

HR Leaders Peer Group News

The latest information for Community Health Center Human Resources Professionals



July 6, 2022

Need to Know

Health Professions & Education Training Survey

OPCA wants to understand your CHC's current health professions and education training challenges and needs. Please take the [HP-ET survey](#) by July 29th. If you have questions about the survey, please contact [Mallory Temple](#), Workforce Sustainability Manager.

HRSA Tidbits

Accepting Applications: Substance Use Disorder Treatment and Recovery Loan Repayment Program

[Apply Now](#) to the Substance Use Disorder Treatment and Recovery Loan Repayment Program (STAR LRP) through July 7, 2022, 4:30 p.m. PST.

- Read the [STAR LRP Application and Program Guidance \(APG\)](#) for details on how to apply.
- Use the [Application Checklist](#) to help complete your application.
- Check out our [employment verification FAQs](#) to assist you with this important step in the application process.
- Is your facility interested in becoming a STAR LRP-approved site? [Check your eligibility.](#)

Application Cycle: Federal Tort Claims Act (FTCA) Programs

All Health Center Federal Tort Claims Act (FTCA) Programs redeeming applications for FTCA coverage Calendar Year (CY) 2023 are due by Friday, July 8, 2022, at 8:59 PM PST. If your health center does not create and submit an FTCA application by 8:59 PM PST on July 8, 2022, you will have to reapply as an initial applicant and may be subject to a site visit prior to obtaining deeming approval for CY 2023.

This also means that your health center may have a gap in coverage, which would require you to obtain coverage from another malpractice provider until their application is reviewed and approved. If your health center fails to meet the deadline, you should

consider purchasing private medical malpractice insurance to cover any gaps in coverage that may occur.

Resources

- [Calendar Year \(CY\) 2023 Program Assistance Letter \(PAL 2022-01\)](#)
- [The Health Center Program Compliance Manual: all of the credentialing and privileging requirements of Chapter 5: Clinical Staffing, requirements within Chapter 10: Quality Improvement/Assurance, and Chapter 21: FTCA Deeming Requirements](#)

Questions should be directed to Health Center Program Support (formerly the BPHC Helpline):

- By phone: 877-464-4772, option 1
 - 5:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. PST Monday through Friday
- Online: <http://www.hrsa.gov/about/contact/bphc.aspx>.

Training & Learning Opportunities

Recording: Conversation with NIMAA & Virginia Garcia Memorial Health Center

In this [recorded conversation](#) hosted by OPCA, the National Institute for Medical Assistance Advancement (NIMAA) and Virginia Garcia Memorial Health Center discuss NIMAA's Medical Assistant program and their partnership in a FQHC setting. If you're interested in learning more or getting this program started at your CHC, contact Lori Nichols, Director of Business and Partnership Development at NIMAA (lori.Nichols@nimaa.edu).

Webinar: Innovative and Successful Approaches to Staff Recruitment and Retention for Behavioral Health Workforce

The Northwest ATTC is hosting a 3-part summer webinar series on innovative and successful approaches to workforce recruitment and retention. Featured presenters will offer experienced perspectives concerning relevant state-level initiatives, successful efforts of behavioral health organizations that provide culturally-responsive services to underserved populations, and methods of applying organizational change and process improvement strategies to challenges of staff recruitment and retention. [Register now](#).