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Virtual CHAMPS Awards Ceremony & Annual CHAMPS Board of Directors Meeting

Each year, CHAMPS recognizes and celebrates exceptional health centers, as well as outstanding staff and board members from health centers and related organizations across Region VIII, through its annual awards program. These awards honor individuals and organizations that have made exceptional contributions to the Community Health Center Movement through their leadership and dedication to the health center mission.

The virtual ceremony recognizing 2025 CHAMPS Awardees will take place on Wednesday, December 10, 2025, beginning at 9:00 AM MT / 10:00 AM CT. Join us to honor and learn more about:

- ★ A board chair whose vision and determination brought essential healthcare services to an underserved community.
- ★ A chief executive officer admired for inspiring innovation and leading with steady resolve.
- ★ A chief executive officer and health center founder recognized for decades of visionary leadership and lasting community impact.
- ★ A chief executive officer who champions health centers by building meaningful relationships with elected officials.
- ★ A clinical director dedicated to operational excellence that strengthens patient care.
- ★ A dental director passionate about expanding access to care and growing the oral health workforce.
- ★ A health center inspiring future healthcare professionals through an innovative workforce program.
- ★ A program director who fosters collaboration to advance inclusion of underrepresented communities.

The annual CHAMPS Board of Directors meeting will be held after the ceremony, beginning at 10:00 AM MT / 11:00 AM CT. If you are a Board member and unable to attend, please arrange for proxy representation.

Questions about the 2025 CHAMPS Awards Ceremony? Visit the [CHAMPS Awards](#) webpage or contact the CHAMPS [Workforce Development & Member Services Director](#).

Questions about the CHAMPS Board of Directors meeting? Contact the CHAMPS [Executive Director](#).

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2025 Fall Primary Care Conference Highlights



The [2025 NWRPCA/CHAMPS Fall Primary Care Conference](#), held October 25–28 in Spokane, WA, brought together more than 300 attendees from across Region 18 (Regions VIII and X) and the nation, including members, partners, presenters, and exhibitors. Featuring two receptions, three plenaries, six roundtable events, 46 educational sessions in eight tracks, numerous side meetings, and a health center tour, the Fall Conference offered a multitude of opportunities for attendees to gain insights from a variety of colleagues from health centers, Primary Care Associations, and related organizations in Regions VIII and X and beyond.

The Opening Plenary on October 25 featured presentations by Amanda Pears Kelly, Chief Executive Officer of the [Association of Clinicians for the Underserved](#), and Richard Harris, Fractional Chief Artificial Intelligence Officer. Following the plenary, attendees connected with colleagues during the Welcome Reception.

On October 27, the Lunch Plenary included federal updates from Diana Erani, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of the [National Association of Community Health Centers](#) (NACHC) and Nick Widmyer, NACHC's Director of Federal Affairs.

On the final day of the conference, October 28, Amanda Laramie, Chief Operating Officer of [Coleman Associates](#), spoke about the foundation and future of health centers during the Closing Plenary. That afternoon, several attendees toured the [Community Health Association of Spokane's](#) (CHAS Health) Maple Street Clinic and its Learning Institute and enjoyed some sightseeing around Spokane.

Overall, the 2025 NWRPCA/CHAMPS Fall Primary Care Conference was a great success. Thank you to all of the participants, presenters, and planning committee members for making this event so special!

To view additional highlights from the 2025 event, please visit the CHAMPS [Annual Primary Care Conference](#) webpage. Session recordings and handouts will be available to all 2025 conference registrants in the NWRPCA [Learning Vault](#) in the coming months.

The **2026 CHAMPS/NWRPCA Fall Primary Care Conference** will take place October 24–27 in Salt Lake City, UT.

More information will be available on the CHAMPS [Annual Primary Care Conference](#) webpage in the spring of 2026.

Now Available: 2024 Region VIII UDS Summary & Fact Sheet

Region VIII Health Centers Served Over 1,115,000 Patients in 2024.

Each year, the [Bureau of Primary Health Care](#) (BPHC) collects data from Health Center Program awardees and Look-Alikes through the Uniform Data System (UDS). State and national figures for 2024 were released in August 2025. CHAMPS compiles the awardee data from the Region VIII states to create a regional summarized history of UDS information that highlights trends over two, three, and five years, and offers detailed breakdowns of data by state, Region VIII, and the nation for the current year.

The [2024 Region VIII BPHC UDS Summary](#) is now available, along with the two-page [2024 Region VIII Health Center Fact Sheet](#), which highlights key findings from the larger summary.

