session led by **Kelly Freeman**, Director of Workforce Development at the American College of Lifestyle Medicine. Participants received an overview of lifestyle medicine and its core pillars, along with information about opportunities for providers to pursue additional training and board certification. Lifestyle medicine is a new area of focus for the learning collaborative this year.



Above (left to right): Shay Bex, Health Center Practice Improvement Advisor; Katelin Rupp, Deputy Director; Sarah Olson of Northshore receiving the Engagement Award; Lindsey Bouza, Director; and Angela Boyer, CEO Clinically Integrated Network of Indiana & IPHCA Chief Strategy Officer

Looking ahead

Storyboard provided an opportunity to celebrate the work already happening across Indiana while looking ahead to what is possible in the 2026–2027 grant year. Over the course of two days, health centers shared their goals, learned from peers and experts, exchanged ideas, and built connections that will continue throughout the year.

The organizers wish to thank all participating community health centers their commitment to collaboration, quality improvement, and better outcomes for the patients and communities they serve.

A First for INPCL: Storyboard Awards

The 2026–2027 Storyboard Session also marked a special milestone for the Learning Collaborative: the first-ever INPCLC Awards.

The awards recognized health centers for their work and contributions to the Learning Collaborative in three areas:

Improvement Award -

Shalom Health Care Center

Innovation Awards -

Switzerland County Nurse Managed Clinic and
Jane Pauley Community Health Center

Engagement Awards -

Neighborhood Health Center, Richmond
and NorthShore Health Centers

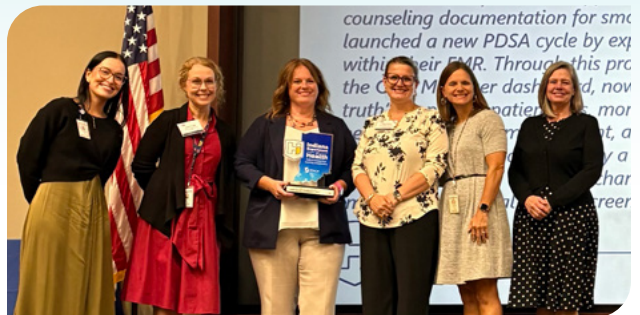
The closing celebration also included a special recognition of **Brent Anderson** for his contributions to the learning collaborative since 2013 as a practice coach and, more recently, as a consultant supporting the collaborative.



Right(left to right): Shay Bex, Katelin Rupp, Lindsey Bouza and Angela Boyer with Renee Rogers and Carmen Canseco of Shalom Health Care Center receiving their Improvement Award



Above: Shay Bex, Katelin Rupp, Lindsey Bouza and Angela Boyer with Katia Stefanova, Switzerland Nurse Managed Clinic (center) receiving the Innovation Award



Above (left to right): Shay Bex, Katelin Rupp, Lindsey Bouza and Angela Boyer with; Lauran Canady and Paige Stillson of Jane Pauley Health Centers receiving the Innovation Award



Above (left to right): Shay Bex, Health Center Practice Improvement Advisor, Katelin Rupp, Deputy Director, Brent Anderson, Consultant, Lindsey Bouza, Director, Eldon Whetstone, Assistant Commissioner



Above: Shay Bex, Katelin Rupp, Lindsey Bouza and Angela Boyer with Carrie Miles of Neighborhood Health receiving the Engagement Award

NHSC Students to Service Loan Repayment Program

Get Ready to Apply!

The National Health Service Corps (NHSC) Students to Service Loan Repayment Program provides eligible students in their final year of medical, physician assistant, nursing, or dental school with up to \$120,000 in loan repayment assistance in exchange for at least three years of full-time service at an NHSC-approved site in a Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA). The next application cycle is currently listed as opening soon.

For students considering a career in community health, now is a good time to begin preparing. NHSC recommends allowing approximately three weeks to complete the application and gather required documentation.

Clinical students - Start Preparing Now

Applicants should be prepared to provide documentation including:

- Proof of U.S. citizenship or nationality
- Verification of enrollment and good standing
- Current transcript
- Required licensing examination documentation
- Loan information and supporting documentation
- Two letters of recommendation
- Required essay and other application materials

NHSC also encourages students to begin researching NHSC-approved sites and HPSAs and considering the communities where they may want to begin their careers. Students can use the NHSC Health Workforce Connector to explore opportunities at approved sites.

A Workforce Opportunity for Community Health

For Community Health Centers, programs such as NHSC Students to Service can help introduce future clinicians to careers serving communities with limited access to care.





