



Community Health Center
Association of Mississippi

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COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS
Providing Quality Care at Lower Costs



Member Spotlight

Three Mississippi Community Health Centers Rank Top in Quality Improvement from HRSA

Access Family Health Services, Inc., North Mississippi Primary Health Care, and Amite County Medical Services earned the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Health Center Quality Leaders designation this grant period, achieving the best overall clinical performance among health centers. Gold represents the top 10%, Silver is the top 11-20%, and Bronze is the top 21-30% for clinical quality measures among 1,400 CHCs in the country.

Congratulations to Marilyn Sumerford and staff at ACCESS Family Health Services for earning the Silver Badge; and Pam Poole and staff at Amite Co. Medical Services and James Nunnally and staff at North Mississippi Primary Health Care, both earning the Gold Badge.



CHC Leader Chosen as Most Influential

Congratulations to Dr. Jasmin Chapman, CEO of Jackson-Hinds Comprehensive Health Center. Dr. Chapman was among 25 individuals recently recognized as a Most Influential African American Mississippian of 2019 by OurMississippi Magazine.



HPSA

Health Professional Shortage Areas

National Update of Auto HPSAs Complete as of August 30th

Updated scores are available on the HPSA site.

To access, please follow this [link](#).

- Auto-HPSA portal accounts have been created successfully for approximately 6,200 users;
- All Auto-HPSA Points of Contact (POCs) have received an email letting them know that the online Auto-HPSA portal is available for use; and
- The announcement for the public has been disseminated.

Organizations can submit rescore requests at any time. The deadline to guarantee that rescore requests are processed before the 2020 National Health Service Corps (NHSC) Loan Repayment Program (LRP) application cycle is November 1, 2019.

To maximize the amount of time organizations will have to use the online portal to request Auto-HPSA rescoring, the BHW has pushed back the 2020 NHSC LRP application cycle. The cycle will now open in February 2020, rather than January 2020.

For any additional needs with your scores, please see the attached list of [FAQs](#) or call CHCAMS team member Joseph Grice, 601-981-1817.

Medicaid Briefs



Molina Healthcare Primary Care Provider (PCP) Member Roster

As a PCP for Molina Healthcare of Mississippi, member rosters are available on Molina's secure provider portal. It is the Community Health Center's responsibility to review the member rosters frequently to identify new and current members. To register for the secure provider portal or to view your member roster, please follow these [instructions](#).

If you need additional assistance, please

UnitedHealthcare and Molina CCOs for CHIP as of November 1, 2019

According to the Mississippi Division of Medicaid, new CHIP contracts with Molina Healthcare and UnitedHealthcare Community Plan will take effect Nov. 1, 2019. CHIP beneficiaries currently enrolled with the outgoing CHIP CCO, Magnolia Health Plan, will receive a letter giving them the opportunity to choose between Molina Healthcare and UnitedHealthcare Community Plan. If a CHIP beneficiary

contact Mississippi's Provider Services Representative, Early Robinson.

does not respond, they will be assigned to Molina Healthcare.

Update on Mississippi EHR Incentive Program

Eligible Providers, which include FQHCs, can access the 2019 Stage 3 Program requirements [here](#).

All Eligible Professionals in the MS Medicaid Promoting Interoperability Program (formerly the MS EHR Incentive Program) will be classified as Stage 3 Meaningful Use participants.

Program Year 2019 Attestation

Submission season will be from January 7- March 31, 2020.

Molina, Magnolia, and UnitedHealthcare will continue to participate in MississippiCAN. Learn more [here](#).

Medicaid Response to the Opioid Crisis

Pharmacy changes and Claims System edits made as of August 1, 2019

The Mississippi Division of Medicaid has implemented a new opioid initiative, effective August 1, 2019. The initiative affects pharmacy point-of-sale claims and applies to beneficiaries enrolled in fee-for-service (FFS) Medicaid and all three MississippiCAN coordinated care plans. For details of exceptions and on the edits, click [here](#).



Health Center Funding Cliff September 30th!

CHC Funding Bills Have Not Been Signed into Law!

Please ask members of the Mississippi Delegation to Support Community Health Center Funding by supporting [S.1895, the Lower Health Care Costs Act](#) and the [House Energy & Commerce Committee Health Care Package](#). Both S.1895 and the House Energy & Commerce Committee Health Care Package await floor votes.

