



CARE SERVICES UPDATE



Dear Administrative Agency (AA) and Planning staff, see below for important announcements:

- 1) New Texas HIV ECHO Program Extension
- 2) Family Code Provision Clarification
- 3) Telehealth Crossroads Conference
- 4) Digital Health Corner Spotlight
- 5) Texas-Louisiana Telehealth Resource Center

Programmatic News Flash

1. New HIV Extension for Community Health Outcomes (ECHO) Program in Texas

- What is ECHO? ECHO increases workforce capacity, to provide high-quality care in urban and non-urban care settings by the use of teleconferencing technology, (Zoom)
- UT Health San Antonio's ECHO follows an established model of guided clinical practice that improves medical education and clinical practice
- The UT Health's ECHO sessions bring together, providers, healthcare workers and case managers to learn from each other with actual client cases on HIV care
- For more information, please go to: UTHSCA.EDU/ECHO Or Andrea Rochat, [Rochat, Rochat, RochatA@uthscsa.edu](mailto:RochatA@uthscsa.edu), Phone: 210.562.5554

2. Family Code Provision Clarification

- There was recently a request for clarification from the field, regarding whether there needs to be parental consent for an eligible minor to receive RW services. Please see the question and DSHS' answer below:

Question: "We had scheduled both mom and son but, mom stated she has no time to bring him to sign forms. Do forms (approval to receive services, client rights and responsibilities, eligibility, etc) have to be signed by both parent and son since he is 16 years of age or can he sign on his own?"

Answer: the minor should be able to sign these forms himself under the Family Code provisions. A child can consent to treatment for an infectious, contagious or communicable disease. [Click here](#) to read more about the Family Code Provision

Clinical News Flash

3. Telehealth Crossroads Conference (May 23-24)

Network with key telehealth champions while learning useful information about the following and more:

- Opioid/SUD policy
- Regional telehealth policy
- Payer telehealth initiatives
- Telehealth funding resources

For more information, please visit: www.crossroadsconference.us

4. Digital Health Corner Spotlight: Dr. Ogechika Alozie

- Dr. Alozie is the Chief Health Informatics Officer (CHIO) at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El Paso (TTUHSC El Paso). As CHIO, Dr. Alozie is responsible for providing leadership for the integration of technology into healthcare to achieve the [Quadruple Aim](#). He also drives the collaborative process to develop the health IT vision for TTUHSC El Paso as it seeks to grow into a data-driven organization focused on high quality, engaged patient care. As the chair, or co-chair of multiple state committees focused on Health IT, he is actively involved in promoting Health IT to enhance patient care and improve patient outcomes.

For more information on how you can get involved with these telehealth initiatives, please email Dr. Alozie at the following: sunsetidcare@gmail.com

5. TexLa Telehealth Resource Center

- Reach out to your Texas-Louisiana (TexLA) Telehealth Resource Center, email: texlatrc@ttuhsc.edu or call: Phone (877) 391-0487 or (806) 743-7960
- Review TexLA's "Getting Started" page, http://texlatrc.org/getting_started.html
- If you are a Primary Care Provider (MD/DO/ANP/PA) or RN, EMT or LVN
- Consider completing TexLA's Telemedicine Training, "Frontiers in Telemedicine", <http://frontiersintelemedicine.org/>
-Course awards: 16.1 CME & 16.5 CNE
- Reach out to your Administrative Agency about covering the costs of the training