

Your *First* **STOP** for  
*Rural Health*  
**INFORMATION**



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Using the RHIhub to Find  
Resources for Rural Health Clinics



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- **Visit *the* website**
  - Online library
  - Funding opportunities
  - 50+ topic guides on key rural health issues
  - State guides
  - Community Health Gateway - toolkits and model programs
  - Am I Rural tool
  - More...
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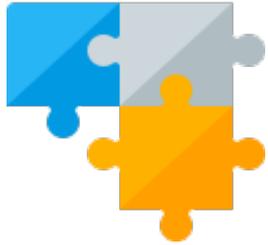
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## Your First Stop for Rural Health Information



### Get Rural Updates



Stay current on rural health news, funding opportunities, research, and more with RHIhub's email updates.

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### Community Health Gateway



Find proven strategies for strong rural programs with toolkits like the [Community Health Workers Toolkit](#) in the [Rural Community Health Gateway](#).

### Funding Opportunities



Discover the latest funding and opportunities to support rural health. [Browse all funding opportunities](#).

### Key Rural Health Issues



Learn about issues that impact rural health in RHIhub's Topic Guides. Recently updated:

- [Conducting Rural Health Research, Needs Assessment, and Program Evaluation](#)
- [Browse all 50+ topics](#)



### News Headlines

- [The Rural Hospital Closure Crisis: 15 Key Findings and Trends](#)  
Becker's Hospital Review
- [St. Luke's Starts New Emergency Medicine Residency Program](#)  
Idaho Mountain Express

[More News »](#)

### The Rural Monitor



#### [Medical Transportation Service is a Lifesaver for Rural Missourians](#)

Two veterans living in rural Missouri share their stories about how HealthTran, a non-emergent transportation service, came to their rescue during a desperate time of need.

# RHIhub Online Library

Find:

- Funding & Opportunities
- News
- Calendar of Events
- Organizations
- Maps
- Publications



# Narrow by Geography/Topic

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RURAL HEALTH  
**FUNDING BY TOPIC: Healthcare workforce**

Summaries of funding programs are provided by RHIhub for your convenience. Please contact the funder directly for the most complete and current information.

Sort By: [Name](#) | [Date](#)  Hide Inactive Funding

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**Advanced Education Nursing Traineeship (AEN)**

Awards funding to increase the number of advanced nurses who are prepared to meet the primary care and underserved communities by providing trainees who are pursuing advanced degrees as primary care practitioners (NP) or nurse-midwives.

Geographic coverage: Nationwide  
 Application Deadline: Feb 15, 2016  
 Sponsor: Bureau of Health Workforce

**Mississippi Rural Dentists Scholarship Program**

Offers a \$35,000 scholarship to rural dentistry students in Mississippi who agree to practice in underserved rural areas of Mississippi upon completion of their degree.

Geographic coverage: Mississippi  
 Application Deadline: Feb 15, 2016  
 Sponsor: University of Mississippi Medical Center

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# Topic and State Guides

- Provide overview of topic/state
- Topic guides include frequently asked questions
- Selected key resources from online library for that topic/state

## ↓ MORE ON THIS TOPIC

### Introduction

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#### About This Guide



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## Rural Health Clinics (RHCs)

The Rural Health Clinic (RHC) program is intended to increase access to primary care services for Medicaid and Medicare patients in rural communities. RHCs can be public, nonprofit, or for-profit healthcare facilities, however, they must be located in rural, underserved areas. They are required to use a team approach of physicians working with non-physician practitioners such as nurse practitioners (NP), physician assistants (PA), and certified nurse midwives (CNM) to provide services. The clinic must be staffed at least 50% of the time with a NP, PA, or CNM. RHCs are required to provide outpatient primary care services and basic laboratory services.

The main advantage of RHC status is enhanced reimbursement rates for providing Medicaid and Medicare services. According to [Basics of RHC Billing](#), Medicare visits are reimbursed based on reasonable costs and Medicaid visits are reimbursed under a cost-based method or an alternative Prospective Payment System (PPS). For specific Medicare regulations governing the RHC program, please see the [Rural Health Clinics - Rules and Guidelines](#) compiled by the [National Association of Rural Health Clinics](#), or visit the [Medicare Rural Health Clinics Center](#).