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Learn More

- **NHSC Students to Service Loan Repayment Program**
- **NHSC S2S Application Checklist**
- **NHSC Dental Scholarship Programs Comparison**

Dental students in their final year of school may be eligible for up to \$120,000 in loan repayment assistance through the National Health Service Corps (NHSC) Students to Service Loan Repayment Program.

Now is the time for eligible dental students to prepare by reviewing the application requirements and gathering the necessary documentation. NHSC recommends allowing approximately three weeks to complete the application, including supporting documents.

Dental students: Start Preparing Now

Applicants should be prepared to provide documentation including:

- Proof of U.S. citizenship or nationality
- Verification of enrollment and good standing
- Current transcript
- Proof of passage of Part I of the National Board Dental Examination
- Qualifying student loan documentation
- Two letters of recommendation
- A 500-word-or-less essay
- Other required supporting documentation

Dental students should also begin exploring NHSC-approved sites and HPSAs as they consider where they would like to fulfill their service commitment. Dentists must generally begin their NHSC service within six months of graduation or completion of an eligible postgraduate training program.

Dental students interested in serving in Community Health Centers are encouraged to begin exploring NHSC-approved sites and opportunities early.

Thank you for taking the opportunity to support community health!





RESOURCE BULLETIN

IPHCA is committed to supporting Oral Healthcare provision across all community health care settings for our membership and throughout Indiana.



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Celebrating Our Dental Hygienists: National Dental Hygiene Month

October is **National Dental Hygiene Month**, a time to recognize the essential role dental hygienists play in promoting oral health and preventing dental disease.

Across Indiana, Community Health Center dental hygienists are making a difference every day by providing preventive care, patient education, periodontal services, and oral health guidance to individuals and families in the communities they serve.

Their work goes beyond the dental chair. Dental hygienists help patients understand the connection between oral health and overall health, reinforce healthy habits, identify potential concerns early, and empower patients to take an active role in their oral health.

This month, IPHCA celebrates and thanks the dental hygienists serving Indiana Community Health Centers for their dedication, compassion, and commitment to expanding access to quality oral healthcare.

Your work helps build healthier smiles, healthier patients, and healthier communities across Indiana. Thank you for all that you do!

Learn More

The **American Dental Hygienists' Association (ADHA)** provides **National Dental Hygiene Month** resources and information highlighting the important role of dental hygienists in oral and overall health.





The Future of the Dental Workforce:

Are We Ready for 2030?

What will the dental team look like in 2030? The answer may have less to do with replacing people with technology and more to do with rethinking how dental teams use the skills, training, and expertise of every team member.

A recent DrBicuspid article, “The Dental Hygienist of 2030: The Role Is Already Changing,” explores how workforce models, technology, and expanded roles are reshaping dental hygiene and the broader dental practice. The article points to a growing emphasis on clinical judgment, patient communication, assessment, and health outcomes rather than simply the number of procedures completed.

A Changing Dental Team

Across the country, dental workforce models are evolving. As of 2025, 43 states permitted some form of direct access to dental hygienists, compared with 28 states in 2008. At the same time, new workforce models and evolving delegation opportunities are prompting dental practices to reconsider how responsibilities are distributed across the team. (ADHA)

Technology is also changing the way care is delivered. AI, digital diagnostics, automated documentation, and other tools may help dental teams gather information, improve efficiency, and support clinical workflows. However, clinical interpretation, communication, and decision-making remain essential parts of patient care.

What Does This Mean for Community Health Centers?

For Indiana CHCs, the future of dentistry presents an opportunity to look at how the entire dental team can work together more effectively. As staffing challenges and access needs continue to shape dental care delivery, CHCs can consider questions such as:

- Are team members practicing to the full extent of their education and applicable scope?

- Can technology reduce administrative demands and give clinicians more time with patients?
- How can dental teams better coordinate preventive, restorative, and referral care?
- What workforce models could help expand access while maintaining quality and patient safety?

The future of dentistry will not be defined by one profession, one technology, or one new workforce model. It will depend on how dental organizations adapt, collaborate, and intentionally design care around the needs of their patients and communities.

Looking Ahead

2030 may be closer than it seems. For Community Health Centers, now is the time to begin conversations about workforce development, team-based care, technology, and how today’s dental roles may evolve to meet tomorrow’s oral health needs.