According to the National Assoc.of Community Health Centers, the Congressional Budget Office [reported that the Federal budget will approach close to \\$1 billion in deficit spending each year](#) into the near future. The debt projections may be "used as a tool to reign in appropriations spending as well as other measures, including Health Center funding." Click below to contact your members of Congress to ask for their vote on this pending legislation that provides Community Health Center funding.

[Click Here to Take Action!](#)

In the Administration



Title X-funded health centers should update their P&P on Women's Health to ensure compliance with new rules

All health centers that receive Title X funding - either as grantees or sub-recipients -- are strongly advised to update their Policy and Procedure (P&P) on Women's Reproductive Health Services promptly, to ensure that it reflects the new Title X rules. The National Assoc. of Community Health Centers (NACHC) has provided a template for an updated P&P on its [Women's Health webpage](#). That web page also contains updated FAQs about the requirements, including a new section on demonstrating compliance.

Resources available re: Public Charge

The NACHC webpage on [Caring for Immigrant Patients](#) has information and resources regarding the new rules around public charge. These new rules, which will become effective in October, make it likely that legal immigrants will be denied Legal Permanent Residency (aka a Green Card) if they have used, or are considered likely to use, benefits such as regular Medicaid and SNAP. The web page contains a recording of the August 14 webinar by the National Health Center Immigration Workgroup discussing the rules, as well as training materials for messaging public charge, which were prepared by the CA PCA and partner organizations.

Training Opportunities

Operational Site Visit (OSV) Webinar Moving Toward Continuous Compliance: Clinical Program Requirements

Build your health center's clinical program on the solid foundation of HRSA compliance

Friday, September 6, 2019 - 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. CST

Please note: A Form 5A review is available to health centers attending the OSV Webinar and that have a 2019 OSV scheduled.

Presenter: Kyle V  th, BSN, MHA, RN
CEO and Co-Founder, RegLantern

[Register Here](#)

September 5, 2019 | Webinar Fiscal Year 2019 Quality Improvement Awards

Hosted by HRSA
1:00-2:00 p.m. CST
No pre-registration required
Call-in: 888-790-3532 Passcode: 5774459



September 12, 2019 | Webinar Telehealth Office Hours

On the second Thursday of each month Telehealth Office Hours will be held for health center, PCA, and HCCN staff to ask questions and share information about telehealth-related policy and operational activities. In addition to updates and time for Q&A, each session will focus on a specific topic. Participation is free and there is no pre-registration required. The link to join is forthcoming, but please submit questions to telehealth@nachc.org.



**September 19, 2019 | Jackson, MS CHCAMS MEMBERS Only
C-Suite Retreat by Studer Group**

Abbreviated Outline:

1. Leading a Culture of High Performance
2. The Employee Investment
3. Leading Change

Capitol Club | 125 S. Congress Street, STE 19 | Jackson, MS
[Register here and for detailed outline](#)

September 24 | Webinar

Getting Started with PRAPARE Implementation: Tips and Tricks for Beginning and Sustaining Social Determinants of Health Data Collection

Are you interested in collecting standardized PRAPARE data on the social determinants of health but not sure how to get started? This webinar will walk through key steps in creating strategies for successful implementation models, tips for getting started in manageable ways, and strategies to predict and overcome common implementation challenges.

[Click here](#) to pre-register.

September 27, 2019 | Jackson, MS

Mississippi Clinical Symposium: STIs and HIV

Topics include STI Epi, PrEP, MSM Sexual Health, among others.

Hilton Jackson | 1001 E. County Line Rd. | Jackson, MS

Click [here](#) for more information.

October 1, 2019 | Ridgeland, MS (CHCAMS Sponsored)

Beyond the Basics: ACA Market Place Application Process

This training will provide a step-by-step overview of completing the Market Place application with a focus on specific topics such as countable income for the self-employed, building community collaborative partnerships and establishing a better working relationship with Medicaid, MCOs, and agents.

Holmes Community College | 412 W. Ridgeland Ave | Ridgeland, MS

Registration Coming Soon!