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) publishes a [list of Certified RHCs](#) by state and county.

### Frequently Asked Questions:

- [Who do I contact if I have questions regarding the development and ongoing management of RHCs?](#)
- [How do I get certified as an RHC?](#)
- [Will RHC certification guarantee a better financial return?](#)
- [What is the difference between a provider-based RHC and an independent RHC?](#)
- [Are there location requirements for RHCs?](#)
- [If a location loses its shortage designation, is it possible to remain a Rural Health Clinic?](#)
- [Are there special staffing requirements for RHCs?](#)
- [What resources are available to help RHCs maintain their](#)

# Community Health Gateway

*Building the evidence-base for rural health interventions*

## Features

- Evidence-Based Toolkits for Rural Community Health
- Rural Health Models and Innovations
- Supporting Rural Community Health

# Community Health Gateway

## Levels of Evidence

- **Evidence-Based:** Review study of the approach in a peer-reviewed publication
- **Effective:** Reported in a peer-reviewed publication
- **Promising:** A formal evaluation conducted
- **Emerging:** Anecdotal account

# Evidence-Based Toolkits

- Care Coordination
- Community Health Workers
- Health Promotion and Disease Prevention
- Mental Health and Substance Abuse
- Obesity Prevention
- Oral Health
- Coming soon: Service Integration

# Models & Innovations

## Prevention through Care Navigation Outreach Program

### Summary

- **Need:** To reduce the prevalence of diabetes and cardiovascular disease in rural Colorado.
- **Intervention:** Community Health Workers were utilized to create a system of coordinated care in the counties of Montrose, Ouray, and San Miguel.
- **Results:** 1,192 people were screened for diabetes and cardiovascular disease. As a result, many at-risk patients lowered their cholesterol levels and blood pressure through this program.

### Evidence-level

Promising ([About evidence-level criteria](#))

### Description

#### TRI-COUNTY HEALTH NETWORK

[Tri-County Health Network](#), along with consortium members, created the Prevention through Care Navigation Outreach Program to reduce the prevalence of diabetes and cardiovascular disease (CVD) in rural southwestern Colorado. Consortium members consisted of two Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs), a mental health center, a nonprofit hospital, a rural health clinic, a community clinic, and a community foundation. In this area, rugged terrain, limited state highway systems, and lack of public transportation make it a challenge for residents to access care. Limited health literacy, rural social/cultural challenges, and an aging population are also difficulties to serving residents in this rural region. This program was formed to create a system of support for clients trying to make healthy lifestyle changes. Community Health Workers (CHWs) were hired within the community to refer patients to the services they need, as well as to provide peer support and hold patients accountable for their

Each project example includes:

- Summary (Need, Intervention, Results)
- Evidence-level
- Description
- Services offered
- Results
- Barriers
- Replication
- Source
- Contact person

# Tools for Success

- Economic Impact Analysis Tool
- Planning for Sustainability
- Testing New Approaches
- Rural Training Track TA Program
- Am I Rural?

Enter an address. Find out if it:

- **Meets rural eligibility requirements for:**
  - CMS Rural Health Clinic
  - FORHP grants
- **Is considered rural by various definitions:**
  - Urbanized Areas/Urban Clusters
  - Core Based Statistical Areas (CBSAs)
  - Rural Urban Commuting Areas (RUCAs)
  - Rural Urban Continuum Codes (RUCCs)
  - Urban Influence Codes
- **Is in a federal shortage area:**
  - Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA)
  - Medically Underserved Area (MUA)
  - Medically Underserved Population (MUP)

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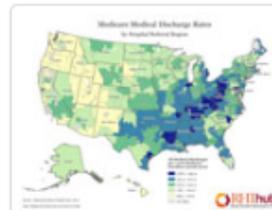
This RHIhub publication features rural health issues, from physician training to ongoing funding and policy challenges.

## **RHIhub Webinars**



Upcoming and archived webinars hosted by the Rural Health Information Hub

## **RHIhub Maps**



Customizable maps on key rural topics. A great resource for grant writing, presentations and reports

## **RHIhub RSS Feeds**

Get updates on new information added to the Online Library and RHIhub's Topic and State Guides

## **Spread the Word**

Help us let stakeholders know about RHIhub's free resources and services.

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- Experts
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