Read More:

>>> The Dental Hygienist of 2030: The Role Is Already Changing – DrBicuspid

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National Dental Hygiene Month

New ADHA White Paper Highlights the Potential of Dental Hygienists

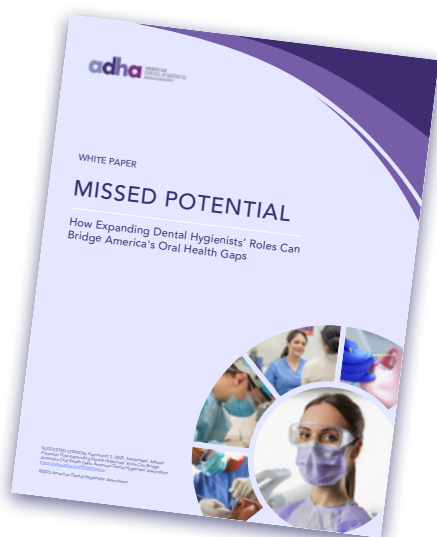
The American Dental Hygienists' Association (ADHA) recently released **Missed Potential: How Expanding Dental Hygienists' Roles Can Bridge America's Oral Health Gaps**, a white paper examining persistent oral health disparities and barriers to preventive dental care in the United States.

The report highlights the continued burden of untreated oral disease, periodontal disease, dental pain, and limited access to preventive care, particularly among lower-income populations and communities experiencing shortages of dental providers. The paper notes that millions of people face barriers such as transportation challenges and limited availability of dental providers.

The white paper also examines the role dental hygienists can play in expanding access to preventive oral healthcare. It explores different state approaches to dental hygiene practice and presents recommendations related to dental hygienists' roles, practice settings, mobile and portable care, tele-dentistry, and reimbursement.

For Community Health Centers, the report offers an opportunity to consider how dental hygiene services and preventive care can be integrated into strategies to improve access and address oral health needs in underserved communities.

[>>> Read the full ADHA White Paper](#)



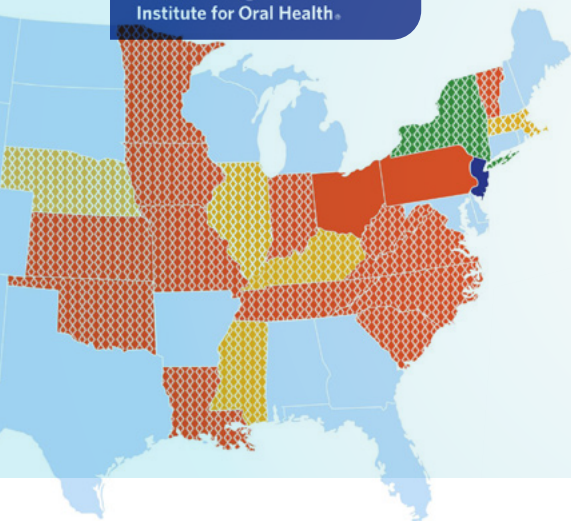
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Fluoride Legislation in 2026: Wins and What to Watch

After two states — Utah and Florida — enacted statewide community water fluoridation (CWF) restrictions in 2025, lawmakers across the country introduced anti-fluoridation legislation in several states this year. Despite numerous bills seeking to ban CWF or weaken existing fluoride protections, no additional statewide bans or restrictions on fluoride have been enacted in 2026.

Explore the wins, emerging threats, and what advocates should be watching next from states and the EPA.

[>>> Read the full article](#)





Read More

- **The Role of Community Health Workers in Oral Health – NASHP**
- **Indiana Community Health Worker Resources – IDOH**
- **State Community Health Worker Policies: Indiana – NASHP**

How Community Health Workers Can Open Doors to Oral Health

A recent **National Academy for State Health Policy (NASHP) article** highlights how states are partnering with Community Health Workers (CHWs) to connect patients with dental care, reduce barriers, and improve access to preventive services.

CHWs can help patients navigate care, provide health education, address social needs, and support connections between patients and healthcare teams.

Indiana already has a foundation for integrating CHWs into care. The Indiana Health Coverage Programs (IHCP) reimburse certain CHW services when program requirements are met, including appropriate certification, employment through an IHCP-enrolled billing provider, and required clinical supervision.

Indiana is also expanding opportunities for CHW training and workforce development through its Rural Health Transformation Program, including support for certification and upskilling in rural communities.

For Community Health Centers, these existing pathways provide an opportunity to explore how CHWs can complement dental teams by helping patients overcome barriers to care, connect with preventive services, and follow through with treatment recommendations.

Could Indiana CHCs build on these existing resources to further integrate CHWs into oral health care? The NASHP examples offer several approaches for health centers and state partners to consider.



