



All Providers

Ortho Pills – Temporary Price Reduction

For the current quarter (April – June), Ortho-McNeil has lowered its 340 B prices on four of its leading products: Tri-Cyclen, Cyclen, Micronor, and Ortho-Novum 777. Central Stores will be averaging the cost of new purchases with current inventory, and we should see a significant price decrease in the near future. Ortho is distributing the pills based on previous purchase amounts, and Central Stores cautions against stockpiling as the quarter's allotment may run out.

Title X

Reminder for Vasectomy Services

We still have Title X funds for vasectomy services performed through June 30th. Because of the 30 day waiting period between consent and procedure, May 30th will be the last day you can provide a Title X vasectomy counseling service and also receive Title X reimbursement for the vasectomy procedure (i.e., all procedures must be done by June 30 in order to receive Title X reimbursement). Reimbursements for FPEP vasectomies will continue without interruption. **Don't forget to complete and submit a CVR for each and every vasectomy visit, including Title X vasectomy services.**

Title X Funds for High Cost Contraceptives

Many of you may not know or remember that last fall an additional \$58,000 was distributed to Title X agencies for the specific purpose of purchasing higher cost contraceptives for grant-dependent clients. These were Title X 'directed supplement' funds intended to help you purchase NuvaRings, Patches, EC, Implanon and/or IUDs. The funds were distributed using the Title X funding formula, based on the number of low-income, non-Medicaid-eligible women served by each agency (i.e. women under 250% FPL who do not qualify for OHP or FPEP).

You may want to ask your financial staff about the status of these additional funds to see that they are being spent for their intended purpose and whether there might still be some available for use.

If you have any questions, please contact Karol Almroth at (971) 673-0357.

FPEP

Keeping Current on Social Security Numbers

Since November 2006, a valid Social Security Number (SSN) has been required of all FPEP applicants, including teens. Rules built into the FPEP Eligibility Database help to enforce this requirement and, consequently, the records in that system do contain valid SSNs for clients enrolled or re-enrolled since that time. However, we have noticed that many agencies are still using invalid SSNs when billing FPEP/submitting CVR data – the latest Billing Register has several examples of claims with SSNs such as 999-99-9999 or 000-00-0000. Claims like these would likely be unacceptable in a federal audit, so please take a little time to make sure that the SSNs recorded in your clinic's patient management and/or billing system match the ones listed in the FPEP Eligibility Database.

One way to start identifying those clients who still have invalid SSNs in your system would be to refer to the Billing Registers that you receive monthly from Ahlers & Associates. (These come either electronically or on paper and usually arrive late in the third week of each month.) We would suggest reviewing several months' worth of Billing Registers, since only a subset of clients with invalid SSNs will have had an FPEP-paid visit in any given month.

Thanks for your help!

Oregon Birth Record Matches – Mother's Maiden Name

When collecting Oregon birth record information from your clients, please remember to ask them to provide their mother's *maiden* name when listing information about their birth mother. Although the birth record request tab on the Ahlers website doesn't specify this, the Oregon Vital Records Office has clarified with us that the mother's maiden name is always recorded on the original birth certificate. We hope to update the website later in the year, but in the meantime, we have revised the Oregon Birth Information Form: <http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/ph/fp/docs/providers/FPEPBirthInfoFormRevised.pdf> (also available on our website).

Training, Education, and Upcoming Events

Upcoming Center for Health Training Webinar: Counseling Teens on Abstinence and Contraception

Presenter: Ms. LaRhonda Crosby-Johnson

Date: May 28, 2008

Time: 12 noon – 1:30 pm PDT

Fee: \$35

To register: http://www.centerforhealthtraining.org/searchable/e10_05-28audio.html

Contact hours available – see registration materials

No NICHE in 2008; Two Other Opportunities Available

The Region X Center for Health Training will not be presenting the Northwest Institute for Community Health Educators (NICHE) in 2008. NICHE will return to Rainbow Lodge, July 26-31, 2009.

Two other options for June 2008 are available in other regions:

WRICHE – in California – June 23-27, 2008 (see below)

SWICHE – in Dallas, Texas – June 16-19, 2008 (see below)

WRITCHE: Western Region Institute for Teachers and Community Health Educators

June 23-27, 2008

Description: WRITCHE is a 4½-day retreat-style residential training for public middle and high school teachers AND community health educators. The focus is on building skills and comfort related to teaching about sexuality, HIV/STI, and family planning education. It will provide an overview and guidance on what is required to teach according to California Education Code. This skill-building event is designed to strengthen professional competence and productivity.

For more information about WRITCHE, contact Amanda Newstetter (510) 835-3700 ext.127, email: newstetter@jba-cht.com or Beatriz Reyes (510) 835-3700 ext. 130, email: reyes@jba-cht.com. Or you can visit The Center for Health Training website as www.centerforhealthtraining.org.

SWICHE: The South West Institute for Community Health Educators
June 16-19, 2008
Dallas, TX

Description: SWICHE is a residential training event for educators and trainers in the fields of sexuality, HIV/STD prevention, reproductive health, adolescent health, parenting, and family life education. Designed for all levels of experience, SWICHE builds skills for effective group education.

Follow this link to download a descriptive brochure and a registration form.

http://www.centerforhealthtraining.org/searchable/e06_swiche.html

If clicking on the link doesn't work, cut and paste the address into your browser window. For more information, or questions, contact Lori Weber, lweber@jba-cht.com, or Lizzie Cain Clark, lizziecc@jba-cht.com or call 512-474-2166.

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month!

Governor Kulongoski proclaimed April 2008 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month. The Oregon Attorney General's Sexual Assault Task Force and the Oregon Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence developed a toolkit, including the Governor's proclamation, media materials, and activity ideas, available at: <http://www.oregonsatf.org/prevention/saam.html> or <http://www.ocadsv.com>. Additional SAAM resources can be found on the National Sexual Violence Resource Center's website: www.nsvrc.org/saam.

The AG's Sexual Assault Task Force is also engaging in several activities to increase awareness around the state including:

- **Billboard and Poster Campaign** - "Committing Sexual Assault is a Crime and a Choice." The billboards will be displayed at various locations around the state and posters will be sent out to local community programs serving survivors of sexual assault.
- **Bandana Project** - The Bandana Project, developed by the [Southern Poverty Law Center](#), highlights the sexual exploitation of farmworker women. A display will be held in the Oregon Department of Justice in April.
- **SPEAK UP! SPEAK OUT! Pledge Drive** - Oregon citizens and communities are being asked to sign the pledge and be part of the solution by speaking up and speaking out against behaviors and attitudes which perpetuate sexual violence and for the promotion of healthy relationships. [Click here for more information and to pledge online.](#)