



Member Spotlight

Coastal Family Health Center Earns Joint Commission Gold Seal in Two Areas



Coastal Family Health Center has earned The Joint Commission's Gold Seal of Approval® for Ambulatory Care and Behavioral Health Care. The Gold Seal of Approval® reflects our organization's commitment to providing safe and quality patient care.

"This accreditation is a dream come true for our team who work diligently to meet and exceed personal goals and leadership expectations. I witnessed widespread commitment throughout all our sites as our team went above and beyond to ensure compliance. This was a grassroots-led effort that our board and executive leadership supported," said Angel Greer, CEO, Coastal Family Health Center.

Staff Recruitment and Retention Training Offered



Attending this training were (back row left to right) Angela Slater, Deputy Human Resources Director, Jackson Hinds Comprehensive Health, and Wayne Miley, (seated, left to right) Tamara Bailey, Director of Human Resources, Central Mississippi Health Services, and Annie Moore, Administrator/HR, Jefferson Comprehensive Health Care.

Wayne Miley, CHCAMS Programs and Workforce Development Director, recently led a regional HR Work Group training on staff recruitment and retention provided by the Association of Clinicians for the Underserved (ACU).

"Mississippi has a critical shortage of primary health care providers," said Miley. "Providing training and technical assistance through ACU helps health center HR professionals develop strategies to attract and keep health care providers. Each participant strengthens their knowledge base by actively participating in the HR workgroup."

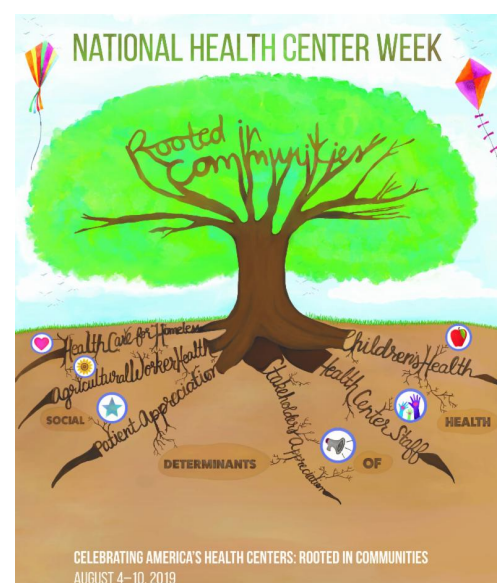
Tools and resources provided from CHCAMS partners from the ACU proved invaluable.

Key take-aways included:

- Learning that self-assessment tools from ACU will aid health centers in addressing gaps for improvements in the area of Human Resources;
- A comprehensive written recruitment and retention plan is essential, and you can customize one via best practices shared among the HR Work Group and not have to reinvent the wheel; and
- Select recruitment and retention templates shared will allow health centers to use their unique UDS data to forecast potential provider gaps and aid in decision-making for the future.

Jefferson Comprehensive Health Services Selected for Health Center Week National Sponsorship

Congratulations to Jefferson Comprehensive Health Services for receiving the sponsorship from the National Association of Community Health Centers to support its activities for National Health Center Week August 4 -10, 2019. The sponsorship designee competed with health centers from around the country for the award.



National Health Center Week is an annual celebration to raise awareness about the mission and accomplishments of America's health centers over the past five decades. This year's theme is 'Rooted in Communities.' Mississippi Community Health Centers are planning events such as health fairs, back-to-school events

and others, like the 65x65 Obesity Prevention events and races. To learn more about the Mississippi events, visit healthcenterweek.org/events, and follow the events on social media at the hashtag #NHCW19 and #ValueCHCs.

Advocacy Ongoing for Federal Health Center Funding

Please keep the advocacy going through the summer for federal health center funding. The 30th of September deadline for Congress to pass funding legislation is quickly approaching. **PLEASE do NOT take federal funding for health centers for granted.** It is time to use your voice! Click below to contact your members of Congress to ask for their support on legislation that has been introduced.

[Click Here to Take Action!](#)

Registration Now Open for the Grassroots Advocacy Leadership Program

The fall/winter cohort of The Grassroots Advocacy Leadership Program (ALP) is currently recruiting participants. The ALP is an extended skills-building program that will begin before the Community Health Institute and Expo (CHI) on August 16, 2019, and continue through February 2020. It will provide intensive training and hands-on experience in all aspects of Health Center Advocacy.



[Click here](#) to learn more and register to attend the breakout sessions before CHI. Contact Kristin St. John at advocacy@nachc.org.