Webinar:

Navigating H.R.1: Operational and Financial Impacts on Health Center Dental Programs

October 6 / 12 noon

H.R.1 has created changes and uncertainties to health center programs, forcing reevaluation of financial models, staffing structures, and workflows. This webinar will summarize expected changes resulting from H.R. 1. It will also share how health centers are adjusting and evaluating their operations while maintaining patient access. (1.0 CDE will be offered)

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Note: All times given are Eastern



Speaker: Amanda Hill, BSDH, RDH, CDIPC, is an enthusiastic speaker, innovative consultant, and award-winning author. Affectionately known as the Waterline Warrior, she brings over 30 years of clinical dental hygiene and education to dentistry.

Webinar: Partnering for Protection

Parkell's Innovations in Infection Control & Compliance



Thursday, October 8 / 2:00 - 3:00 pm ET

This course explores innovative approaches to infection control and ultrasonic scaling protocols that promote reliability, efficiency, and safety in clinical practice.

Attendees will learn strategies to enhance compliance, improve workflow, and support optimal care for both patients and clinicians through modern ultrasonic technologies and infection control solutions.

After participating in this webinar, participants will be able to:

- Identify the impact of ultrasonic instrument wear on clinical performance, clinician ergonomics, and patient care outcomes.
- Evaluate key factors to consider when selecting small equipment for the dental practice, including reliability, efficiency, and infection control considerations.
- Discuss current strategies and innovations in dental waterline safety that help reduce risks associated with aerosol-generating procedures and support a safer clinical environment.

NOTE: CE credits are not provided for this webinar. Products will be discussed.

>>> [More details & Register here](#)

Webinar:

Dental Hygiene Career Paths in Public Health

November 10 / 6:00pm

Dental hygienists are an essential part of the dental public health system, serving as clinicians, researchers, educators, policy advocates, program directors, and more. This webinar will explore some of the different career pathways available for dental hygienists in dental public health, with four inspiring dental hygienists who will share their career journeys.

>>> [Register here](#)

Webinar:

Dental Assistant Career Paths

November 12 / 3:00 pm

Beyond managing clinical workflows and clinical practice, dental assistants can have key roles in public health. This webinar will bring together two dental assistants with a passion for dental public health to share their journey and career paths. (1.0 CDE will be offered)

Register





Take a fresh look at Waste Management

Waste management is essential to keeping a health center running, but it may not be something your team has had time to reevaluate recently.

The CHCollective Waste Management Program gives health centers a place to start. Whether you're reviewing current costs, assessing your services, or planning for changing needs, our team can help you explore available options and identify potential opportunities.

Through the program, CHCollective works with partners including Allied USA and Amergy Disposal. We'll start by learning about your health center's needs, then help connect you with relevant program resources.

When was the last time you took a close look at your waste management services? Let's start a conversation!

Explore the Waste Management Program

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NEWS & UPDATES



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Don't miss:

Outreach and Enrollment Peer Calls

This is a bi-weekly call that includes Navigators, SHIP Counselors, CHW and Certified Application Counselors who share best practices.

October dates:

- **Thursday October 1**
11am EST
- **Thursday October 15**
11am EST
- **Thursday October 29**
11am EST

>>> Visit our Events calendar

>>> Browse all O&E resources in our Resource Center

Latest updates:

Upcoming changes to Medicaid, Medicare and Marketplace

Medicaid/CHIP eligibility and enrollment

Work Requirements look back for January applicants and redeterminations October 1, 2026

As of October 1, 2026, Medicaid eligibility for immigrants will be restricted to individuals who are:

1. Lawful Permanent Residents (LPRs or green card holders);
2. Cuban or Haitian entrants;
3. Compact of Free Association (COFA) migrants; and
4. Lawfully present children and pregnant women in states that offer coverage under Section 214 of the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009 (CHIPRA), often referred to as the "CHIPRA 214 option"

Lawful Permanent Residents are still subject to the 5-year waiting period before they can qualify for Medicaid or CHIP, unless they meet an exception or are covered under the CHIPRA 214 option. Cuban/Haitian entrants and COFA migrants continue to be excepted from the five-year waiting period.

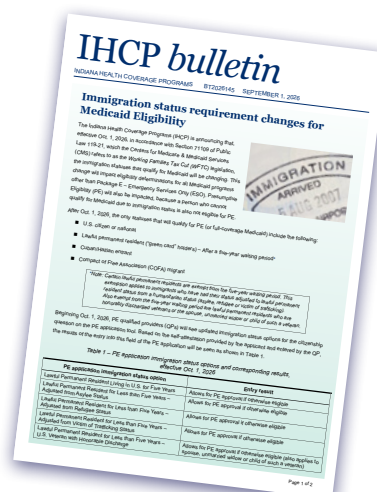
This change will impact eligibility determinations for all Medicaid programs other than Package E – Emergency Services Only (ESO). Presumptive Eligibility (PE) will also be impacted, because a person who cannot

qualify for Medicaid due to immigration status is also not eligible for PE.

