

CHC Spotlight

Indiana CHCs Receive New Access Point Grant

On June 20, 2012, Health and Human Services Secretary, Kathleen Sebelius, announced new grant awards to 219 health centers looking to expand access to health care for more than 1.25 million new patients. The new grants, which come from the Affordable Care Act, will also create more than 5,000 new jobs for doctors, nurses, and other staff to support the new health center service delivery sites.

Congratulations to the three Indiana sites that received grant awards:

- **Healthnet, Inc., Indianapolis**
- **Maple City Health Care Center, Goshen**
- **Vermillion-Parke Community Health Center, Clinton**

IPHCA would like to commend the staff at all three facilities receiving awards. Every new access point in Indiana creates access to affordable care for patients that otherwise would be without. These three awards are a step in the right direction and we will continue to support the growth of our Indiana CHCs.

To view the full HHS press release please click [here](#). To view a list of all Health Center New Access Point grants, listed by organization and state, please click [here](#).

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CDC Recommends Hepatitis B Vaccination for Diabetics

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention now recommends hepatitis B vaccine to patients with diabetes if they are between the ages of 19 – 59 and are not vaccinated. If they are 60 or older, the healthcare provider should determine if the patient should be vaccinated. The CDC estimates that 1 to 1.25 million people are now chronically infected with hepatitis B and the chronic infection can lead to serious illness, including liver failure, cancer and death. The CDC recommends vaccination because diabetes may increase the chances of getting hepatitis B. For additional information click [here](#).

Indiana Drug Card

The Indiana Drug Card is the official statewide free prescription assistance program available to all residents within the state of Indiana. It was created in 2009 to help the uninsured and under-insured with the cost of necessary medication and can be used by those with insurance coverage to help with the cost for any uncovered medications. This program can also be used as a Medicare Part D supplement by providing discounts on non-covered drugs and covering those in the donut hole.

It is reported by the Indiana Drug Card Program that the average cost savings is 30%-35% with some medications covered up to 75%. There are no enrollment forms or requirements to be eligible for this program. If you feel this card would be beneficial to your patients and you would like to display them in your facility you can contact Natalie Meyer at Natalie@indruqcard.com or (317) 650-7447 for more information.

Further details of the program can be found [here](#) and [here](#).

Especially for FQHCs

HRSA Issues Instructions on Health Center Budget Period Progress Report Requirements

The Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA), Bureau of Primary Health Care (BPHC) has released fiscal year 2013 Budget Period Progress Report (BPR) instructions, including frequently asked questions and a slide presentation. Health Center Program grantees that do not have a project period end date in FY 2013 (October 1, 2012 - September 30, 2013) are required to submit a BPR. Grantees will receive email notification from the HRSA Electronic Handbook (EHB) approximately three months prior to their submission deadline announcing the availability of the report for completion and can refer to Table 1 in the BPR instructions for the submission deadlines.

To view the instructions please click [here](#).

Free Annual Conference Registration Contest

Search through the digest (and links) for the answer to the question below. If your answer is correct, you will be entered into a drawing for a free 2012 Annual Conference registration. Email your answer to srotz@indianapca.org for a chance to win. The winning entry is non-transferable.

True or False: To qualify for PCIP in Indiana, you do not need to have a pre-existing condition.

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