Diabetes Coalition Quarterly Meeting Announced



The Diabetes Coalition quarterly meeting "Engagement in Diabetes Prevention Programs (DPP) and Diabetes Camps" will explore three important areas:

- Clinical Engagement in DPP
- Community Engagement in DPP
- Recruitment and Retention in DPP and DSMES

Date: August 23, 2019

Location: William Carey Tradition Campus, Jody Fail Nursing Building, Biloxi, Miss.

Open Season Announcement for Certified Designated Organizations-Application Link Now Live!



The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) invites applications from organizations that would like to become Certified Application Counselor Designated Organizations (CDOs). Applications are accepted during CMS's Open Season now through September 16, 2019. Any organization seeking to provide CAC enrollment assistance to consumers for Plan Year 2020 must be a certified CDO. Organizations that completed the CDO refresh process last year and received a new CDO identification number and a welcome packet do not need to reapply. The CDO application link is now live and can be accessed here: <https://mats.secure.force.com/CDOApplication/> For additional questions, contact CACQuestions@cms.hhs.gov.



**FFS,
MississippiCAN,
& CHIP**

Wednesday July 24, 2019	Natchez Convention Center 211 Main Street Natchez, MS 39120	Vision Durable Medical Equipment Dental
Tuesday July 30, 2019	Landers Center 4560 Venture Drive Southaven, MS 38671	Home Health and Waiver Services Therapy Services Physical Outpatient Speech

Two Medicaid Sessions Remain
If you plan to attend and wish to obtain CHC talking points,
please email vwalker@chcams.org.

Medicaid State Plan Amendments

[Treatment of Resources](#)

State Plan Amendment (SPA) 19-0018 Treatment of Resources is being submitted with a proposed effective date of July 1, 2019. SPA 19-0018 will allow qualified Medicaid eligibles who are receiving Social Security Income (SSI) benefits, and are under the age of

nineteen (19), to continue to exclude two (2) automobiles. Those qualified beneficiaries that are over the age of nineteen (19) will only exclude one (1) automobile.

[Prescription Drug Limit Increases In Effect July 1, 2019](#)

Effective July 1, 2019, the Mississippi Division of Medicaid (DOM) will cover more prescription drugs per month for Medicaid beneficiaries. DOM will increase the monthly prescription drug limit from five (5) to six (6) prescriptions. The two (2) brand monthly prescription limit remains unchanged. Preferred brand drugs listed on the Universal Preferred Drug List do not count toward this two (2) brand monthly limit. See state plan amendment [here](#).

[New Rules in Effect August 1st](#)

1) EHRs and electronic signatures must now meet certified electronic health record technology (CEHRT) criteria and comply with HIPAA regarding access, transfer, storage, and signing of EHR, effective August 1, 2019. [Notice](#) - [Full Text](#)

2) Alliant Health Solutions will begin performing prior authorization reviews as the Mississippi Division of Medicaid (DOM) transitions to a new Utilization Management/Quality Improvement Organization (UM/QIO) vendor.

To learn more about this change, please [read](#) the attached news notice and share it with health center teams.

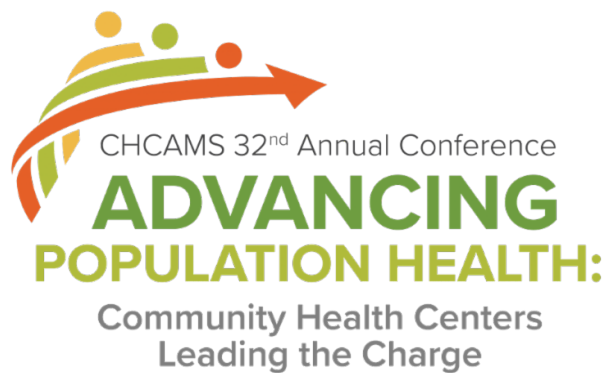


Hospital Inpatient APR-DRG Alert

The Mississippi Division of Medicaid (DOM) is proposing the following changes to the hospital inpatient APR-DRG payment methodology effective for the **payment of hospital inpatient claims for discharges on and after July 1, 2019**:

The following APR-DRG parameters will be updated:

- A. Base Payment - will change from \$6,585 to \$6,731
- B. Neonate Policy Adjustor - will change from 1.40 to 1.25
- C. Pediatric Mental Health Policy Adjustor - will change from 2.00 to 1.85
- D. Adult Mental Health Policy Adjustor - will change from 1.60 to 1.50
- E. DRG Cost Outlier Threshold - will change from \$45,000 to \$48,500
- F. DRG Day Outlier Per Diem - will change from \$450 to \$675



[Register Here](#)

July 30 - August 2, 2019
Beau Rivage Resort & Casino
Biloxi, Miss.