After Oct. 1, 2026, the only statuses that will qualify for PE (or full-coverage Medicaid) include the following:

1. Lawful Permanent Residents (LPRs or green card holders);
2. Cuban or Haitian entrants;
3. Compact of Free Association (COFA) migrants; and
4. Lawfully present children and pregnant women in states that offer coverage under Section 214 of the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009 (CHIPRA), often referred to as the "CHIPRA 214 option"

>>> BT2026145 - Immigration status requirement changes for Medicaid Eligibility





Three changes to Medicaid eligibility go into effect January 1, 2027, specifically:

1. States will be required to conduct semi-annual eligibility determinations for adults eligible for Medicaid under Medicaid expansion.
 - Participants in a drug or alcohol rehabilitation or treatment program, and
 - Veterans with a disability rated as total.
2. States must impose community engagement requirements for adults eligible for Medicaid under Medicaid expansion. Most adults between the ages of 19 and 64 will have to complete a minimum of 80 hours of qualifying community engagement activities for one month (or up to 3 consecutive months at state option) prior to an initial application as a condition of Medicaid eligibility. Qualifying community engagement activities include work, participation in a work program or community service, or enrollment in an education program. Certain adults are not subject to the new requirement, such as:
 - American Indians and Alaska Natives
 - Former foster children below the age of 26
 - Individuals compliant with TANF work requirements and individuals not exempt from SNAP work requirements
 - Individuals who are pregnant or entitled to Medicaid postpartum coverage
 - Individuals who are medically frail or otherwise have special medical needs
 - Inmates of a public institution
 - Parents, guardians, caretaker relatives, or family caregivers of a dependent child 13 years of age or
3. Retroactive eligibility will be limited to two months (reduced from three) for all Medicaid-eligible populations except the Medicaid expansion population and limited to one month for the Medicaid expansion population.

STOP PRESS: Latest news

Trump administration to remove 760,000 ACA enrollees over fraud claims

Officials said they plan to remove 760,000 Affordable Care Act enrollees from public healthcare exchanges, alleging that they fraudulently enrolled in the program, or simply do not exist.

[>>> Read more](#)

Medicare eligibility and enrollment

Under section 1899C(b)(2)(B) of the Social Security Act, only the following individuals may be eligible for Medicare coverage or may enroll in Medicare Advantage Plans under Medicare Part C or Medicare Part D Plans, if they meet all other Medicare eligibility requirements:

1. U.S. citizens;
2. U.S. nationals;
3. Lawful Permanent Residents (green card holders);
4. Cuban/Haitian entrants; or
5. Compact of Free Association (COFA) migrants.

Individuals who were entitled to or enrolled in Medicare as of July 4, 2025, and who are not U.S. citizens, U.S. nationals, lawful permanent residents, Cuban-Haitian entrants, or COFA migrants must be notified as soon as practicable that they are no longer eligible and must be disenrolled from Medicare 18 months after July 4, 2025 enactment date of Public Law 119-21.

CMS expects to provide more information on implementation of section 1899C in forthcoming guidance.

Medicaid Enrollment Trends

Enrollment was down 19,939 from July 2026 to August 2026 ending with 1,465,302 Hoosiers enrolled

[>>> Click here to view FSSA's Enrollment Dashboard](#)

- **Effective January 1, 2027,** Marketplace premium tax credit, APTC, and CSR eligibility for immigrants will be restricted to “eligible noncitizens” only. The Working Families Tax Cut (WFTC) legislation, signed into law in July 2025, defines a new category of “eligible noncitizens.” An eligible noncitizen means that an individual is either a:
 1. Lawful Permanent Resident (green card holder);
 2. Cuban/Haitian Entrant, or
 3. individual who lawfully resides in the U.S. in accordance with a Compact of Free Association (i.e., COFA migrants)
- All other lawfully present noncitizens may be eligible to purchase full price QHPs through the Marketplace.

