



Operations Leaders Peer Group

October 2025

Need to Know

FQHC Dental Operations Meeting October 17, 12:00 pm PT An opportunity for FQHC Oral Health Program staff to network and discuss program barriers and best practices. [Register](#) in advance.

Operation Director Leaders Fall Meeting. November 7, 1:00 – 3:00 pm PT [Register](#) in advance. Agenda includes discussion of physician productivity data points and emergency preparedness and communications.

Save-the-date: OPCA's 3rd Annual Conference: April 13 -14, 2026, in Eugene at [The Graduate Hotel](#). Expect engaging plenaries, practical breakouts, and networking with FQHC professionals and partners from across the state. Interested in becoming a sponsor? Contact Joanna Peterson at jpeter@orpca.org.

HRSA Tidbits

New Operational Site Visit Resource Available Based on feedback from health centers, BPHC developed a new [Operational Site Visit \(OSV\) Required Documents and File Naming Convention](#) resource. Available on the [Site Visit Resources webpage](#). Reach out to the Federal Representative assigned to your OSV or use the [BPHC Contact Form](#) for questions.

Updated Single Audit Threshold The single audit threshold has been adjusted to \$1 million in alignment with [HHS's Interim Final Rule \(IFR\)](#). The IFR provides HHS's phased plan for adopting [2 Code of Federal Regulations \(CFR\) part 200](#). Site visit teams already use adjusted SVP questions in their reviews. More information to come as implementation continues.

HHS Expands Access to Affordable Health Insurance CMS is working to expand access to catastrophic health coverage in the Federally Facilitated Exchange (FFE) through additional hardship exemption guidance as a result of the premium increases anticipated for the 2026 plan year. [Read the fact sheet](#). Beginning November 1 consumers can:

- Apply online for Marketplace coverage on HealthCare.gov or through a certified partner. Household income will be reviewed as part of the application process.
- Submit a [hardship exemption form](#) by mail.

New Process for Delinquent Audits Begins October 1 To strengthen oversight and promote timely reporting, HRSA has a new **Delinquent Audit Process**. Starting **October 1**, HRSA will apply a **120-day condition** to *all* awardees who are **delinquent on two or more Single Audit Reports**. The 120-day condition will be applied 15 days following notification of delinquency. Review your audit submission history at [Federal Audit Clearinghouse](#). For questions contact the Grants Management Specialist listed on your Notice of Award or email SARfollowup@hrsa.gov.

Training & Learning Opportunities

Examining Mergers, Acquisitions, & Corporate Consolidations for Health Centers

Describes key steps, including when HRSA approval is required, with a focus on changes in scope of project to grant transfers through the successor-in-interest process. Explore alternative transactions, joint ventures, & increase economies of scale without consolidating. October 8 10:00 am PT. [Register & more information](#).

[Revenue Cycle Learning Collaborative Informational Session](#) Informational session on the upcoming Revenue Cycle Learning Collaborative to see how this interactive training can help optimize financial operations and improve performance. October 9, 11:30 am PT. Free webinar.

HIV Rapid Start Community of Practice Facilitated by Elwood, Program Supervisor at Multnomah County Health Services Center, a monthly gathering of HIV providers & support staff to develop protocols for the adoption of Rapid Starts for newly diagnosed, new to care, & out of care clients with HIV in the region. October 14, 12:00 pm PST, [Free virtual webinars](#)

[Elevate National Learning Forum: Evidence-Based Care & Heart Health](#) Register for NACHC's learning community & receive invites to monthly forums featuring the latest evidence, best practices, & peer exchange on topics critical to health centers. Next forum focused on 'Evidence-Based Care & Heart Health.' October 14, 10 am PT Free webinar.

UDS Clinical Tables Part 1: Screening and Preventive Care Measures Review reporting requirements for screening & preventive care measures across the UDS clinical tables. Ideal for clinical staff, QI professionals, & data/reporting personnel responsible for UDS. October 14 11:00 am PT [Register for the session](#)

Change in Scope (CiS) Process Webinar Hosted by OPCA & Oregon Health Authority, open to all FQHCs, walk through each step of the CiS process, explain the queue tracker, & when to reach out to OPCA or OHA. October 15, 9:30-10:30 AM [Register](#)

2025 HIT Continuum of Care Conference by HIV/STI Program at OPCA. Join colleagues from across Oregon working in HIV prevention & care for an interactive online conference focused on collaboration and practical solutions for ending new HIV infections. Multi-day virtual event, free to attend, October 21 – 22 [Register and learn more](#).

[Board Chair Leadership Program](#). Designed to support new/about to be new, health center board chairs, this program tackles meeting facilitation, navigating challenges in the boardroom, strategies for partnering with CEO, & more. Fall 2025: October 23 - November 20 (*Weekly Sessions*), 3 – 4:30 pm PT, virtual training.

NWRPCA & CHAMPS Region 18 2025 Fall Primary Care Conference From engaging educational sessions to lively networking receptions, this conference is the ideal space to strengthen skills, share ideas, & build lasting relationships with colleagues October 25–28 in Spokane, WA. See [agenda and register](#).

Annual UDS Primary Care Association (PCA) State/Territory Based Training Virtual UDS technical assistance training will take place from October to December. Health center staff responsible for preparing UDS data report submissions are encouraged to attend. NWRPCA hosts a webinar series December 3 & 4. For more information contact Rahwa Hailemariam rhalemariaam.@nwrpca.org.

Emergency Preparedness Resources

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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