Advancing the Health of Vulnerable Populations:

Strengthening the Primary Care Clinician's Role



October 4, 2019 | Pearl, MS (CHCAMS Sponsored)

Advancing the Health of Vulnerable Populations: Strengthening the Primary Care Clinician's Role

Holiday Inn Trustmark Park | 110 Bass Pro Dr. | Pearl, MS

[Register Here](#)

October 28, 2019 | Webinar

Findings and Lessons Learned on Incorporating PRAPARE Social Risk Data into Risk Stratification Models

The national PRAPARE team launched a PRAPARE Risk Stratification Learning Collaborative this summer to better understand how organizations are incorporating PRAPARE social determinants of health data into risk stratification models and how they are using these models to inform care planning and population health. We also explored the interest and feasibility of developing a national standardized risk stratification model that incorporates PRAPARE social determinants data to better identify and manage high risk patients. This webinar will highlight findings and lessons learned and present a draft of the national standardized PRAPARE risk stratification model for feedback.

[Click here](#) to pre-register.

Save the Date

Annual UDS Training

December 3, 2019
Jackson, MS
(CHCAMS Sponsored)

DETAILS COMING SOON!

News To Use

Mississippi's Lt. Gov. Wins GOP
Run Off, Advances to General
Election

Sherman pens Op-Ed, CHCs
Provide Important Access Point to
Health Care for Mississippians

Value-based Health Insurer
Contracts Growing in Number, but
Not Risk Adoption

Purdue Pharma, Makers of
Oxycontin, Attorneys General in
Settlement Talks

Funding Opportunities

Ending
the
HIV
Epidemic

A PLAN FOR AMERICA



Deadline: October 15, 2019

HRSA Releases Notices of Funding Opportunity for Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program's Role in Ending the HIV Epidemic: A Plan for America

As part of this funding opportunity, HRSA plans to fund up to 47 awards to ultimately reduce new HIV infections in the United States to less than 3,000 per year by 2030.

Eligible applicants are:

- RWHAP Part A funded Eligible Metropolitan Areas (EMAs) or Transitional Grant Areas (TGAs) whose service area includes one or more of the identified 48 HIV high burden counties; and the EMAs of Washington, D.C. and San Juan, PR.
- RWHAP Part B funded States/Territories identified as having a substantial rural HIV burden-Alabama, Arkansas, Kentucky, Mississippi, Missouri, Oklahoma, and South Carolina.
- The RWHAP Part B Program of the State of Ohio on behalf of Hamilton County.

Deadline: October 15, 2019.

Read more [here](#).

Deadline: November 25, 2019

HRSA Rural Health Network Development Program

HRSA Federal Office of Rural Health Policy grants for healthcare networks in rural areas to assist with increasing access to and improve the quality of healthcare services. The purpose of this program is to support rural integrated healthcare networks that have combined the functions of the entities participating in the network in order to achieve efficiencies; expand

access to, coordinate, and improve the quality of essential healthcare services; and strengthen the rural health care system as a whole. Details can be found [here](#).

Deadline: November 29, 2019

Rural Health Network Development Planning Program

RSA Federal Office of Rural Health Policy grants to promote the planning and development of rural healthcare networks in order to achieve efficiencies; expand access to, coordinate, and improve the quality of essential healthcare services; and strengthen the rural healthcare system as a whole. More information can be found [here](#).

Deadline: December 6, 2019

New Federal Funding Opportunity for the Delta States Rural Development Network Grant Program

The Delta States Rural Development Network Grant Program (Delta) will support up to 12 public or nonprofit private rural entities within the Delta Region. The Delta Program's goals are: (i) to achieve efficiencies; (ii) to expand access to, coordinate, and improve the quality of essential health care services; and (iii) to strengthen the rural health care system as a whole. The Delta Program, competitive every three years, offers rural Delta organizations resources to help rural communities develop partnerships and jointly address health programs that affect the Delta Region.

Previously funded organizations under this program implemented multi-county evidence-based projects that address the following key focus areas: diabetes, cardiovascular disease, obesity, and acute ischemic stroke. In addition to the required key focus area(s), grantees could also devote a percentage of grant funds toward another issue identified as a need in the service area. Full details of the program and requirements for applicants are available at [Grants.gov](#)

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