>>> See these details in our Resource Center

Marketplace eligibility and enrollment

Open Enrollment for 2027 for Healthcare.gov/Marketplace

- The Marketplace Open Enrollment Period will take place from November 1, 2026-January 15, 2027.
- Enrollment Opens November 1, 2026
- End Open Enrollment January 15, 2027
- Deadline for January 1 coverage start date-December 15 2026
- Enrollments from December 16, 2026-Jan 15, 2027 have an effective date of February 1, 2027

Individuals who are eligible for APTCS (Immigrants)

Beginning January 1, 2027, Marketplace premium tax credit (PTC) eligibility for immigrants will be restricted to individuals who are eligible noncitizens, which includes individuals who are:

- Lawful Permanent Residents (LPRs or green card holders)
- Cuban or Haitian entrants
- Compact of Free Association (COFA) migrants

Individuals who are not eligible for APTCS (Immigrants)

Individuals with the following lawfully present statuses, who had previously been considered eligible for PTCs, will no longer be eligible beginning January 1, 2027, but can still apply for full price coverage:

- asylees
- refugees
- individuals paroled into the U.S. for at least one year;
- conditional entrants granted entry to the U.S. before 1980;
- survivors of domestic violence with a pending or approved

application for lawful status under the Violence Against Women Act;

- survivors of trafficking and their spouses, children, siblings, or parents, including individuals with a pending application for a Victim of Trafficking visa;
- individuals who are granted Withholding of Deportation;
- member of a Federally recognized Indian Tribe or American Indian born in Canada;
- individuals with Temporary Protected Status;
- individuals with employment visas, student visas and other temporary, and valid visas;
- individuals with U-visas; and
- all other statuses considered lawfully present

These individuals can still apply for full-price Marketplace coverage.

Starting with plan year 2027, the out-of-pocket maximum for most Marketplace plans will be \$12,000 for self-only coverage and \$24,000 for group coverage.

RESOURCES

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

In the United State, more than 16 million people experience intimate partner violence (IPV) each year, and nearly 43.5 million women and 20.7 men have experienced it in their lifetimes.

Interpersonal violence (IPV) refers to the intentional use of physical, sexual, psychological, emotional, or coercive power against another person. It can occur between intimate partners, family members, acquaintances, or within communities and can result in physical injury, emotional trauma, psychological harm, disability, or death.

For Community Health Workers, Navigators and health center staff, recognizing interpersonal violence is important because it is closely connected to Non-Clinical Factors of Health, patient safety, mental health, and overall well-being. Early identification, trauma-informed responses, safety planning, and referrals to community resources can significantly improve outcomes for patients experiencing violence.

Key Forms of Interpersonal Violence

- **Intimate Partner Violence (IPV):**
Abuse by a current or former spouse or dating partner.
- **Domestic/Family Violence:**
Violence occurring within family or household relationships.
- **Sexual Violence:**
Sexual acts committed without consent.
- **Dating Violence:**
Abuse occurring within dating relationships.
- **Child or Elder Abuse:**
Physical, emotional, sexual abuse, neglect, or exploitation.
- **Community Violence:**
Assaults, bullying, harassment, and other violence occurring outside the family.

Interpersonal violence is a pattern of power and control, coercion, or aggression that cause physical emotional, sexual, psychological, or social harm.

From a Community Health Worker lens we should:

- **Notice:** Recognize warning signs and changes without assuming or investigating.
- **Create Safety:** Speak privately, protect confidentiality, and use a calm, nonjudgmental approach
- **Respond:** Listen, validate, respect choices, and avoid pressuring someone to disclose or leave.
- **Connect:** Offer a warm referral to trained advocates and support safety planning within your role.

To learn more about IPV check out:

- **IPHCA's IPV Champion Training Series Resources**
- You can also visit **Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence (ICADV)** for additional resources



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Webinar

Introducing Global Meals

Wednesday, October 14 / 11 am - 12 pm

Global Meals is a mission-driven organization dedicated to improving health, nutrition, and food access for individuals and families facing food insecurity. Global Meals helps address hunger while promoting overall wellness and health equity within the communities it serves.

Join us for an informative presentation by Rachelle Van Buskirk, Manager of Provider Partnerships and Healthcare Grow and Michael Dorris, Manager, Community & Case Management Partnerships

>>> [Click here to register](#)



FSSA Secretary Mitch Roob

FSSA Presents

Work Requirements for Hoosiers

Monday October 19 / 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Beginning January 1, 2027, Indiana Medicaid will implement work requirements for new applicants and existing Medicaid members, ages 19-64, eligible under the Healthy Indiana Plan (HIP).

These requirements emphasize a balanced, values-driven approach: pairing compassion with member responsibility, ensuring that access to healthcare is supported by work, job training, education, and community participation.

