

Primary Health Care Digest

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What's New

- **Measles Cases in the United States** – From January 1 to February 6, 2015, 121 people from 17 states and Washington, DC, were reported to have measles. Most of these cases are part of a large, ongoing multi-state [outbreak linked to an amusement park in California](#). Because many people may not be familiar with measles signs and symptoms, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is asking for your help to raise awareness about the disease. The following Measles resources, among others, are available for use:

[CDC's measles outbreak webpage](#)

[Resources for Healthcare Professionals](#)

[Information about Measles and the Vaccine to Prevent it Fact Sheet](#)

[Understanding MMR Vaccine Safety Fact Sheet](#)

- **BPHC's 2014 Workforce Recruitment Survey** – The BPHC 2014 Workforce Recruitment Survey deadline has been extended through **Friday, February 20, 2015**. Data collected from this brief survey regarding veterans in the health center workforce will enable BPHC to provide the training and technical assistance needed to support health centers in their hiring efforts.
[Participate in the Workforce Recruitment Survey.](#)
- **HHS Efforts to Improve U.S. Health Care** – HHS Secretary Burwell wrote a perspective piece for the New England Journal of Medicine outlining three strategies to improve U.S. health care: using incentives for higher-value care, fostering greater integration and coordination of care and attention to population health, and providing access to information that can enable clinicians and patients to make better-informed choices.

[View Secretary Burwell's article.](#)

- **Marketplace Open Enrollment Countdown Resources** – The final Open Enrollment deadline to sign up for 2015 coverage is **Sunday, February 15, 2015**. As we head into the final stretch of this Marketplace Open Enrollment period, please encourage your patients and community to visit [HealthCare.gov](#) or contact the Marketplace call center (1-800-318-2596) to learn about their options and the financial help that is available. Use the following materials available in English and Spanish for download at [Marketplace.cms.gov](#):

Upcoming TA and Training Sessions

- **American Indian and Alaska Native Organizations: The Fundamentals of Writing a Responsive Grant Application Webcast – Wednesday, February 11, 2015, 3:00pm, ET.** This HRSA webcast will help grant applicants understand the basics of every grant application and how to respond to all aspects of funding opportunity announcements.

[View the webcast the day of the session.](#)

- **Practical Steps to Address Interprofessional Education and Collaborative Practice Implementation (IPECP) Webinar - Thursday, February 26, 2015, 10:00am – 11:00am, CT.** HRSA and the National Center for Interprofessional Practice and Education are hosting this webinar to showcase how resources can be used to support IPECP transformation. The webinar will present the challenges and rewards of a HRSA-funded project to transform clinical practice into an interprofessional model at Loyola University Chicago.

[Register for this webinar.](#)

- **Head Start Partnership Models Webinar – Tuesday, March 3, 2015, 2:00pm – 3:00pm, ET.** BPHC is hosting this webinar, the first in a four-part Migrant Health Program series, to highlight successful partnerships with Migrant Head Start Programs and their impact on improving access and quality health care.

[View the webinar the day of the session.](#)

Connect to the audio line using 1-888-989-3416; Participant Code: 5998688.

- **BPHC All-Programs Webcast Recording** – The [All-Programs webcast recording](#) is now available for viewing. The webcast provided updates to all BPHC programs (Grantees, Look-alikes, Cooperative Agreement Partners – NCAs, PCAs and BPHC Staff) on current BPHC activities and future plans for fiscal year 2015. Time constraints did not allow for all questions to be addressed individually, but the presentation and Q&A session addressed almost all of them. Please note that additional details about upcoming funding opportunities discussed in the webcast will be available when the funding opportunity announcements are released.

[View the All-Programs recording.](#)

- **Expanding Service Delivery through HRSA's NHSC Webcast Recording** – The Expanding

Marketplace Fact Sheets for Health Care Providers, including [10 Things Providers Need to Know](#) and [10 Things to Tell your Patients](#)

Deadline Graphics, including [state specific graphics](#) and [last chance for enrollment graphics](#).

Consumer Brochures, including the [Value of Health Insurance](#), and the [Health Insurance Marketplace](#)

Fact Sheets, including [Key Dates for the Health Insurance Marketplace](#), and the [Marketplace Application Checklist](#)

Instructions, such as [5 Steps to Staying Covered](#) for re-enrolling through the Marketplace.

- **Updated Health Care Resources for Suspected Cases of Ebola Virus Disease** – The CDC continues to work with other U.S. government agencies, the World Health Organization (WHO), and other domestic and international partners in an international response to the Ebola outbreak in West Africa. [Key messages](#) about the outbreak and the response will be updated as new information becomes available. The following Ebola resources, among others, are also available for use:

[Updated Case Counts](#)

[Preventing Ebola by Screening Travelers](#) (PDF)

[Prevent Influenza Virus Infection in People Being Actively Monitored for Potential Ebola Virus Exposure](#)

Service Delivery through HRSA's NHSC Webcast is now available for viewing. The webcast provided an overview of how [HRSA's NHSC programs](#) are being utilized by health centers as a mechanism for finding and retaining qualified primary care providers to serve underserved communities.

[View the recording.](#)

[View all BPHC technical assistance resources.](#)

Program Funding

- **Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 HRSA Budget** – HRSA released the FY 2016 Congressional Budget Justification and Executive Summary, including details about BPHC's budget request.
[View HRSA's FY 2016 Budget.](#)
- **HRSA's 340b Drug Pricing Program Recertification** – HRSA requires all 340b covered entities to annually recertify their program information in order to continue participation in the 340b Program. Recertification began on January 28, 2015 and continues through March 11, 2015.

It is critical that health centers recertify before the March 11, 2015 deadline in order to continue participating in the 340b Program.

[Recertify your health center's 340b information.](#)

[View 340b Program resources.](#)

[Contact the 340b Prime Vendor Program](#) with any questions on the recertification process.

[View all HRSA open grant opportunities.](#)

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