

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Job Announcements

Betances Health Center is a federally qualified health center on the Lower East Side, they serve a large proportion of minority and underserved patients. They are looking for MDs/DOs, NPs, Psych NP, PAs, RNs and LPNs. The jobs are listed on [indeed.com](https://www.indeed.com) (please see below links). Providers bi-lingual in Spanish or Chinese would be preferred but not mandatory.

FP (MD/DO): <https://www.indeed.com/viewjob?jk=dc68ca49d3f1f2ba&tk=1bv2p08r7aqgof5b&from=company>

PA: <https://www.indeed.com/viewjob?jk=d463882b1a5844d0&tk=1bv2p08r7aqgof5b&from=company>

FNP: <https://www.indeed.com/cmp/Betances-Health-Center/jobs/Family-Nurse-Practitioner-ab8f766d6bd85297?q=betances>

RN: <https://www.indeed.com/cmp/Betances-Health-Center/jobs/Registered-Nurse-d6a98aa598991fe4?q=betances>

LPN: <https://www.indeed.com/viewjob?jk=b1a4d2cf4108ac12&tk=1bv2p08r7aqgof5b&from=company>

Interested candidates should do the following:

**Qualified candidates, please forward resumes to Human Resources by email [careers@betances.org](mailto:careers@betances.org) or fax to [\(212\) 227-8842](tel:(212)227-8842). NO CALLS.**

### IMPORTANT UPDATES

#### **5 Ways for Healthcare Providers to Get Ready for New Medicare Cards**

Medicare is taking steps to remove Social Security numbers from Medicare cards. Through this initiative the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will prevent fraud, fight identity theft and protect essential program funding and the private healthcare and financial information of our Medicare beneficiaries.

CMS will issue new Medicare cards with a new unique, randomly-assigned number called a Medicare Beneficiary Identifier (MBI) to replace the existing Social Security-based Health Insurance Claim Number (HICN) both on the cards and in various CMS systems we use now. We'll start mailing new cards to people with Medicare benefits in April 2018. All Medicare cards will be replaced by April 2019.

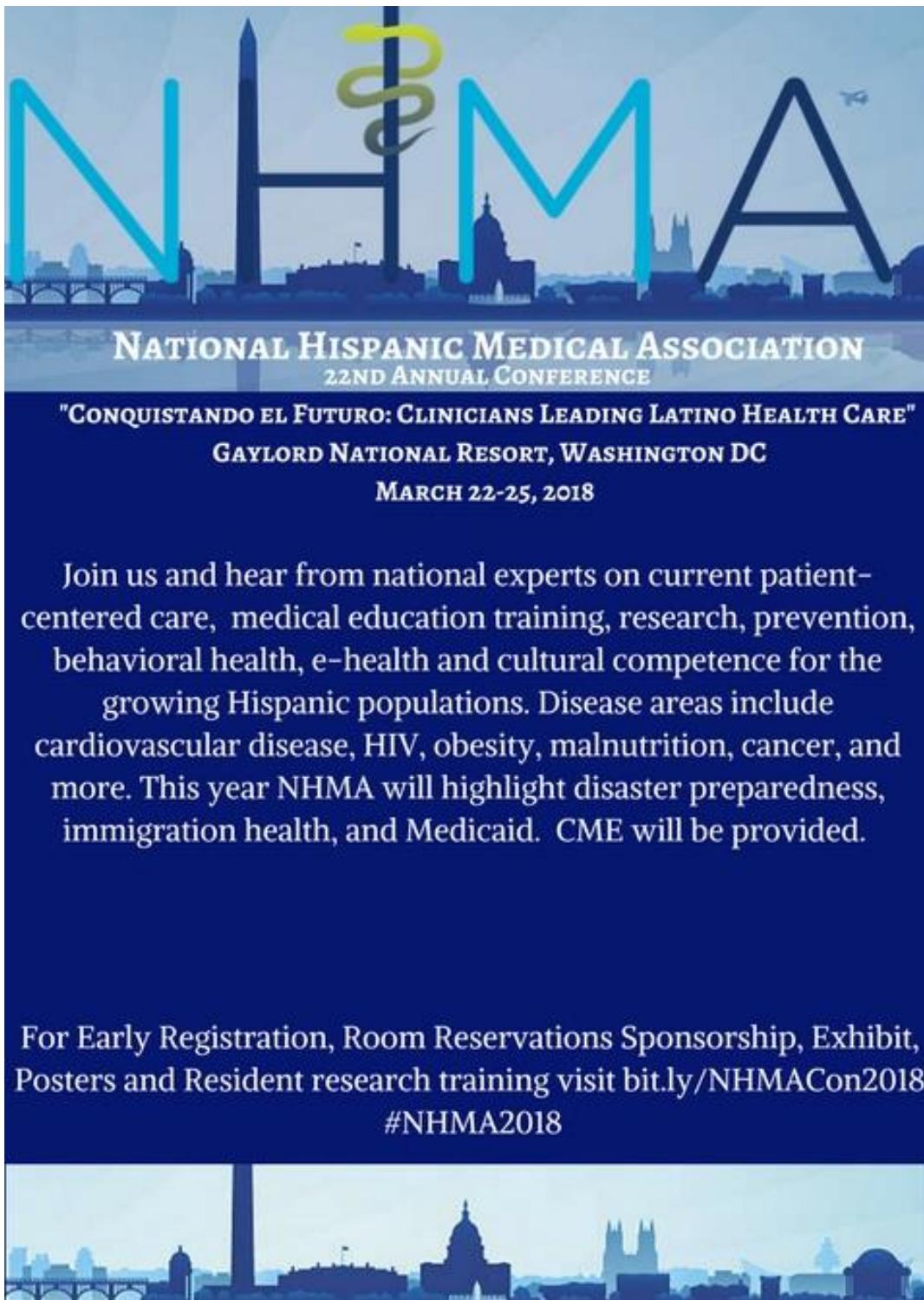
CMS is committed to helping providers by giving them the tools they need. We want to make this process as easy as possible for you, your patients, and your staff. Based on feedback from healthcare providers, practice managers and other stakeholders, CMS is developing capabilities where doctors and other healthcare providers will be able to look up the new MBI through a secure tool at the point of service. To make this change easier for you and your business operations, there is a 21-month transition period where all healthcare providers will be able to use either the MBI or the HICN for billing purposes.