Visit the CHAMPS [Region VIII BPHC UDS Summaries, Fact Sheets, and Infographics](#) webpage to access current and past UDS-related resources for Region VIII.

CHAMPS/RMPHTC Leadership Program

CHAMPS and [Rocky Mountain Public Health Training Center](#) (RMPHTC) are pleased to share that the application process is now open for the [CHAMPS/RMPHTC Leadership Program: A Collaboration with Coleman Associates' High Impact Management System](#).

Designed by [Coleman Associates](#), this virtual program helps develop leaders and strengthen teams. It begins with a self-assessment to evaluate both individual leadership skills and organizational performance across five key areas. Next, participants will attend a tailored four-hour virtual Kick-off Training Day on Thursday, January 29, 2026, where they will explore practical tools and build a solid foundation for the program. From February through May 2026, members of the cohort will join Coleman Associates' national Group Cohort Calls to share progress, celebrate wins, tackle challenges, and apply their learning to real-world leadership scenarios. To deepen learning, participants will complete short weekly assignments that reinforce key concepts and help them apply new skills into their daily work. The program concludes with a 90-minute virtual Capstone Session on Thursday, June 18, 2026, designed specifically for CHAMPS/RMPHTC attendees. In this final session, the group will reflect on their growth, discuss key takeaways, and set actionable next steps to sustain their momentum.

CHAMPS and RMPHTC are trying to build a balanced cohort comprised of community health and public health leaders in Region VIII who have strategic responsibilities within their organizations. Applications for this training are open through Friday, December 12, 2025, or until the cohort has reached capacity.

To learn more and apply, please visit the CHAMPS [Leadership Learning Opportunities](#) webpage.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT NEWS

Encouraging successful careers and strong, cutting-edge organizations by providing live and archived continuing education, recruitment, and retention tools, and the latest information on current trends and statistics. Learn more [here](#).

Now Available: 2024 UDS Workforce Metrics Infographic

As part of the [Bureau of Primary Health Care's](#) (BPHC) annual Uniform Data System (UDS) reporting, Health Center Program awardees and Look-Alikes submit workforce data on health professions education and training (HP-ET) programs. In September 2025, CHAMPS published the [2024 UDS Workforce Metrics Infographic](#), which explores HP-ET efforts regionally and nationally.

In 2024, 89.47% of Region VIII health center awardees had HP-ET programs, compared with 84.11% of health centers nationwide. Among Region VIII organizations with HP-ET programs, 33.33% were classified as sponsor sites, meaning they host a comprehensive HP-ET program. The most commonly trained professions within each discipline were registered nurses (medical), dentists (dental), clinical social workers (mental health and SUD), and pharmacists (other professionals). The 2024 infographic includes a new section highlighting the types of individuals trained, distinguishing between those who received pre- or post-graduate training. In Region VIII, 82.22% of individuals received pre-graduate training, while 17.87% completed post-graduate training.

Visit the CHAMPS [Region VIII BPHC UDS Summaries, Fact Sheets, and Infographics](#) webpage to access current and past UDS-related resources for Region VIII.

Is your Region VIII health center or Primary Care Association (PCA) hiring?

Post your open positions on the free CHAMPS [Job Opportunities Bank \(JOB\)](#).
To post an opening or update a current position, please contact the CHAMPS [Programs Coordinator, Health Center Workforce](#).

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT NEWS, *Continued*

Save the Dates: CHAMPS 2026 Beyond CORE Competencies Training

CHAMPS is excited to share the dates for the [2026 Beyond CORE Competencies: Next Level Skills for Health Center Supervisors and Managers](#) (Next Level Skills) training. This virtual course will take place over five Wednesday mornings, from April 8 to May 6, 2026. Next Level Skills is a dynamic, hands-on, and highly interactive program designed for health center leaders to explore the best practices, knowledge, and skills needed to be a great manager or supervisor. It begins with a review of the crucial skills needed to hire, coach, retain, and manage others. The program then advances to more complex topics, such as resolving conflict, strengthening decision-making, and managing change effectively. Next Level Skills is intended for both those who have completed the CHAMPS CORE Competencies for Health Center Supervisors and Managers training and those looking to build or strengthen higher-level management skills. Registration is expected to open in January 2026, and some scholarships will be available.

For more information, please visit the CHAMPS [Leadership Learning Opportunities](#) webpage.