Join us on October 19 2026, as FSSA Secretary Mitch Roob will join the Indiana Primary Health Care Association to discuss these new requirements and answer questions.

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RESOURCE BULLETIN

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By using health information technology and data, health centers are able to change the way they deliver care to produce better health outcomes for their patients.



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We Can't Wait to Hear from You:

Fall Engagement Calls Are Coming!

As we look ahead to the final months of the year, the IQIN team is excited to kick off our next round of Health Center Engagement Calls.

These conversations will begin in late October and continue through December, giving us an opportunity to reconnect with health centers across Indiana and learn about the incredible work happening since we last met.

Our engagement calls are one of the best ways for us to hear directly from you about how technology is helping to improve quality, streamline workflows, and support better patient care. We love celebrating your successes and sharing promising practices across our network. Just as importantly, we want to hear about any challenges you may be facing. Understanding your needs helps us identify opportunities for technical assistance, resources, and peer learning that can support your team's goals.

Be on the lookout for an email from Laura Totten, who will be coordinating schedules and helping arrange these conversations. We truly look forward to hearing your stories, learning about your accomplishments, and exploring how IQIN can continue to support your work.

For many of us, engagement call season is our favorite time of year because it gives us the chance to connect directly with the people driving innovation and quality improvement across Indiana's health centers.



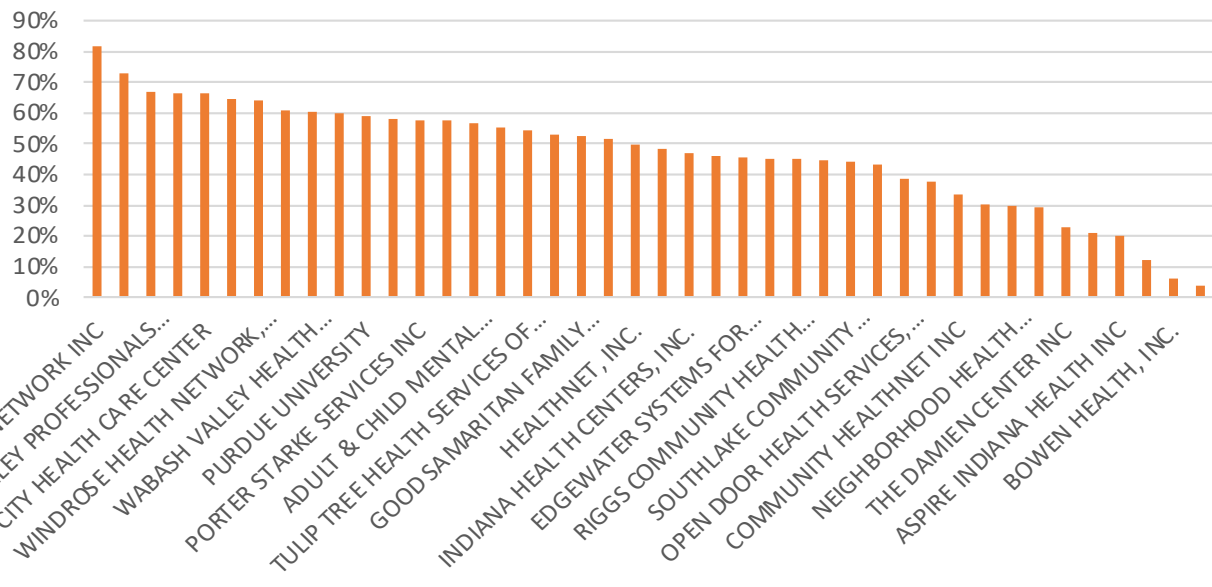
**Click to see all upcoming
IQIN Events in our Calendar**

*Click here to browse
IQIN Resources*

UDS Data Spotlights: Each month, IQIN will highlight metrics from the newly released UDS 2025 data. In honor of **Breast Cancer Awareness Month**, this month, we are highlighting the importance of breast cancer screening.



Click to view data. See the full dashboard [here](#).



Context: This graph shows the percentage of patients assigned female at birth age 50-74 who were seen in 2025 and had a mammogram within the qualifying time period. The denominator for this metrics includes all women between the ages of 51 and 73 at the start of the year, who had a medical visit during 2025. The numerator includes only those women who had at least one mammogram during the 27 months before the end of 2025. Patients who had a bilateral or both a right and left unilateral mastectomy were excluded as well as patients who were in hospice care during the year. Patients age 66 and older who lived in an institution for more than 90 days or had advanced illness and frailty were also excluded.

