

Michigan
Rural
Health Clinic
Monthly Bulletin



Volume 4, Issue 2:
February 2023



A Few Words From Jill:

I want to encourage everyone to register for the **26th Annual Michigan Rural Health Conference** taking place Thursday, April 27th, and Friday, April 28th at Soaring Eagle Casino and Resort in Mt. Pleasant, MI.

This year's theme will be "Amplifying Rural Health Innovation" and our team has prepared an impactful agenda that will educate, promote new ideas, and inspire you to take this information back to your RHCs and continue to better serve your communities.

Some of the topics and speakers of interest to RHCs include:

- The Importance of Chronic Care Management in the Rural Health Setting** presented by *Theresa Lounsbury, RN Community Care Coordinator, Mckenzie Health System*
- Care Huddles: Leading the Shift from Fee to Value** featuring *Julie Snyder, Senior Operations Specialist, Corewell Health*
- Confidence at Survey** featuring *Tressa Sacrey Director of Compliance and Education Health Services Associates, Inc.*
- Elevating Quality and Satisfaction in Your RHC with PCMH** featuring *Kristen Ogden, The Compliance Team*

We will also have dynamic keynote speakers, opportunities to network with conference exhibitors representing a variety of organizations and services, along with a networking reception on Thursday evening.

You can [click here to register](#) and I hope to see many RHC faces, old and new, in April!

Thanks,
Jill

**Michigan Rural Health
Conference Partner
Opportunities Available!**

Consider becoming an exhibiting or
sponsorship partner at the 26th



Annual Michigan Rural Health Conference, being held April 27-28 at Soaring Eagle Resort in Mt. Pleasant, MI, today!

There are multiple exhibitor table packages that will maximize your exposure to this year's attendees along with unique ways to put your

brand in front of our audience through technology!

The Michigan Rural Health Conference provides the single most targeted opportunity to reach the Michigan rural health community with your organization's message, products, services, and educational outreach efforts. We expect a diverse audience to discuss relevant issues, network, and disseminate information.

Contact Doug Siwek (siwekdou@msu.edu) for more details!

[Click Here to View the Full Sponsorship Prospectus and Partner Registration Page!](#)



2023 Rural Health Professional of the Year Award Nominations are OPEN!

In Honor of Loren O. Gettel

Select a Nominee Today!

For nearly 20 years, this award is presented to an individual deserving of recognition for their efforts in rural health in Michigan.

The award is granted to an individual who has carried out exemplary work in promoting health in rural areas, shown excellent leadership in the improvement of health care services to the rural areas of Michigan, and has made worthy contributions to the improvement of health for the people in rural Michigan.

mcrh.msu.edu/events/health-conference



2023 Rural Health Professional of the Year Nominations are OPEN

This award is presented to an individual deserving of recognition for their efforts in rural health in Michigan in honor of Loren O. Gettel.

An individual, by nomination by their peers, has carried out exemplary work in promoting health in rural areas, shown excellent leadership in the improvement of health care services to the rural areas of Michigan, and has made worthy contributions to the improvement of health for the people in rural Michigan.

Though many are worthy, MCRH will announce the winner at our Michigan Rural Health Conference, on April 27th, 2023 at Soaring Eagle Casino and

Resort.

The deadline to nominate is April 6, 2023, at 11:45 pm

[Click Here to Complete Your 2023 Rural Health Professional of the Year Nomination](#)



COVID-19 Single-Dose Vial (SDV) Vaccines Available for Rural Health Clinics

In November 2022, the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 bivalent vaccine for people 12 years of age and older became available to order through the Rural Health Clinic COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Program (RHCVD) program as a single dose vial (SDV).

While the vaccine is still available in multi-dose vials, the single-dose option responds to widespread requests to allow greater flexibility for RHCs that may not have the demand or capacity to store multi-dose vials.

RHCs enrolled in the RHCVD Program can order SDV through the Health Partner Order Portal (HPOP).

If an RHC is not enrolled in the RHCVD Program and wants more information, they can email RHCVaxDistribution@hrsa.gov.