Now Available: 2025 Region VIII Salary, Benefits, & Turnover Survey Report



CHAMPS is pleased to announce that the 2025 Abbreviated Region VIII Health Center Salary, Benefits, & Turnover Survey Report is now available. This year, 44 Region VIII health centers, representing 70% of the region, submitted data for over 3,800 employees in 16 hard to recruit/retain positions and provided 2024 turnover data for all staff through the [Abbreviated Region VIII Health Center Salary, Benefits, & Turnover Survey](#). The report provides up-to-date compensation and tenure information for this limited group of titles along with turnover rates for all health center staff.

In October 2025, an electronic version of the report was made available to all [CHAMPS Organizational Members](#) as well as non-member organizations that participated in the survey. Electronic copies of CHAMPS Region VIII salary survey reports from prior years are also available in the [Members Only](#) section of the CHAMPS website (Organizational Membership credentials required).

Printed copies of the report were mailed to the same groups in November 2025. Any nonprofits interested in ordering additional copies can download and complete the [2025 Abbreviated Region VIII Health Center Salary, Benefits, & Turnover Survey Report Order Form](#). Anyone utilizing the report is encouraged to [evaluate the publication](#) to guide how CHAMPS designs future surveys and reports to best meet the needs of Region VIII health centers.

On November 6, 2025, CHAMPS hosted a free related webinar titled, [Region VIII Health Center Workforce Data: Understanding and Utilizing Statistics from the 2025 CHAMPS Abbreviated Salary, Benefits, & Turnover Survey Project](#). This event explained the history and methodology of the survey, overviewed what is included in the report, and highlighted key findings. A recording of this webinar and the session materials are available to view for free on the [Online Archived CHAMPS Distance Learning Events](#) webpage.

Visit the [CHAMPS Publications](#) webpage for additional details about the survey. Questions? Contact the CHAMPS [Workforce Development & Member Services Director](#).

Stay Up to Date on All Things Region VIII – Sign Up for CHAMPS Communications

[Healthy Communities Communiqué](#) [Monthly JOB Email](#) [MPCN Minute](#) [Quarterly Newsletter](#) [Workforce Focus](#)

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT NEWS, *Continued*

Recording Available: Managing & Supporting Staff in Uncertain Times Webinar

In September 2025, CHAMPS, in collaboration with [Colorado Community Health Network](#) (CCHN), co-hosted a free webinar titled, [Managing & Supporting Staff in Uncertain Times](#). Presenter Shana Montrose, Strategic Planner at [Confluent Consulting](#), discussed strategic planning during times of upheaval, with an emphasis on managing staff. Participants explored change management concepts and practical techniques, reviewed tools to strengthen operational effectiveness amid uncertainty and constrained resources and learned tactics to support mission-driven staff while preparing for potential workforce reductions. For interested individuals who were unable to attend the live event, a recording of the presentation and the session handouts are available to view for free on the [Online Archived CHAMPS Distance Learning Events](#) webpage.

For additional related resources, please visit the CHAMPS [Resiliency Resources](#) webpage.

The Consortium for Advanced Practice Providers 2026 Annual Conference

Submitted by Meaghan Angers, National Training and Technical Assistance Partners on Clinical Workforce Development

The [Consortium for Advanced Practice Providers](#) (CAPP), an affiliate of the Moses/Weitzman Health System (MWHS), will hold its 2026 Annual Conference in Denver, CO on July 13–14, 2026.

CAPP is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to supporting advanced practice provider (APP) postgraduate training programs through accreditation, education, membership, and advocacy. Its mission is to strengthen health care and education by expanding access to skilled providers through rigorous postgraduate training and program support for nurse practitioners (NPs) and physician associates/assistants (PAs). The organization's work is increasingly relevant as the U.S. continues to experience physician shortages and a growing reliance on APPs. According to 2024 data from the American Association of Nurse Practitioners (AANP) and the American Academy of Physician Associates (AAPA), there are currently more than 553,000 APPs in the United States—385,000 NPs and 168,300 PAs—who contribute significantly to patient access, quality of care, and system efficiency.

The 2026 conference in Denver is expected to bring together over 250 participants, including program leaders, educators, health system executives, policymakers, and APP trainees. The event will provide a forum for dialogue on emerging best practices in postgraduate training, strategies for program development and sustainability, and discussions on policy and workforce trends shaping the future of advanced practice education.

Additional details about the conference and CAPP's initiatives are available on CAPP's [website](#).

HP-ET Resource: Partnering with Academic Institutions to Develop Service Learning Programs: Strategies for Community Health Centers

Partnerships between academic institutions and health centers can be a useful strategy to enhance recruitment and retention of oral health professionals.