Therefore, even though **your systems will need to be able to accept the new MBI format by April 2018**, you can continue to bill and file healthcare claims using a patient's HICN during the transition period. We encourage you to work with your billing vendor to make sure that your system will be updated to reflect these changes as well.

Beginning in April 2018, Medicare patients will come to your office with new cards in hand. We're committed to giving you information you need to help your office get ready for new Medicare cards and MBIs.

## NHMA EVENTS

### NHMA 2018 Conference – Conquistando el Futuro: Latinos Leading Health Care



**Join us at our National Conference this year an educational experience you don't want to miss!**

**Early Registration Ends February 19, 2018. Register at: <http://bit.ly/NHMA2018-Reg>**  
**Hotel Registration Deadline February 19, 2018, Register for Hotel [Here](#)**  
Conference Agenda can be found [here](#)

**Conference Sponsors:**

Conference sponsors help to support the education of physicians, residents and medical students. As a sponsor, you have the opportunity to build strong relationships with NHMA members, receive recognition prior to the conference, increase your brand visibility, and promote your organization and services to NHMA members as well as the Hispanic community. If you are interested in being a conference sponsor, please visit: <http://bit.ly/NHMA2018-Spon>

**Conference Exhibitors:**

Conference exhibitors have the opportunity to showcase their organization with NHMA members as well as the Hispanic community. The exhibit hall will be open Friday & Saturday, and the registration fee includes 2 full conference registrations, all-inclusive 8x10 piped & draped booth, 6 foot table, 2 chairs, and waste basket. If you are interested in being a conference exhibitor, please visit: <http://bit.ly/NHMA2018-Exh>

**Opportunities to Present Research and Service Learning Poster:**

We are accepting abstracts from individuals interested in presenting their research or service learning at our Conference Poster Session. This is a great opportunity for medical students and young researchers to present their work to several hundred doctors, nurses, and health care executives who are especially interested in Hispanic health. *Deadline to submit an application is February 19, 2018.* Application can be found [here](#).

**Physicians Leadership Awards** (from the NHMA Council of Medical Societies) and the  
Health Professionals Leadership Awards (from the National Hispanic Health  
Professional Leadership Network) – nominated by the partnering organizations

**2018 NHMA College Health Scholars Recruitment Conference**

We invite you to send your school Recruiters to meet local Hispanic undergraduate and high school pre-health professional students interested in applying to your school. If you would like to register for the recruitment fair, please visit [bit.ly/NHMA2018-HPR](http://bit.ly/NHMA2018-HPR).



## **NHMA College Health Scholars Program National Conference**

For Medical, Dental, Nursing, Public Health, & Science Graduate Schools

Gaylord National Resort- Oxon Hill, MD

Exhibit Hall D

March 24, 2018 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Register to recruit:

<http://bit.ly/NHMA2018-HPR>

### **Why Register?**

- Recruit top Hispanic students interested in pursuing health professional careers
- The schools that recruit are listed as Health Professional Schools on the NHMA website and in the conference program
- Recruiters will be provided one full conference registration including the Awards Gala.
- Visit the conference website at: <https://www.nhmamd-2018conf.com/>

contact Imani Cabassa at NHMA: [conference@nhmamd.org](mailto:conference@nhmamd.org) or (202) 628-5895

## OTHER FEATURED EVENTS

### IMG Visa Discussion Series: Part I, Pre-Residency – January 17-23, 2018 8:00 am – 8:00 pm CST

<http://img.communities.ama-assn.org/discussions>

Join this series to learn more about what type of visa you will need before, during, and after residency. Part I of this discussion will focus on J-1 and H1-B sponsored visas, review of the basic requirements for J-1 and H1-B sponsored visas, and the ECFMG role. You will also learn what visa you should obtain for your family, the pitfalls to avoid when applying for your visa and how to remain compliant once you do obtain a visa.