Upcoming Virtual Event: Social Needs and SDOH: Impact on Patients & Communities - March 9th

Health-related social needs (HRSN) have been top of mind for health care organizations in recent years, but with new mandates ahead to screen all patients for social determinants of health (SDOH), now is the time for leaders to act. Health systems and individual clinicians must understand how to build successful SDOH and HRSN programs and make an impact on patients and populations.

In our free virtual event, "Social Needs and SDOH: Impact on Patients & Communities," health care executives, clinicians, educators, and researchers will share their perspectives, guidance, and success stories to aid in implementing a comprehensive program in your own organization.

Join us on March 9th and get a roadmap to

**NEJM
Catalyst**



Optum

[Click Here for Complete Event Overview Including Agenda, Speakers AND](#)

building a comprehensive SDOH and HRSN care delivery model including screening programs, referral channels, associated technology needs, and how to best measure your success.

Register today and you'll receive a copy of "Connected care: Seeing the whole picture for whole-person health," a free white paper from Optum.



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF RURAL HEALTH CLINICS

NEW! NARHC Certified Rural Health Clinic Professional (CRHCP) Course

NARHC is offering Directors, Clinic Administrators & other RHC leaders a unique full-spectrum course designed to teach you how to operate a successful Rural Health Clinic. Upon course completion & attainment of an 80% or higher exam score, you will earn a CRHCP certification.

Enrollment*: Begins February 14, 2023. Fill out an online form [HERE](#) OR register online February 14th. If you fill out the online form, staff will not register you until the enrollment date. As soon as your payment has been processed, you will receive an email notification with further instructions to access the course.

**Course access given upon successful course registration/payment*

Cost: NARHC Member \$450/learner, Non-Member \$600/learner
Interested in a Scholarship? Check with your State Office of Rural Health to see if they participate!

Course Format: The course content is all online with an online proctored final exam. The final exam test window will be April 24-28, 2023.

Length of Course: Approximately 15-20 hours. Most people require 4-6 weeks to complete.

Content: The CRHCP Course consists of 4 modules: Admin & Finance, Billing & Coding, Regulatory Compliance & Quality, and Federal Updates with short pre-tests throughout the first 3 modules. To view the Learning Objectives, [Click Here](#).

Pre-requisites: None.

System Requirements: Course content can be accessed within any browser, however the final exam MUST be taken in Chrome or Edge due to our

proctoring platform capabilities.

Final Exam: The final exam will be an online proctored exam only. It is 100 questions in multiple choice and multiple correct (select all that apply) format. The final exam will be available April 24-28, 2023.

What if I don't Pass the Exam: 1 free re-take of the test will be allowed within the first 60 days (on-line). If you do not pass the exam on the 2nd attempt you will have to re-take the course at full price at the next course offering.



UPPER MIDWEST

Telehealth

RESOURCE CENTER

A program of the Indiana Rural Health Association

Preparing for the end of the Public Health Emergency with the Upper Midwest Telehealth Resource Center Update

On Monday, January 30th, the Biden administration **announced** that it would terminate the COVID-19 public health emergency on May 11th, 2023.

Although this will not have immediate implications on many of the waivers for telehealth introduced during the COVID-19 PHE, there are two waivers that will immediately go away. These include HIPAA relaxations during the pandemic and the prescription of a controlled substance.

UMTRC provided an overview of the policy and legislative updates post-PHE during the State of the Region Webinar held on Jan 25th, 2023. The recording for this webinar can be accessed on our YouTube channel [here](#).

UMTRC has also been working diligently with other TRCs to create resources for providers for the end of PHE. These resources are available at:

- [Preparing for The End Of The PHE And The End Of HIPAA Enforcement Discretion](#)
- [Preparing for The End Of The PHE – Provider Communication](#)

Additionally, the UMTRC is tracking changes to Medicaid including the uncoupling of continuous eligibility from the ongoing PHE. See our **latest blog** for an overview of what this means for Indiana, where continuous eligibility is expected to end on **March 31st, 2023**.

As we approach the end of PHE, we anticipate more information coming from both the legislative and administrative sides of the Federal Government. Keep yourself informed by accessing the **UMTRC News section** regularly.