This publication, created by the [National Network for Oral Health Access](#) (NNOHA), includes recommendations, strategies, and promising practices from health centers that have partnerships with dental education programs.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT NEWS, *Continued*

NTTAP on Clinical Workforce Development Information

Submitted by Meaghan Angers, National Training and Technical Assistance Partners on Clinical Workforce Development



Community Health Center, Inc. (CHCI) is proud to serve as the National Training and Technical Assistance Partners (NTTAP) on Clinical Workforce Development, funded by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). Through the NTTAP, CHCI supports federally funded health centers and Look-Alikes nationwide with free training and technical assistance (T/TA).

The T/TA offerings are multi-dimensional to engage learners regardless of knowledge, expertise, or readiness. These offerings include webinars, activity sessions, communities of practice, trainings, and publications. Key areas of focus include transforming teams, training the next generation, preparedness for emergencies, and HIV prevention.

To explore free resources and stay informed about upcoming opportunities, visit NTTAP's [webpage](#). To discover additional resources from all 22 HRSA-funded NTTAPs, visit the [Health Center Resource Clearinghouse](#).

MOUNTAIN/PLAINS CLINICAL NETWORK (MPCN) NEWS

Providing professional, administrative, and educational support to all clinicians who practice in Community Health Centers in Region VIII to ensure the delivery of the highest possible quality of care. Learn more [here](#).

Upcoming Webinar from CHAMPS & NCECE

Registration is now open for a free upcoming webinar, [Using Age-Friendly Practices to Improve Care for Older Adults](#). CHAMPS created this event in partnership with the [National Center for Equitable Care for Elders](#) (NCECE).

Older adults are the fastest-growing patient population served by health centers, underscoring the need for integrated care approaches that address the complex medical, social, and economic challenges they may experience later in life. During this event, Arielle Mather, MPH, Senior Program Manager at NCECE, will discuss how age-friendly approaches can enhance care quality and outcomes for older patients and share practical strategies for incorporating these principles into daily practice.

The free webinar will take place on Thursday, January 15, 2026, from 12:00-1:00 PM MT / 1:00-2:00 PM CT and is open to all Region VIII health center staff. Advanced registration is required to attend.

Visit the CHAMPS [Upcoming Live Distance Learning Events](#) webpage for more information and to register.

Updated CHAMPS Patient Education Tools

The CHAMPS Mountain/Plains Clinical Network Steering Committee recently updated several CHAMPS Patient Education Tools for:

[Disordered Eating](#) | [Menopause](#) | [Physical Activity](#) | [PMS](#) | [Relaxation](#)

Updated Spanish versions of these tools will be available soon.

CHAMPS Region VIII Maternal Health Summit

Maternal health remains a key federal priority, with many community, state, and federal partners across Region VIII engaging in a range of initiatives to improve maternal health outcomes. In January 2026, CHAMPS will host a virtual convening of health center and maternal health experts to promote cross-program collaboration and share evidence-based models and promising practices to support improved maternal health.

The free virtual [Region VIII Maternal Health Summit](#) will take place on Thursday, January 22, 2026 from 9:00 AM-1:45 PM MT / 10:00 AM-2:45 PM CT. Five 45-minute sessions will be offered throughout the day, with each session beginning on the hour.

- ★ **Session One** – Region VIII Maternal Health Landscape: Setting the Stage for Change
Time: 9:00 AM MT / 10:00 AM CT
Speakers: Sharon Talboys, PhD, MPH, and Shahpar Najmabadi, PhD, MPH, MS, [University of Utah](#)
- ★ **Session Two** – Perinatal Mental Health: From Maternal Mortality to Meaningful Support
Time: 10:00 AM MT / 11:00 AM CT
Speakers: Robin Landwehr DBH, LPCC, [Spectra Health](#), and Marcella Smid, MD, [Substance Use & Pregnancy – Recovery, Addiction, and Dependence Clinic](#)
- ★ **Session Three** – Primary Care and Public Health Collaboration: Integrating Title V and Community Partnerships
Time: 11:00 AM MT / 12:00 PM CT
Speakers: Darcie Lee, RN, [Horizon Health](#), and more
- ★ **Session Four** – Strengthening the Foundation: Innovations in OB Care and Workforce Development
Time: 12:00 PM MT / 1:00 PM CT
Speakers: More information coming soon.
- ★ **Session Five** – Closing Keynote: From Insights to Action
Time: 1:00 PM MT / 2:00 PM CT
Speaker: Danielle Pendergras, DNP, APRN, WHNP-BC, [Eastern Utah Women’s Health](#)

Health center clinical and enabling service staff, state and local health officials, and individuals from maternal health community organizations are encouraged to attend. Pre-registration for this free virtual event is required. Interested individuals may register for single sessions or the whole day.

