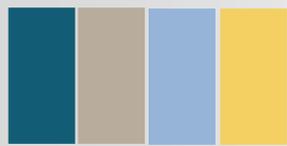




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Primary Care Shortage Area Scholarship

Did you know that Indiana provides funding for a Primary Care Scholarship Program for Marian

University and Indiana University primary care medical students? This program is managed by each school independently and can award each primary care medical student up to \$10,000 in funding toward their education. In exchange for this award the students are required to practice primary care in a primary care shortage area within the State of Indiana for a period of one year of service for each year in which the student received the scholarship. To find out more see the [Marian](#) and [Indiana](#) brochures.

Indiana Health Coverage Programs Expands Provider Types for the Presumptive Eligibility Process

Indiana Health Coverage Programs (IHCP) has expanded the provider types (Federally Qualified Health Centers, Rural Health Centers, Community Mental Health Centers and Local County Health Departments) to enroll as qualified providers (QPs) to make Presumptive Eligibility (PE) determinations for individuals in certain categories. This was outlined in IHCP Bulletin BT201514. The expansion is effective April 1, 2015. For additional information and details on how to enroll as a QP click [here](#).

Indiana J-1 Visa Waiver 2015 Cycle Update

Indiana has closed the 2015 Cycle of the J-1 Visa Waiver Program after receiving 30 applications by early February. This year Indiana had ten primary care applications, two less than the 2014 Cycle, despite allowing primary care three months of priority processing. Two of the primary care applications were from Community Health Centers. Including this year, Indiana has filled all thirty slots for six consecutive years. While nationwide data is not yet available for 2014 or 2015, based on 2013 data we are one of only six states in the country to fill all thirty slots every year from 2010 to 2013. The Texas Primary Care Office gathers the J-1 Visa Waiver data from each state and provides an annual report on the Conrad 30 Program across the nation. You can view the most recent report [here](#).

Indiana will begin accepting applications for the 2016 Cycle in September 2015. If you are interested in hiring a J-1 Provider now is the time to start looking! If you would like to post your open opportunities through IPHCA please contact Anna Curry at acurry@indianapca.org. For more information on the Indiana J-1 Visa Waiver Program please contact Natalie Morrison at nmorrison@indianapca.org.

NHSC Highlights



2015 NHSC Scholarship Application Now Open!

The 2015 [National Health Service Corps \(NHSC\) Scholarship Program](#) application cycle is now open and will close on May 7, 2015 at 7:30 PM ET. Please refer to the 2015 [Application and Program Guidance](#) for all of the program requirements.

2015 NHSC New Site Application Cycle Update

The 2015 Cycle for the NHSC New Site applications will open March 31, 2015. You can find eligibility information on the [NHSC website](#). The application is available until June 2, 2015 and can be initiated [here](#).

Trainings

4/9/15: Contract Training Live!

The second part of contract training takes you deeper into the world of contract negotiation with live training. This session will allow you to ask in depth questions and work through real world problems. Part 3 is a track in the annual conference.

4/10/15: FREE Smokefree Pregnancy Training April 10

What: A live and online training for health and human service professionals featuring national expert **Dr. Sharon Phelan** from the University of New Mexico School of Medicine and representatives from the **Indiana State Department of Health**.

When: Friday, April 10 from 8 AM CST/9 AM EST to 11 AM CST/12 PM EST

Where: *Three FREE ways to participate!*

[Click here to view location details and register.](#)

4/23/15: Indiana Perinatal Educators Conference

Ritz Charles, Carmel, Indiana
[Register Here!](#)

7/23/15: Assessment, Evaluation and Treatment of Tongue Ties

6 pm - 8:30 pm IU Health Methodist Hospital, Indianapolis. [REGISTER](#)
Dr. Ghaheer will present a fast track session geared towards physicians, lactation consultants and dentists.

2015 NNOHA Conference

Save the date! The 2015 NNOHA Conference, formerly known as the National Primary Oral Health Conference, will take place November 15-18, 2015 at the Indianapolis Marriott Downtown, Indianapolis.

NURSE Corps Scholarship Program 2015 Application Cycle Now Open!

The 2015 [NURSE Corps Scholarship Program](#) application cycle is now open and will close on May 21, 2015 at 7:30p.m. Eastern Time (ET). Please refer to the 2015 [Application and Program Guidance](#) for all of the program requirements.

This Program assists students completing their nursing education by paying tuition, fees, other education costs, while providing a monthly living stipend. The program is open to full-time or part-time nursing students accepted or enrolled in diploma, associate, baccalaureate or graduate nursing programs at accredited schools located in the U.S. Upon graduation, scholarship program members fulfill a service commitment at an eligible NURSE Corps site.

The NURSE Corps Scholarship Program continues to be competitive and applicants are encouraged to begin the application process early as on average it takes approximately 3 weeks to complete the application.

Applicants are encouraged to participate in two application technical assistance conference calls with program staff. Prior to the calls, applicants are also encouraged to view the [NURSE Corps Scholarship Technical Assistance Webinar](#) with more information on the application process and service requirements.

The Technical Assistance conference calls are available on the following dates:

NURSE Corps Scholarship Application Technical Assistance Conference Call #1 April 7, 2015 from 8:00 to 10:00 pm ET Dial-in Number: 1-800-779-8389 Passcode: 8645774



NURSE Corps Scholarship Application Technical Assistance Conference Call #2 May 16, 2015 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm ET Dial-in Number: 1- 800-779-8389 Passcode: 8645774

5/4/15-5/5/15 :

IPHCA Annual Conference

Two full days of education, motivation and fun! Our topics include Health Center Management, Outreach and Enrollment, Population Health, Capacity Building and Patient Flow just to name a few. [Register Here](#) or contact Jason Bundy at jbundy@indianapca.org



HIPAA: Back to the Future

By Roger Shindell, MS, CHPS*

In this article, Mr. Shindell provides the answers to two basic questions: "So what are the things that you need to know about HIPAA compliance? What or where should you start?" To find the answers, [click here](#).

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FQHCs Only:

New Process for Accreditation and Patient Centered Medical Home Recognition Initiative

The Bureau of Primary Health Care's [Program Assistance Letter 2015-02](#) describes the new process and requirements for applying for ambulatory health care accreditation and/or patient centered medical home (PCMH) recognition. Notable changes to the Accreditation and PCMH Recognition Initiative include:

Look-a-Likes are no longer eligible for financial support for accreditation or PCMH recognition

A new procedure for completing and submitting the NOI (Notice of Intent)

New Initiative email box: HRSABPHCAccreditPCMH@hrsa.gov

The NOI procedure has significantly changed as it is now completed on-line. It is highly recommended that the following be on-hand prior to accessing the NOI:

- Health center grant number or H80 number
- Full name and address of the health center and BHCNIS ID located in box 9 on Notice of Award (NoA)
- BPS site ID number, name and address of each site applying for recognition
- Name of your HRSA project officer
- Alternate contact person and contact information for the recognition process

The NOI can be accessed at <https://hcp.hrsa.gov/pcmhnoi/NOI.aspx>. If you have additional questions, please contact the BPHC Helpline 1-877-974-2742

While participation in the Initiative is voluntary, the BPHC has as a goal 100% participation in one of the accreditation/recognition programs and they are again providing base adjustment funding for the health centers that have achieved PCMH by July 1, 2015.

If you have specific questions on the different PCMH accreditation/recognition programs, please contact Carla Chance at the Indiana Primary Health Care Association at cchance@indianapca.org or 317-630-0845, ext. 111.