Please note that the definition for the current 2026 UDS submission is different.

The KLAS Corner



Register using your community health center's provided email address, and you will have access to all the resources KLAS provides.

AI Insights from the Arch Collaborative 2026

From AI-assisted documentation to chart summarization, healthcare organizations are rapidly integrating AI into clinical workflows. This report takes an early look at what's working, where challenges remain, and how AI is shaping the future of the clinician experience.

>>> Read the full article here





Recognizing Indiana's 2025 CHQR Award Recipients

IPHCA would like to recognize and congratulate the following health centers for receiving Community Health Quality Recognition badges from HRSA based on 2025 UDS data.

More information, including the criteria for each badge, can be found [HERE](#).

Advancing HIT

32 Recipients



- Healthnet, Inc.
- Echo Community Health Care
- Raphael Health Center
- Neighborhood Health Clinics, Inc.
- Riggs Community Health Center, Inc.
- Indiana Health Centers, Inc.
- Shalom Health Care Center, Inc.
- Windrose Health Network, Inc.
- Northshore Health Centers, Inc.
- Healthlinc, Inc.
- Heart City Health Center, Inc.
- Valley Professionals Community Health Center, Inc.
- Maple City Health Care Center
- The Health And Hospital Corporation of Marion County
- Jane Pauley Community Health Center, Inc.
- Southlake Community Mental Health Center, Inc.
- Wabash Valley Health Center, Inc.
- Porter Starke Services Inc
- Southern Indiana Community Health Care Inc
- Tulip Tree Health Services of Gibson County, Inc.
- Well Care Community Health, Inc.
- Knox/Winamac Community Health Centers, Inc.
- Aspire Indiana Health Inc
- Adult & Child Mental Health Center Inc
- Neighborhood Health Center Inc
- 219 Health Network Inc
- Edgewater Systems For Balanced Living, Inc.
- Centerstone Health Services Inc
- Bowen Health, Inc.
- Alliance Health Centers Inc
- The Damien Center Inc
- Valley Oaks Health, Inc

Health Center Quality Leader - Gold

4 Recipients

- Healthlinc, Inc.
- Valley Professionals Community Health Center, Inc.
- Wabash Valley Health Center, Inc.
- Neighborhood Health Center Inc



Health Center Quality Leader - Silver

4 Recipients

- Raphael Health Center
- Family Health Center of Clark County, Inc
- Tulip Tree Health Services of Gibson County, Inc.
- 219 Health Network Inc



Health Center Quality Leader - Bronze

4 Recipients

- Riggs Community Health Center, Inc.
- Windrose Health Network, Inc.
- Maple City Health Care Center
- The Health and Hospital Corporation of Marion County



Congratulations to all our health centers!



High-Value Care

6 Recipients

- Shalom Health Care Center, Inc
- Heart City Health Center, Inc.
- Porter Starke Services Inc
- Southern Indiana Community Health Care Inc
- Adult & Child Mental Health Center Inc
- The Damien Center Inc



National Quality Leader - Behavioral Health

5 Recipients

- Riggs Community Health Center, Inc.
- Healthlinc, Inc.
- Tulip Tree Health Services Of Gibson County, Inc.
- Neighborhood Health Center Inc
- 219 Health Network Inc



National Quality Leader - Heart Health

8 Recipients

- Healthnet, Inc.
- Raphael Health Center
- Windrose Health Network, Inc.
- Healthlinc, Inc.
- Heart City Health Center, Inc.
- Valley Professionals Community Health Center, Inc.
- Wabash Valley Health Center, Inc.
- Tulip Tree Health Services Of Gibson County, Inc.



Improving Health Care Access

10 Recipients

- Healthlinc, Inc.
- Valley Professionals Community Health Center, Inc.
- Maple City Health Care Center
- Jane Pauley Community Health Center, Inc.
- Southlake Community Mental Health Center, Inc.
- 219 Health Network Inc
- Edgewater Systems For Balanced Living, Inc.
- Bowen Health, Inc.
- Damar Services Inc
- The Damien Center Inc



National Quality Leader - Cancer Screening

1 Recipient

- 219 Health Network Inc



National Quality Leader - Diabetes Health

4 Recipients

- Open Door Health Services, Inc.
- Riggs Community Health Center, Inc.
- Valley Professionals Community Health Center, Inc.
- Neighborhood Health Center Inc



Preventive Health

3 Recipients

- Riggs Community Health Center, Inc.
- Healthlinc, Inc.
- 219 Health Network Inc





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See you in Muncie!