Visit the CHAMPS [Region VIII Maternal Health Summit](#) webpage for further details and to register.

Recordings Available: Identifying & Responding to IPV & HT Virtual Series

Throughout 2025, CHAMPS hosted the free, four-part [Identifying & Responding to Intimate Partner Violence \(IPV\) & Human Trafficking \(HT\): A Comprehensive Approach for Healthcare Professionals](#) virtual series.

The events were designed for health center staff interested in enhancing their ability to identify and respond to IPV and HT, improving organizational practices, and achieving continuity of care.

Recordings and materials from the sessions are available to view for free through September 2026 on the [Online Archived CHAMPS Distance Learning Events](#) webpage.

Save the Dates: CHAMPS Spanish Language Trainings



CHAMPS invites you to save the dates for five courses offered as part of the CHAMPS [Spanish Language Trainings for Healthcare Providers](#), all to be held online throughout April 2026. Led by [Ríos Associates](#), these intensive and conversational trainings consist of medical vocabulary, mock patient dialogues, cross-cultural discussions, and daily practice. Designed for clinicians and clinical support staff at Region VIII health centers, the courses offer an immersive experience ideal for those with limited time who need to immediately apply their new skills with Spanish-speaking patients. Classes will be held online in the morning each day with extra practice offered each afternoon. Registration for all five courses will open in January 2026.

The traditional [Medical Spanish Language for Providers](#) course will take place over four half-days: Thursday, April 9; Friday, April 10; Thursday, April 16; and Friday, April 17, 2026. This course is intended for physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and other medical personnel. Beginner and intermediate skill levels will be offered, with separate virtual classrooms for each level.

CHAMPS will also host four courses that will be held over two half-days each:

[Spanish Language for Oral Health Providers](#) will take place on Monday, April 6 and Tuesday, April 7, 2026. This course is designed for dentists, orthodontists, dental hygienists, and other clinical dental personnel with beginner Spanish language skills.

[Spanish Language for Behavioral Health Providers](#) will be offered on Monday, April 13 and Tuesday, April 14, 2026. This course is intended for psychologists, psychiatrists, mental health counselors, social workers, addiction counselors, and other behavioral health personnel with intermediate to advanced Spanish language skills. Behavioral health providers with beginner Spanish language skills are invited to attend the traditional four-day course.

[Medical Spanish Language for Advanced Speakers](#) will take place on Monday, April 20 and Tuesday, April 21, 2026. This course is geared towards physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and other clinical staff with advanced Spanish language skills.

[Medical Spanish Language for Medical Assistants](#) will be offered on Thursday, April 23 and Friday, April 24, 2026. This course is designed for medical assistants and other clinical support staff with beginner Spanish language skills. Medical assistants with advanced Spanish language skills are invited to attend the Medical Spanish Language for Advanced Speakers course.

For more details, please visit the CHAMPS [Spanish Language Trainings for Healthcare Providers](#) webpage.

HEALTHY COMMUNITIES NEWS

Assisting Region VIII health centers and Primary Care Associations in pursuing healthy communities by addressing health-related risk factors and building community partnerships.

Upcoming Learning Opportunity from HOP

Submitted by Jing Murray, Health Outreach Partners

Join [Health Outreach Partners](#) (HOP) for a free webinar, [Pesticide Exposure & Environmental Health of Agricultural Workers](#). During this event, participants will learn how pesticide exposure impacts pregnant agricultural workers and their children, explore health risks and real-world protective strategies, and discover tools, resources, and support systems to safeguard worker and family health. This webinar will take place on Thursday, December 11, 2025, beginning at 12:00 PM MT / 1:00 PM CT.

Visit HOP's [event](#) webpage for more information and to register.

HEALTHY COMMUNITIES NEWS, *Continued*

CHAMPS Health Care for the Homeless Collaborative

CHAMPS is set to host its [Health Care for the Homeless Collaborative](#), a free, four-part virtual series designed for Region VIII health center staff who serve people experiencing homelessness, as well as key Primary Care Association contacts. This collaborative offers participants an opportunity to hear from experts in the field, discuss challenges, share promising practices, and help identify future training needs.

The first session of the series took place on November 19, 2025. Meghan Fry, CMHC, Behavioral Health Director, and Louie Krolak, MA, Behavioral Health Clinical Coordinator from [Fourth Street Clinic](#) discussed their health center's behavioral health services for the unhoused community. For those unable to attend, a recording of the session is available on the [Online Archived CHAMPS Distance Learning Events](#) webpage.

