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NAWHC ORGANIZATION

2019 Member Survey

Our annual Member Survey collects information on what NAWHC members would like the organization to address in terms of programs, projects, topics and activities in the next year. This survey is used for our budget and program development and is critical in ensuring NAWHC meets YOUR needs and provides value for your membership.

If you haven't done so already, please complete the survey [at this link](#) by December 27nd.

EDUCATION

Integrating Chiropractic Services into Your Worksite Health Center: Jan. 22, 2019, San Jose, CA

This half-day workshop will focus on how to expand your health center services to include and integrate chiropractic care for acute care, occupational health, pain management and rehabilitation. The sessions will cover chiropractor training and use in employer settings, employer and patient views and experiences with chiropractic services, and new clinical guidelines for pain management aimed at reducing the need for opioids

Register at [this link](#).

2019 Onsite Employee Health Clinics Summit: Jan. 28-29, 2019, Scottsdale, AZ

Learn what it takes to build and streamline facilities that meet innovative visions for healthcare and wellness, as well as the benefits associated with expanding current onsite health facilities. Get practical solutions to operate a cost-effective program while providing quality healthcare. NAWHC members receive a \$200 discount off the registration fees.

Register at [this link](#).

Addressing Population Health Through a Worksite Clinic: February 19, 2019, Columbus, OH

Employers should always try to adopt a "population health" strategy in their health benefits and programs, especially in addressing the high cost and prevalent conditions impacting the health and productivity of your workforce. This approach means your center coordinates its internal and external programs and data, while supporting patients in the use of their health benefits and programs. This program will have sessions on the components of a population health strategy, weight management, migraines, data integration and use and member support programs.

Register at [this link](#).



RESOURCES

Chronic Disease Management Tools

One of NAWHC's partners, the [Catalyst for Payment Reform \(CPR\)](#), along with the [Center to Advance Palliative Care](#) (CAPC) have developed a suite of tools to give employers and other health care purchasers resources and technical assistance for implementation of strategies to assure reliable access to high-quality palliative care and to expand awareness and support of palliative care among purchasers:

- **How-To-Guide for Serious Illness Care Strategies**

The How-to-Guide helps educate employers and other health care purchasers on the value of palliative care, how it can improve the quality of life for employees living with serious illness and their caregivers, and in so doing, reduce health care costs for them, as well as for their employers. It also introduces the Purchaser Toolkit for Serious Illness Care Strategies.

- **The Purchaser Toolkit for Serious Illness Care Strategies**

The Toolkit designed to help purchasers develop a new palliative care strategy or infuse palliative care into existing health care programs.

Obtain these free toolkits [at this link](#).

ADVOCACY ACTIVITIES

Texas Pharmacy Laws Impacting Clinics

The [Texas Employers for Affordable Medications](#) (TEAM) is a coalition of provider, vendors and employers in Texas whose goal is to amend the state's dispensing regulations, to expand physician dispensing (and NP dispensing) authority outside the current 72 hours' supply quantity limits to 30, 60 or 90 day supplies. This is currently in place in most other states.

NAWHC has been told that Texas regulations currently offer worksite health centers an option to apply for Class D pharmacy license but require any application to run through its Pharmacy Board. The Pharmacy Board is said to typically take 9 months to reply and often rejects an application without identifying a reason. This requires an employer to start from scratch and wait another 9 months. The coalition's alternative position would be to make Class D application process timelier and require the Pharmacy Board to explain rejections. The TEAM's bill is drafted and is under final review.

TEAM believes employer support is critical to show legislators that this is a pro-business effort. The coalition is seeking to have as many employers and coalitions to sign on to the website and support TEAM as possible. If you're interested in this effort or want more information, contact Kevin Cooksey at kevin.cooksey@wecaretlc.com.

CLIA Waiver Collaborative



NAWHC has been a member of the CLIA Waiver Collaborative for the past year, working with other national business and medical groups to encourage the FDA to allow many of today's innovative lab tests to be done by non-certified lab techs in outpatient settings, including worksite clinics.

Based on the work of the Collaborative, NAWHC has just been informed that the FDA has published a revised notice of proposed rulemaking regarding point of care tests. They are now offering different ways for manufacturers to get a CLIA waiver for tests that can be done without certified lab technicians, which would enable onsite and worksite clinics without such personnel to utilize more of these types of tests.

Please visit our website at www.nawhc.org and the NAWHC LinkedIn Group to stay abreast of developments in NAWHC and in worksite health and wellness centers. Thank you for your interest and involvement with NAWHC.

On behalf of the NAWHC leadership and myself, I wish you a safe, healthy and happy holiday season.

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