

Primary Health Care Digest

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What's New

- The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will raise the Federal share of payment for Outstationed Eligibility Workers (OEWs) located in FQHCs starting next fall. In a set of frequently asked questions [<http://medicaid.gov/State-Resource-Center/FAQ-Medicaid-and-CHIP-Affordable-Care-Act-ACA-Implementation/Downloads/Affordable-Care-Act-Newest-Version.pdf>] issued on April 25, CMS indicated that starting later this year, States will be eligible to receive Federal funding covering 75% of these costs.
- The new HRSA-Affordable Care Act Web page at <http://www.hrsa.gov/affordablecareact/> contains information about the ACA geared toward HRSA-programs. This information is meant to augment the updates found at <http://www.healthcare.gov/index.html>.
- The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has launched a new Patient Network website at <http://www.patientnetwork.fda.gov/>, giving patients and advocates a bigger voice in medical product regulation, which includes drugs, devices, and biologics.
- BPHC is looking for feedback on the new weekly Primary Health Care Digest format. If you like the new mode of communication or have suggestions, please share your thoughts with bphcta@hrsa.gov.

Upcoming Training and TA Sessions

- **Nurses Building Healthier Communities: HRSA and the Affordable Care Act – Wednesday, May 8, 2013, 1:30 pm-2:30 pm ET.** In celebration of Nurse's week, HRSA's Bureau of Health Professions (BHPr) is hosting a webinar related to the ACA and nursing. To join this presentation, go to https://hrsa.connectsolutions.com/nursesweek_2013/, dial 1-800-857-2848 and use passcode 3524721 for the audio portion of the session.
- **BPHC ALL PROGRAM CALL RESCHEDULED. All Programs Quarterly Call (Health Centers, Look Alikes, PCAs, NCAs, HCCNs) – Thursday, May 9, 2013, 2:00 pm-3:30 pm ET.** Please join BPHC for important updates and the opportunity to ask questions at <http://services.choruscall.com/links/hrsa130509.html>.
- **Save the Date: Grantee Enrichment Call: Demystifying the BPHC Operational Site Visit (OSV) – Tuesday, May 14, 2013, 2:00 pm-4:00 pm ET.** To learn more about how HRSA uses Operational Site Visits to assess Health Center Program compliance or to do an organizational self-assessment, consider reviewing the Health Center Site Visit Guide at <http://bphc.hrsa.gov/policiesregulations/centerguide.html>
Call information to follow.
- **Save the Date: BPHC's Cooperative Agreement Quarterly Call – Thursday, May 16, 2013, 2:00 pm-3:30 pm ET.** Program 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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