The next three sessions of the series will be held online from 12:00-1:00 PM MT / 1:00-2:00 PM CT on the following Wednesdays, each focusing on a specific topic:

- ★ **December 17, 2025** – Incorporating Health Management Strategies
Presented by: Kate Gleason-Bachman, RN, BSN, MPH, Senior Nurse Manager from [National Health Care for the Homeless Council](#)
- ★ **January 21, 2026** – Models of Care
Presented by: Katie League, LCSW-C, Behavioral Health Manager from [National Health Care for the Homeless Council](#) and Shawn Marzan, BSN, RN, Street Medicine and Community Outreach Program Manager from [STRIDE Community Health Center](#)
- ★ **February 18, 2026** – More details coming soon.

Advanced registration is required to attend this free series. Registrants are welcome to join as many sessions as they are able.

To learn more and register, please visit the CHAMPS [Upcoming Live Distance Learning Events](#) webpage.

2026 Health Insurance Open Enrollment Begins

The Open Enrollment Period for 2026 began on November 1, 2025, and will continue through January 15, 2026. Individuals in Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming can use the [Federally Facilitated Marketplace](#) to enroll in coverage, while those in Colorado can use the State-Based Marketplace, [Connect for Health Colorado](#). Consumers who experience certain qualifying life events may be able to obtain Marketplace coverage outside of Open Enrollment through a Special Enrollment Period. Individuals can apply for free or low-cost coverage through [Medicaid](#) or the [Children's Health Insurance Program](#) (CHIP) at any time.

Federal Marketplace Dates (MT, ND, SD, UT, WY)

[Federally Facilitated Marketplace](#)

- ★ **November 1:** Open Enrollment begins for health coverage for the next plan year.
- ★ **December 15:** Last day to enroll or change plans for coverage to start January 1, 2026.
- ★ **January 1:** Coverage starts for those who enrolled or changed plans by December 15, 2025 and paid their first premium.
- ★ **January 15:** Open Enrollment ends – last day to enroll or change health plans.
- ★ **February 1:** Coverage starts for those who enrolled or changed plans between December 16, 2025 and January 15, 2026, and paid their first premium.

State-Based Marketplace Dates (CO)

[Connect for Health Colorado](#)

Open Enrollment began on **November 1, 2025** and will end on **January 15, 2026**.

Financial assistance for marketplace premiums is available to a wide range of Coloradans, with the amount based on income, household size, and other eligibility criteria.

HEALTHY COMMUNITIES NEWS, *Continued*

CHAMPS Health Insurance Outreach & Enrollment Resources

The CHAMPS website offers a range of online resources within its Cross-Disciplinary section, including dedicated webpages on health insurance outreach and enrollment. Explore the following webpages for:

- ★ [Health Insurance Literacy](#): This webpage provides resources designed to improve understanding of health insurance coverage and how to use it effectively, including materials related to health and preventive care literacy, private health insurance, Medicaid, and the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP).
- ★ [Health Insurance Marketplaces](#): This webpage offers an overview of Colorado’s State-Based Marketplace, details about Healthcare.gov and the Federally Facilitated Marketplace, general Marketplace information, and resources to help consumers understand their coverage options.
- ★ [Outreach & Enrollment Tips & Tools](#): This webpage features a variety of materials to strengthen outreach and enrollment efforts, including tools and guidance related to Marketplace and Medicaid enrollment, renewals, tax filing, and post-Open Enrollment strategies.

REGIONAL & NATIONAL NEWS

HRSA Health Center Performance Improvement Toolkit Updates

The [Health Resources and Services Administration](#) (HRSA) recently released an updated version of its [Health Center Performance Improvement Toolkit](#). The toolkit is designed to help health centers assess their performance across seven domains, describe future goals, and identify strategies to achieve and sustain improvement. It includes a [Quick Reference Guide to the Framework](#) and a [Guide to Self-Assessment](#), as well as [Self-Assessment Tools](#) that health centers can use to guide strategic planning, enhance quality improvement efforts, and prepare for grant applications. By equipping health centers with the resources and guidance needed to evaluate and improve their performance, the toolkit aims to foster innovation, enhance patient care, and improve health outcomes for underserved populations.

To learn more, please visit HRSA’s [Health Center Performance Improvement Toolkit](#) webpage.

