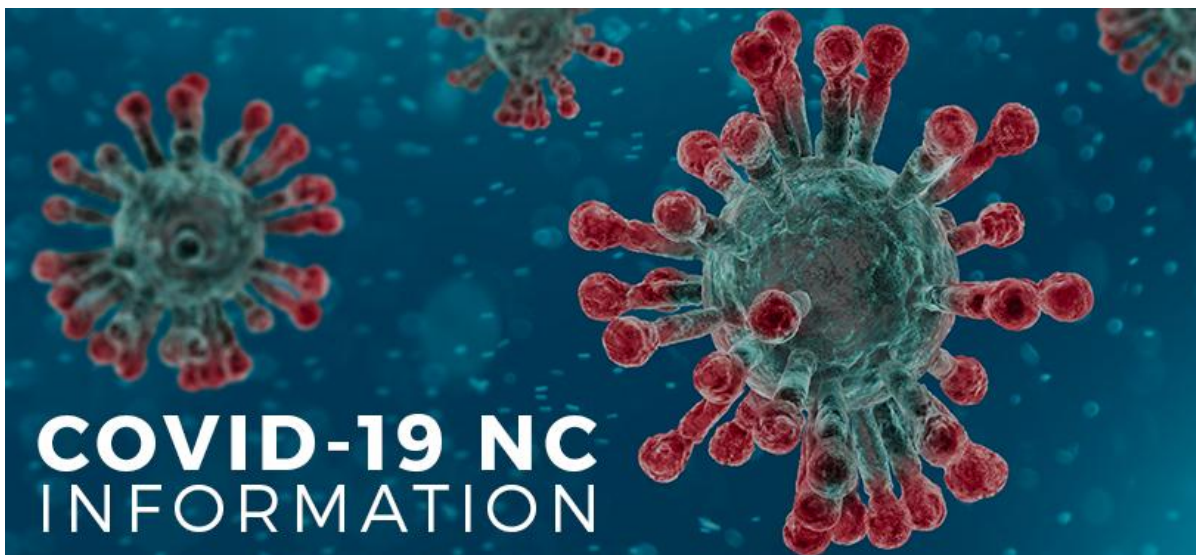


MAY 19, 2020



WEEKLY Q&A WEBINAR FOR VAYA HEALTH NETWORK PROVIDERS

Friday, May 22, 2020, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Registration is not required. There is no limit to the number of attendees who can join. All attendees will be muted throughout this live broadcast and will be able to submit questions for the presenters through the Q&A feature.

[JOIN VAYA'S MAY 22 PROVIDER WEBINAR](#)

RESOURCES FROM MAY 15 Q&A WEBINAR FOR VAYA NETWORK PROVIDERS

The May 15, 2020, Q&A Webinar included information shared by Karen McLeod, president and CEO of Benchmarks, about three new IRS credits available to help employers affected by COVID-19:

- **Employee Retention Credit:** Designed to encourage businesses to keep employees on their payroll
- **Paid Sick Leave Credit:** Designed to allow a business to get a credit for an employee who is unable to work (including telework) due to a COVID-19 quarantine or self-quarantine or has COVID-19 symptoms and is seeking a medical diagnosis
- **Family Leave Credit:** Designed to allow an employer to receive a credit for employees who are unable to work due to caring for someone with COVID-19 or caring for a child because the child's school or place of care is closed or the paid childcare provider is unavailable due to COVID-19

Read more: Details are available on the [IRS website](#).

VIRTUAL SUPPORT GROUP FOR WNC HEALTHCARE WORKERS

Starting May 21, 2020 | Thursdays at 7 p.m.

Responder Support Services is launching a virtual [Support Group for Healthcare Workers](#) that is designed for the WNC healthcare community and open to all providers.

QUESTION, PERSUADE, REFER (QPR) – SUICIDE PREVENTION WEB-BASED TRAINING

Suicide is a leading cause of death in the United States. During the global pandemic, when fear, anxiety and depression are heightened for many people, thoughts of suicide may be more common. It's important to know about available support strategies.

Vaya's Provider and Community Education Team will offer three additional free "Question, Persuade, Refer" (QPR) suicide prevention trainings in June for provider staff and community members. Each training is limited to 25 participants.

- [Thursday, June 4, 2020, 9 – 11 a.m.](#)
- [Thursday, June 11, 2020, 9 – 11 a.m.](#)
- [Monday, June 15, 2020, 2 – 4 p.m.](#)

COVID-19 GUIDANCE FOR NORTH CAROLINA CLINICIANS AND LABORATORIES

An update to [COVID-19 guidance for North Carolina clinicians and laboratories](#) is now available. The update states clinicians "should conduct or arrange for diagnostic testing for any patient in whom COVID-19 is suspected". A list of testing sites is posted on the [DHHS website](#).

REMINDER: NON-UCR FUNDS – INVOICE DUE DATES

Network providers must submit any non-UCR invoices no later than July 20 of each contract year in which funds are received, with the exception of invoices funded with non-UCR State Special Categorical Funds, which must be submitted within three business days prior to the Final State Financial Status Report submission deadline established by N.C. DMH/DD/SAS.

This allows sufficient time for Vaya Finance Department staff to process invoices and complete all required reporting for this fiscal year. If you have questions, please contact your Provider Account Manager.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY: RURAL COMMUNITIES OPIOID RESPONSE PROGRAM-PLANNING

The Health Resources and Services Administration's (HRSA) Federal Office of Rural Health Policy (FORHP) will issue approximately 50 awards of \$200,000 each to rural communities to enhance capacity to address substance use disorders, including opioid use disorder. Over 18 months, grant recipients will conduct planning activities, engage multi-sector consortiums and participate in the RCORP-Planning learning collaborative.

Nonprofit and for-profit entities are eligible to apply, and all program-supported activities must exclusively target HRSA-designated rural areas (per the [Rural Health Grants Eligibility Analyzer](#)).

FORHP will hold an hour-long webinar for applicants on **Wednesday, May 27, 2020, at 3**

p.m. A recording will be made available for those who cannot attend. For call-in and recording playback information, see page (ii) in the [Notice of Funding Opportunity](#) (click the Package tab, then Preview, then Download Instructions).

WNC COVID-19 REGIONAL REPORT

Vaya is proud to be a key partner in the weekly WNC COVID-19 Regional Report from the Mountain Area Health Education Center (MAHEC) in conjunction with nine other WNC health and social services organizations. Together, we're committed to providing WNC's medical community with timely information on COVID-19 through weekly updates on regional trends, needs, resources and training opportunities.

Read more: [WNC COVID-19 Regional Report](#) (May 15, 2020)

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