

# Primary Health Care Digest

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## What's New

- Continuing Education for Health Professionals on Veterans' Mental and Behavioral Health – The AHEC Veterans Mental Health Project, a partnership between HRSA's Area Health Education Centers (AHEC) Program and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), provides continuing education (CE) to civilian primary care, behavioral health, and other healthcare providers serving veterans. The initiative aims to better serve veterans, reservists, and their families who are coping with post deployment mental and behavioral health issues. Learn more about the Project and how to obtain CE through a participating AHEC near you at <http://bhpr.hrsa.gov/grants/areahealtheducationcenters/ta/trainings/veterans/index.html>.
- Prepare to Help Your Patients Navigate the New Insurance Marketplace – A recent article in the Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA), "Connecting to Health Insurance Coverage" [<http://jama.jamanetwork.com/article.aspx?articleid=1678610>] by HHS Assistant Secretary for Health Dr. Howard Koh and CMS Acting Administrator Marilyn Tavenner, provides key information about the new healthcare landscape with implementation of the Affordable Care Act. This article is a high-level overview for anyone looking to understand the new environment and the impact it will have on health center patients.
- New BPHC Digest – BPHC is looking for feedback on the new weekly digest format we've implemented over the last month. If you like the new mode of communication or have suggestions, please share your thoughts with [bphcta@hrsa.gov](mailto:bphcta@hrsa.gov).

## Due Dates & Deadlines

- The **FY 2013 Service Area Competition-Additional Area (SAC-AA)** [<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=19gRcLTR0yRmvyJQhvVqbM3SNTLTj3d3nXVf3QGh8JG1Gm5y0j!657861682?oppld=229100&mode=VIEW>] for the Tyler, Texas, Roxbury, Massachusetts, and Bristol, Florida service areas (HRSA-13-277) is due:  
Phase 1—Grants.gov [<http://www.grants.gov/>]: **Deadline, Wednesday, May 1, 2013.**  
Phase 2—EHB [<https://grants3.hrsa.gov/2010/WebEPSEExternal/Interface/common/accesscontrol/login.aspx?>]: **Deadline, Wednesday, May 15, 2013.**  
HRSA has posted a SAC-AA applicant technical assistance presentation at <http://www.hrsa.gov/grants/apply/assistance/sac>. If you have questions after viewing the presentation, contact BPHC's Office of Policy and Program Development at 301-594-4300 or [BPHCSAC@hrsa.gov](mailto:BPHCSAC@hrsa.gov).
- All **FTCA applications** [<http://www.bphc.hrsa.gov/ftca/healthcenters/hcappprocess.html>] must be completed and successfully submitted in EHB [<https://grants3.hrsa.gov/2010/WebEPSEExternal/Interface/common/accesscontrol/login.aspx?>] **by Friday, May 3, 2013.**

## Upcoming Training and TA Sessions

- Using an EHR for Health Information Exchange and Interoperability** [<https://cc.readytalk.com/cc/s/registrations/new?cid=gzfqauomuxk8>] – **Friday, April 26 at 2:00 pm ET.** This webinar, hosted by HRSA's Health Information Technology, will focus on how safety net providers can electronically exchange health information and achieve interoperability using electronic health records. Advanced registration is required.
- Fiscal Year (FY) 2012 Quality Improvement Supplement Grant Interim Report – Monday, April 29, 2013, 2:00 pm-3:30 pm ET.** BPHC's Office of Quality and Data will host a technical assistance session to review reporting requirements for FY 2012 Supplemental Funding for Quality Improvement in Health Centers grants. Access this session by joining <https://hrsa.connectsolutions.com/fy12qigrantee/> and dialing into the audio line at 1-800-619-7898, passcode 4096663. Presentation materials will be available the day of the session at <http://www.hrsa.gov/grants/apply/assistance/pcmh/>.
- Web-based Deeming Application Process for Federal Tort Claims Act (FTCA) Free Clinics – Wednesday, May 1, 2013, 1:00 pm ET.** This training will prepare Free Clinics for the transition to HRSA's Electronic Handbook (EHB) [<https://grants3.hrsa.gov/2010/WebEPSEExternal/Interface/common/accesscontrol/login.aspx?>] and to familiarize them with the EHB Free Clinic Application Module. Access this training by joining <https://hrsa.connectsolutions.com/bphctraining1/> and dialing into the audio line at 1-888-323-9924, passcode 7178154.
- PCMH Accelerator Webinar Series** [<http://www.nachc.com/PCMHAcceleratorWebinarSeries.cfm>] – The National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC) will host a new webinar series designed exclusively for community health centers on how to maximize Electronic Health Record to achieve PCMH recognition. Webinars begin **Wednesday, May 8, 2013.** Learn more at <http://www.nachc.com/trainings>.
- Save the Date: BPHC's All Programs Quarterly Call (Health Centers, Look Alikes, PCAs, NCAs, HCCNs)** [<http://bphc.hrsa.gov/technicalassistance/trainings/index.html>] – **Thursday, May 9, 2013, 2:00 pm-3:30pm ET.**
- Save the Date: Grantee Enrichment Call: Demystifying the BPHC Operational Site Visit (OSV) – Tuesday, May 14, 2013, 2:00 pm-4:00 pm ET.** Information to follow.
- Save the Date: BPHC's Cooperative Agreement Quarterly Call – Thursday, May 16, 2013, 2:00pm-3:30 pm ET.** Financial and policy updates will be provided. To join this call, dial 1-800-857-4265 and use passcode 7830829.

Go to <http://www.bphc.hrsa.gov/technicalassistance/trainings/index.html> for more information on upcoming trainings or replay information.

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