HRSA Listening Sessions on FTCA

Join the [Health Resources and Services Administration](#) (HRSA) for a virtual Federal Tort Claims Act (FTCA) Deeming Process Listening Session. HRSA would like to hear directly from health centers about the annual deeming process, with the goal of identifying possible areas to ease administrative burden. Attendees will have the opportunity to provide anonymous feedback and share ideas related to the FTCA deeming application process. These sessions are intended for any health center staff participating in FTCA deeming procedures at their organization. HRSA will host two virtual listening sessions, and both will cover the same topics. The first will be held on Wednesday, December 10, 2025, from 1:00-2:00 PM MT / 2:00-3:00 PM CT. The second session will take place on Thursday, December 11, 2025, from 10:00-11:00 AM MT / 11:00 AM-12:00 PM CT.

*To register, visit the event webpage for your preferred session:
[Wednesday, December 10](#) or [Thursday, December 11](#).*

Value-Based Care Resource: [FQHC Value-Based Payment Basics](#)

Developed by the [HITEQ Center](#), this 25-minute module provides an overview of how FQHCs are paid and how the prospective payment system is evolving. It also reviews the spectrum of value-based payment arrangements and the important role of patient attribution.

REGIONAL & NATIONAL NEWS, *Continued*

HRSA 340B Rebate Model Pilot Program Updates

On July 31, 2025, the [Health Resources and Services Administration](#) (HRSA) announced the launch of the 340B Rebate Model Pilot Program for drugs included on the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' (CMS) [Medicare Drug Price Negotiation Selected Drug List](#) for 2026. The pilot was opened to qualifying manufacturers that met specific criteria, with participation lasting a minimum of one year.

On October 30, 2025, HRSA announced that it had approved eight manufacturers' plans for participation in the pilot, with plans taking effect on January 1, 2026. These eight manufacturers account for nine of the ten drugs eligible for inclusion under the program. The pilot applies to all 340B covered entity types, including Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs). Under this new model, covered entities will initially purchase the selected drugs at the wholesale acquisition cost (WAC) rather than the traditional 340B discounted price. They will then submit data through [Beacon](#), the web-based platform HRSA selected to manage the rebate process. Once the required data is submitted and verified, the manufacturer will issue a rebate payment to the covered entity, effectively reducing the net cost of the drug to the 340B ceiling price.

Beacon has published a [Frequently Asked Questions](#) webpage about the rebate model and will host several support sessions and training opportunities. The [National Association of Community Health Centers](#) (NACHC) is also set to host a 340B Office Hours virtual event on Thursday, December 11, 2025 to discuss key updates related to the rebate model. This session will begin at 1:00 PM MT / 2:00 PM CT.

*Visit Beacon's [Support Calendar](#) webpage for more information on Beacon's upcoming events.
To register for NACHC's 340B Office Hours, please visit NACHC's [event](#) webpage.
For further details, please visit HRSA's [340B Rebate Model Pilot Program](#) webpage.*

Updates on HRSA's Transition to GrantSolutions

The [Health Resources and Services Administration](#) (HRSA) recently announced a delay in its transition to GrantSolutions to ensure a smooth and effective transition for all users.

HRSA also released the following updated guidance:

- ★ If your award is already in GrantSolutions, it will remain there.
- ★ All other active programs will be transitioned to GrantSolutions in a phased approach beginning now through calendar year 2026. You will receive advanced notice before your program is transitioned.
- ★ Until your program moves to GrantSolutions, continue to submit prior approval requests and other grant activities through the Electronic Handbooks (EHBs).
- ★ When your program moves, your grant recipient account will be set up in GrantSolutions.
- ★ HRSA will provide training and share updates as the transition dates are scheduled.

For questions, please contact GSQuestions@hrsa.gov.

Revised Definition for Rural Health Grants

On September 11, 2025, the Health Resources and Services Administration's (HRSA) [Federal Office of Rural Health Policy](#) (FORHP) updated the definition of "rural" in the Rural Health Grants Eligibility Analyzer to incorporate the latest Census Bureau data on rural areas. The Rural Health Grants Eligibility Analyzer is used to define rural areas so that organizations can apply for HRSA's rural health grants. Newly added rural areas are effective immediately. Areas that have been reclassified as metropolitan will be carried over for one year for the purposes of FORHP rural health grant applications. This update will not disrupt or change any existing FORHP awards.

For more information, please visit HRSA's [How We Define Rural](#) webpage.

