

Operations Peer Group News

The latest information for Community Health Center Operations Staff



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Need to Know

[Mobile Health Map](#) is a network of mobile clinics uniting local resources with national best practices. They have an online map of mobile clinics all over the country, including in Oregon. Register your Mobile Health Van on the National Map at mobilehealthmap.org.

HRSA Tidbits

HRSA seeks public comments on [draft Health Center Program Scope of Project Policy Manual](#) (Scope Policy Manual) (PDF). The Scope Policy Manual consolidates, streamlines, and updates scope of project-related policies into a single, user-friendly resource for the first time. It clarifies expectations for providing care that maximizes efficiency, access, quality, and impact. Submit comments through the [BPHC Contact Form](#) by 8:59 pm PT February 10. [Scope of Project webpage](#) for information.

Updates for ASPR COVID-19 Therapeutics Distribution Program Participants Final date for ordering Lagevrio (molnupiravir) from the ASPR supply will be 12:00 pm PT January 22. All Lagevrio distributed through ASPR's program will expire on or before February 27. Contact COVID19.therapeutics@hhs.gov with questions.

Calendar Year (CY) 2025 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Final Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued a rule finalizing changes for Medicare payments under the PFS and other Medicare Part B policies, effective on or after January 1. [Learn more here](#).

New Policy Information Notice (PIN 2024-05) Establishes scope of project policy for health centers that want to provide primary health care services to support transitions in care for justice-involved individuals reentering the community (JI-R). Visit [HRSA's website](#) for the updated policy, including key details and other resources.

Training & Learning Opportunities

HITEQ Highlights: AI & Health Insurance Prior Authorization for Health Centers This webinar will describe regulatory environment for use of AI, and what to be aware of as this technology is in the early stages; benefits of AI for prior authorization, such as time efficiency gains, and hazards, & potential errors. Hosted by the HITEQ Center December 10, 11:00 am PT [Registration page](#)

Annual State/Territory-Based 2024 Uniform Data System (UDS) Training Join NWRPCA for a virtual two-day training covering preparation of the 2024 UDS Report. Understand who, what, when, where, and how of UDS reporting, common errors and key resources available. December 11 & December 12, 9:00 am - 12:15 pm PST [Registration](#)

How Health Systems & Hospitals Can Help Solve Homelessness Webinar focused on the connections between housing and health; discuss recent federal guidance, strategies for collaborative and compassionate care. December 12, 9:30 am PT [Registration page](#)

The Early Project Planning Phases of a Capital Development Project Presentation addresses needs for developing facilities that provide access to appropriate health services, & focus on early phases of capital planning. Hosted by Capital Link December 12, 11:00 am PT [Registration page](#)

Community Health Workers & Health Literacy 101/102 Two valuable virtual training sessions designed for CHWs looking to improve health literacy in their communities. Individual sessions \$75 each, or both sessions \$125 January 16 & January 23 12:00 pm PT [Registration](#)

[Introduction to the Health Center Program: Tools for Building & Enhancing Your Health Center](#) Designed for new & established leaders looking for a foundational overview of HRSA program requirements, promising practices related to Health Center governance, staffing, & operations. January 29 – 30 from 8:00 am – 2:30 pm PT. Reduced registration by January 15. Registration closes January 26. [Registration page](#)

Overview & Importance of Procurement Best Practices Join the [Community Health Association of Spokane](#) for this Teams webinar. Topics covered: Strategy, Leadership Commitment and its Impact on Procurement Success, Policy, Technology, Suppliers, Standardization, Inventory Management, and Contracts. January 28 11 am PT. [Register here](#)

[2025 Practical Art of Health Center Operations Training](#) Workshop offering foundational tools needed for Health Centers to succeed; designed for CEOs, COOs and other leaders. An opportunity to build or refresh expertise. Hybrid Event: February 25 – 26 in Savannah, GA Reduced registration February 11. Registration closes February 19 [Registration page](#).

NACHC's Board Chair Leadership Program is now accepting application. This April – June, 2025 five-part virtual program is designed for new and about-to-be- health center board chairs. [Learn more about the program and apply](#).

[Health Center Board Roles & Responsibilities](#) (English/Spanish) This short resource provides an overview of the three major categories of health center board roles and a sample statement of board responsibilities that can be customized.

[New Board Member Orientation: PowerPoint Template & Facilitator Guide](#) This template can be downloaded and customized for a health center's own board member orientation; the template contains some slides with general information, as well as a series of slides designed to be updated with health center-specific information.

Emergency Preparedness Resources

New Training Opportunity for Emergency Personnel Cultural Competency Program for Disaster and Emergency Management offers free CE credits and flexible, self-paced learning experience on essential skills for equitable, patient-centered disaster & emergency preparedness, response, & recovery. Learn more & enroll at [Think Cultural Health website](#).

Overview of Integrated Care Models, Structures, & Processes Introduction to key models and strategies of integrated care, Explore how integrated care operates in real-world settings; learn evidence-based health behavior interventions. December 9, 10:00 am PT *0.5 behavioral health CE credits available* [Registration page](#)

Health Center Preparedness & Response Forum: Patients with Access and Functional Needs Four-part webinar series for staff serving special populations and underserved groups. The second webinar in this series focuses on patients who need extra support to access services in a crisis. December 18, 11:00 am PT [Registration page](#)

ASPR TRACIE Crisis Standards of Care Considerations Tip Sheets provide support for the challenging decisions including de-escalation of care, legal/regulatory issues, non-beneficial care, shortages, and reducing provider distress.

Reporting Emergency Operational Status Remember if there is a *declared emergency*, report your clinic status as soon as you are available. You can do so here: forms.office.com/r/1VNmN2eKCT, or use the QR code below. **Questions?** Contact showk@orpca.org.



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