Take the Obesity Prevention Challenge August 10th with 65x65

Register now for the annual 65x65 races hosted by Community Health Centers across the state. This one-day, statewide effort provides a chance to have fun while calling attention to the disease of obesity and the healthy ways to fight it.

All 65x65 race events are scheduled for Saturday, August 10th to celebrate National Health Center Week. Contact your health center for more information on local events throughout the week or visit healthcenterweek.org/events for events in your area.

65x65 Metro-area 5K/10K Race Details

7:30 a.m. Race Time
Saturday, August 10, 2019
Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame, Jackson, Miss.
Sign up [here](#)

HRSA Updates



Virtual Job Fair

When? Wednesday, August 7, 2019

What time? 5:45 p.m. -9:15 p.m. CST

Employers: Looking for top talent to join your organization? [Register to participate as a recruiter.](#)

Clinicians: Are you seeking employment? [Register to participate.](#)

NHSC Starts New Rural

Loan Repayment Program for Providers

The National Health Service Corps (NHSC) launched a Rural Community Loan Repayment Program (LRP) for providers working to combat the opioid epidemic in rural communities. The application cycle will open soon, and you can [sign up for email notices](#). Learn more at the [NHSC Rural Community Loan Repayment Program](#) website. All FQHCs are automatically qualified sites, but only those in rural areas will be considered for this program.



Free Training On 340B Specifically For FQHCs Saturday, August 17th

As part of its on-going partnership with NACHC, Apexus -- the 340B Prime Vendor - is offering a full-day version of its [340B University](#) focusing exclusively on the needs and challenges of health

centers. The session will be held on Saturday, August 17th in Chicago - the day before, and in the same hotel, as the CHI. Participation is free, but [pre-registration](#) is required. This training is appropriate for all C-suite, operations (clinical and administrative), and quality/compliance staff from health centers.



Of Note: Interested in the CHCAMS Pharmacy Work Group? Email krodenmeyer@chcams.org for more information.

News to Use

How Providers Could Fare in CMS' New Primary Care Model

Mississippi Reports First Case of West Nile Virus

How Pharma Keeps Winning in D.C.

U.S. Faces Primary Care Doctor Shortage in 10 years



Earn CMEs through the Community Health Center Association of Mississippi

CHCAMS is officially accredited to provide Direct Continuing Medical Education to physicians. For more information, contact Desiree Stinson at 601-981-1817.

Training Opportunities

IT STARTS
Today!

July 22-23, 2019 | Ridgeland
Understanding SBIRT: Foundations, Implementation, and Clinical Practice
The Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) model has been effective in emergency rooms, primary health clinics, campus health centers, and other healthcare settings. This model has also been shown to help increase housing stability, employment status, and overall health. This training will provide an opportunity to understand the SBIRT model and how to use it in different settings

Mississippi Public Health Institute | 829 Wilson Drive, Suite C, Ridgeland, MS 39157. [Register here](#).

July 24 - 26, 2019 | Madison

2019 Mississippi Opioid and Heroin Summit

The 2.5-day summit will bring together three communities - public safety, public health, and the public. Learn about threats and trends from public safety officials who are tracking the supply of opioids and heroin. Listen to public health and treatment advocates discuss the disease of addiction and the many tools available to prescribers and treatment professionals. Join with the families touched by addiction to hear stories of recovery and hope. For more details or to register, visit <http://drugsummit.com/>. Continuing Education is available for a variety of professions.



Broadmoor Baptist Church | 1531 Highland Colony Pkwy, Madison, MS 39110

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Deadline: July 26, 2019

The Institute for Intergovernmental Research (IIR) is releasing a solicitation on behalf of BJA, the CDC, and SJI to help combat the opioid crisis in rural communities. Up to eight rural communities or regions will be selected for an award of up to \$750,000 each for 24 months. Applicants selected for this initiative will be required to commit to a planning phase of approximately six months and an implementation phase of approximately 18 months. Click [here](#) for the announcement.

Deadline: August 1, 2019

Community Mobility Design Challenge Planning Grants provide funding to support communities seeking innovative ways to address the particular mobility challenges experienced by low-income community members for whom a lack of transportation is an obstacle to the pursuit of economic, health, and social well being. For more info, visit the [Rural Health Information Hub](#).

Deadline: August 2, 2019

American Dental Association Foundation Access to Care Grants aim to support qualifying U.S.-based organizations exempt from taxation under Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code whose charitable activities within the United States provide dental homes and/or continuity of care to senior Americans (age 62 plus) who are underserved. Grants are for up to \$18,500. For more information, visit ADA Foundation's [website](#).

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