

QUALITY MATTERS E-NEWSLETTER



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Calendar

October:

National Breast Cancer
Awareness Month
www.nbcam.org

Talk About
Prescriptions Month
www.talkaboutrx.org

National Healthcare
Quality Week
Oct. 19-25
www.nahq.org/

International Infection
Prevention Week
Association for
Professionals in
Infection Control and
Epidemiology, Inc.
Oct. 19-25
www.apic.org

November:
American Diabetes
Month
www.diabetes.org

Diabetic Eye
Disease Month
www.preventblindness.org

Great American

Flu Shots: Now Is the Season

Leading by example, Tom Frieden, MD, MPH, director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, got his flu vaccination at the [National Foundation for Infectious Diseases news conference](http://www.cdc.gov/flu/professionals/index.htm). (http://www.cdc.gov/flu/professionals/index.htm). The CDC has recommended that people get vaccinated against flu soon after vaccine becomes available, preferably by October. Doctors and nurses are encouraged to begin vaccinating their patients soon after vaccine becomes available. Children six months through eight years of age who need two doses of vaccine should receive the first dose as soon as possible to allow time to get the second dose before the start of flu season. The two doses should be given at least four weeks apart. It takes about two weeks after vaccination for antibodies to develop in the body and provide protection against the flu. The season's flu materials include messaging to address flu recommendations. All materials are **free for download**. [Order free copies](#) of select materials.

Events

Saturday, Oct. 18
Community 5K walk/run for breast cancer, 8 a.m. registration, with race starting at 9 a.m., Ricks Memorial Library in Yazoo City; registration forms at 'The Yazoo Herald.' For more information contact: Robin Coleman 662-571-8926, Melissia Standley 662-571-7727.

Nov. 6-7
Greater Jackson APIC Council's annual conference, Hinds Community College Career & Technical Center, Brandon, 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. One-day conference bringing together health care providers and administrators, including physicians, nurses, infection prevention practitioners, and quality/patient safety administrators to identify key issues in infection prevention.

Nov. 14 8-3:30 p.m.
The Alzheimer's Association - Mississippi Chapter's 4th Annual Central Conference on Alzheimer's:

Smokeout Month
www.cancer.org
 (Nov. 20 Smokeout
 Day observed)

National Alzheimer's
 Disease Awareness Month
www.alz.org

National Family
 Caregivers Month
www.nfcacares.org

National Association for
 Home Care & Hospice
www.nahc.org

World Diabetes Day
www.worlddiabetesday.org

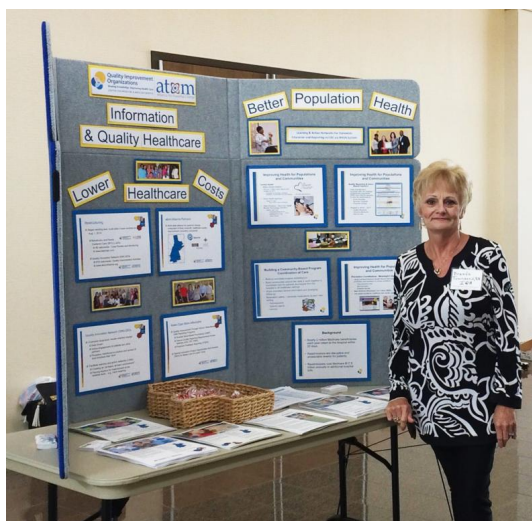
Thanksgiving Day:
 National Family Health
 History Day

"Confidence in Caregiving," free admittance for family caregivers and students. BC Rogers Student Union Building, Mississippi College, continuing education hours available. Ten speakers will present on topics such as managing medications, retaining family stability, and communicating throughout the stages of the disease. Register online at <http://tinyurl.com/nx4a5h7>. For more information, contact Sara Murphy of the Alzheimer's Association, Mississippi Chapter, 601-987-0020 or smurphy2@alz.org.

IQH Presentations

IQH's quality improvement efforts in the state continue as task leaders enlist participation in the seven quality improvement tasks representing the CMS commitment to driving rapid, large-scale change for Medicare patients. The task leaders are taking part in numerous conferences and meetings that bring together the healthcare community to share resources and information.

Three project leaders and the Tobacco Quitline director will take part in the Mississippi Nurses Association's 2014 Annual Conference Oct. 21-24 in Biloxi. Pamela Luckett, MCC, LPC, CTTS, who directs IQH's quitline counseling services, will present "The 5A's Training for Healthcare Providers" on Oct. 21. Vickie Taylor, BSN, MSN, CIC, will present "Use of Evidence-Based Strategies in Reducing Healthcare-Associated Infections on Oct. 22. On Oct. 23, Mary Helen Conner, BSN, MPH, MCHES, and Brenda Townsend, RN, will discuss "The Role of Coordinated Care: Providers & Patients." Further details and times of presentations are available at [2014 MNA Annual Convention](#).



Brenda Townsend, IQH task leader, displays the IQH exhibit at the September Prescribers' Summit.

Healthcare Quality Initiatives and Task Leaders

Efforts targeting better patient care, better population health and lower costs through improvement are building on the experience gained in the 10th statement of work and other previous contracts. The individual provider and partner participation in multiple quality improvement initiatives offers opportunities for optimizing the health care delivered, ensuring a positive impact on Mississippi beneficiaries. IQH task leaders are seeking continued participation from the healthcare community in Learning & Action Networks (LANs) that offer a forum for sharing useful information and resources.

The initiatives include:

- Cardiac Health and Reducing Cardiac Healthcare Disparities;
- Disparities in Diabetes Care;
- Prevention Coordination through Meaningful Use of HIT;
- Healthcare-Associated Infections in Hospitals;
- Healthcare-Acquired Conditions in Nursing Homes;
- Coordination of Care for Patients;
- Value-Based Payment Program, Quality Improvement, and Physician Feedback Program

Goals are designed to make care safer and promote effective communication and coordination of care. Emphasis is also placed on promoting effective prevention and treatment and best practices for healthy living. Serving as task leaders are Dale Bridges, Lisa Camel, Stephanie Champion, Mary Helen Conner, Ramona Drake, Mae McDaniel, Vickie Taylor, Brenda Townsend, and Willie Ann Thomas. For more information on the program, contact quality directors Trannie Murphy, 601-957-1575 ext. 222 or Debbie Miller, 601-957-1575 ext. 226.

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