REGIONAL & NATIONAL NEWS, *Continued*

NACHC's *Building Care With You* Campaign



In October 2025, the [National Association of Community Health Centers](#) (NACHC) launched its [Building Care With You](#) campaign. Through storytelling, consistent branding, and shared messaging, this national initiative aims to amplify the vital role health centers play in improving health outcomes, expanding access to care, and strengthening communities. Designed to be used by and for every health center, the campaign is offered at no cost and requires minimal effort to implement. NACHC has developed a comprehensive Brand Toolkit, which includes ready-to-use logos, social media templates and sample posts, printable posters, press release templates, and adaptable messaging for the "About Us" section of health center websites.

Visit NACHC's [Building Care With You](#) webpage for more information and to explore available resources.

Health Center Emergency Preparedness & Response Forum Webinar Series

Submitted by Jing Murray, Health Outreach Partners

As new emergency events impact health centers, staff need to build their competence, skills, and knowledge on emergency preparedness, response, and recovery. The four-part [Health Center Emergency Preparedness & Response Forum](#) webinar series will identify, share, and promote promising practices while highlighting and addressing challenges related to the ongoing response and recovery from emergencies.

The final three sessions of the series be held online from 12:00-1:00 PM MT / 1:00-2:00 PM CT on the following Wednesdays. Each session will focus on a specific topic:

- ★ **January 14, 2026** – Community Partnerships
- ★ **March 11, 2026** – Workforce Readiness
- ★ **May 13, 2026** – Patient Supports

To learn more and register, please visit this [event](#) webpage.

Emergency Preparedness Resource: [Health Center Communications Plan Template](#)

This document, created by the [National Nurse-Led Care Consortium](#), can be used as a guide for the development of a health center Communications Plan and can be maintained as an annex to an organization's Emergency Operations Plan.

Region VIII in the News

- ★ Coal Country Community Health Center: [Community health workers bridge the gap in rural health care](#) (*KNOX News, October 2025*)
- ★ Greater Valley Health Center: [Greater Valley Health Center opens new centralized clinic](#) (*Daily Inter Lake, October 2025*)
- ★ HealthWorks: [Laramie County awards \\$500K in opioid funds to HealthWorks](#) (*Cap City News, October 2025*)
- ★ PrimeHealth+: [An inside look at PrimeHealth+, formerly MarillacHealth](#) (*The Daily Sentinel, September 2025*)
- ★ Tepeyac Community Health Center: [Tepeyac Community Health in Colorado builds talent to fill healthcare workforce needs](#) (*CBS News, September 2025*)

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 2025

[BPHC Program Updates](#)

December 2

[NACHC Federal Action Support Team \(F.A.S.T.\) Call](#)

December 3

[NCFH Agricultural Worker Health Fall Symposium](#)

December 3-5; Phoenix, AZ

[2025 CHAMPS Awards Ceremony](#)

December 10

[CHAMPS Annual Board of Directors Meeting](#)

December 10

[HRSA FTCA Deeming Process Listening Session, Session One](#)

December 10

[HRSA FTCA Deeming Process Listening Session, Session Two](#)

December 11

[CCHN Virtual Triannual Meeting](#)

December 11

[CHAMPS Health Care for the Homeless Collaborative, Session Two](#)

December 17

January 2026

[CHAMPS/NCECE Using Age-Friendly Practices to Improve Care for Older Adults Webinar](#)

January 15

[CHAMPS Health Care for the Homeless Collaborative, Session Three](#)

January 21

[CHAMPS/RMPHTC Leadership Program Kick-Off Virtual Event](#)

January 29

February 2026

[NACHC Policy & Issues Forum](#)

February 9-12; Washington, D.C.

[CHAMPS Health Care for the Homeless Collaborative, Session Four](#)

February 18

Looking Ahead

[CHAMPS Two-Day Spanish Language for Oral Health Providers](#)

April 6-7, 2026

[CHAMPS Beyond CORE Competencies: Next Level Skills for Health Center Supervisors & Managers Training](#)

April 8, 15, 22, 29 & May 6, 2026

[CHAMPS Four-Day Medical Spanish Language for Providers](#)

April 9-10 & 16-17, 2026

[CHAMPS Two-Day Spanish Language for Behavioral Health Providers](#)

April 13-14, 2026

[CHAMPS Two-Day Medical Spanish Language for Advanced Speakers](#)

April 20-21, 2026

[CHAMPS Two-Day Medical Spanish Language for Medical Assistants](#)

April 23-24, 2026

[National Council for Mental Wellbeing NatCon](#)

April 27-29, 2026; Denver, CO

[NACHC Workforce Conference](#)

April 28-29, 2026; Las Vegas, NV

[NHCHC Policy & Symposium](#)

June 8-11, 2026; Orlando, FL

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