### BNGAP National Pre-Faculty Career Development Conference- Feb 23-25, 2018.

This conference is the first forum to bring together trainees, faculty, and senior leaders to share and discuss activities and best practices to better prepare trainees (e.g. college, graduate, post-doctoral) to consider, pursue and ultimately succeed as future educators, researchers, and clinical faculty at our institutions. This conference is designed for health professionals (M.D., D.O., P.A.-C., R.N., N.P., D.M.D., social workers, psychologists, etc.), educators, researchers and trainees (pre-health professions, professional schools, and graduate). The conference will host plenaries, workshops, and a poster fair and competition. [Conference Information](#)

## Inaugural National Latino Cancer Conference in San Antonio

- Find out more at [www.LatinoCancer.com](http://www.LatinoCancer.com).
- **Researchers, clinicians, community leaders, and students invited to register for *Advancing the Science of Cancer in Latinos* on Feb. 21-23, 2018**
- SAN ANTONIO, Texas—[Register today and submit an abstract](#) for the inaugural *Advancing the Science of Cancer in Latinos* conference on Feb. 21-23, 2018, in historic and culturally dynamic San Antonio, led by Dr. Amelie Ramirez, a cancer researcher at UT Health San Antonio.
- The *Advancing the Science of Cancer in Latinos* conference will unite health researchers, oncologists, professionals, leaders, and students to tackle Latino cancer on many fronts.
- [\*\*Register by Dec. 15, 2017 for a discount!\*\*](#)

## Graduate Fellowship Training Program

The Hispanic Serving Health Professions Schools (HSHPS) Graduate Fellowship Training Program Overview (GFTP) provides paid and unpaid training opportunities for undergraduate students, graduate students and recent graduates. It is open to students interested in working on Hispanic health research. Fellows are placed throughout the United States within government agencies and academic institutions.

All HSHPS fellows work alongside a mentor, an experienced researcher or senior staff member; assist with a research project as it relates to minority health issues; and participate in a series of professional development seminars. This program strives to assist individuals to develop skills to work with Hispanic and other minority groups in

government and academia, pursue higher degrees, publish research, and stay connected with the HSHPS network.

Now entering its 22nd year, HSHPS has trained over 400 fellows. Most work with Hispanic and other minority groups in government or academia, pursued higher degrees, published research, and/or received NIH grants. HSHPS's GFTP is offering PAID 10-week placements with the Office of Minority Health (OMH)'s, Youth Health Equity Model of Practice (YHEMOP). Fellows will work alongside a mentor and work on projects as they relate to Hispanic and other minority health issues. Please note that although we do not target the GFTP to undergraduate students, we highly encourage third and fourth year undergraduates to apply.

**Application:**

Students from HSHPS member institutions may apply here -  
<http://hshps.org/programs>

**Eligibility:**

- U.S. citizen or permanent resident (no visas or work permits)
- Ethnic minority (American Indian, Native Alaskan, Asian and Pacific Islander, Black, or Hispanic) are \*highly encouraged\* to apply.

The application deadline is **Friday, February 9th, 2018.**



### **Please support the LMSA for Puerto Rico Fund!**

*"Parts of my zinc roof were torn from my studio and there was mass flooding....There's still no power and internet. I have been staying with friends in a couch and living off of a suitcase as pretty much everything else I own is ruined. As if medical school was not already hard, this situation has negatively impacted my studies. It's hard to not be able to get a good night's sleep and have a safe haven to study."*

*~MS2 (Second year medical student in PR)*

**The LMSA for Puerto Rico Fund supports relief scholarship for Puerto Rican medical students who have experienced financial hardships due to Hurricane Maria. There are over 1,300 Latino medical students in LCME accredited medical schools in Puerto Rico.** Our colleagues in Puerto Rico have

suffered damages to their homes, community hospitals, and medical school institutions. While in severe financial trouble, they are unable to apply for increased financial aid loans. Schooling carries on in the wake of the crisis, and students are working hard to move forward academically without internet, transportation, and even food, water, and electricity.

**DONATE TO THE LMSA FOR PR FUND\*:** visit [lmsa.me/LMSA4PR](https://lmsa.me/LMSA4PR)

LMSA has raised \$7K to fund 10-12 mini-grants in the first grant cycle. Though important, this is not enough to meet the need. The more funds we raise, the more students we can help with mini-grants in future grant cycles!

\*LMSA is a 501c3 organization and all donated funds will go towards helping Puerto Rican medical students

**Questions about the Fund?**

Please visit: <https://lmsa.site-ym.com/news/372030/Mini-grants-for-Medical-Students-in-Puerto-Rico.htm>

**Contact the LMSA-PR Emergency Task Force:**

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