Now Accepting Applications for the Nurse Corps Loan Repayment Program

Would you like help to pay off your loans? The Nurse Corps Loan Repayment Program provides loan repayment to nurses in exchange for a minimum two-year full-time service commitment, at an eligible healthcare facility with a critical shortage of nurses or an eligible school of nursing.

Are You Eligible?

- You must be:
 - A licensed registered nurse
 - An advanced practice registered nurse, such as a nurse practitioner; or Nurse faculty member
- You received your nursing education from an accredited school of nursing located in a U.S. state or territory.
- You work full-time in either:
 - An **eligible critical shortage** facility in a high-need area or
 - An **eligible school of nursing**

Additional Resources:

- **Fact Sheet**
- **Application and Program Guidance**

The Nurse Corps Loan Repayment Program application is open through Thursday, February 23 at 7:30 p.m. ET.

Click Here to Apply Now!



MDHHS Releases Final MMP-23-08 Bulletin

The final MMP 23-08 bulletin was recently released to notify providers of CPT and HCPCS

code changes being implemented by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS).

Effective dates are identified for each topic area. Note that this notice is distributed to a broad range of providers and not all, or any, of the codes listed, may apply to their scope of practice.

Refer to HCPCS code books and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) website (www.cms.hhs.gov) for full descriptions of codes. Information regarding fee screens is maintained on the appropriate database or professional fee schedule on the MDHHS website at www.michigan.gov/medicaidproviders >> Billing and Reimbursement >> Provider Specific Information.

Additional pertinent coverage parameters, such as age restrictions, prior authorization (PA) requirements, and other billing indicators, are accessible via the Medicaid Code and Rate Reference tool within the Community Health Automated Medicaid Processing System (CHAMPS) at <https://sso.state.mi.us> >> External Links >> Medicaid Code and Rate Reference.

[Click Here to Download the Full Bulletin](#)

National Rural Health Resource Center Launches New Website, Unveils New Branding

The National Rural Health Resource Center, the leading technical assistance and knowledge center focused on rural health, has launched a newly designed website that offers a fresh, modern look and promises an improved user experience to visitors from hospitals, clinics, state and federal agencies, and others. The new site is part of a larger brand refresh that includes the adoption of an updated logo and other design elements.

The revamped site, which continues to be located at ruralcenter.org, is designed to encourage deeper engagement and continue building on the positive experience thousands of visitors have come to expect from the site. The site features streamlined navigation, a more visually appealing design and layout (including an emphasis on video), and improved user experience.

The website, last redesigned in 2014, includes pages dedicated to The Center's population health services; its four federally-funded programs that provide assistance to the nation's rural hospitals,



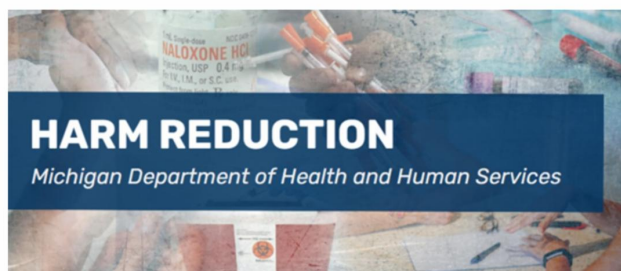
[Visit the new Website](#)

clinics, State Offices of Rural Health and other rural stakeholders; and its collections of resources — toolkits, guides, webinars and other materials — on topics ranging from small rural hospital and clinic finance, and health equity, to population health and quality reporting. Throughout the site, pages were edited for conciseness and increased use of visual elements like photographs, videos and pull quotes.

The Center’s new brand identity elements — an updated logo and brand colors — are also visible on the site. The graphical components of the new logo — abstract icons that depict a landscape with a crossroads in the foreground, signifying togetherness and collaboration, and a rising sun in the horizon, conveying positivity and possibilities —, as well as new brand colors, are incorporated on most of the site’s pages.

The site redesign and brand refresh are the result of more than six months of work — including audience research, listening sessions, a communications audit, and a technical audit — led by an outside design firm.

“Our refreshed site and new logo represent important milestones for The Center,” said Center CEO Sally Buck. “While our old website served its purpose, we knew that we needed to make our site easier to navigate so that visitors can more quickly find the answers to their questions and the resources they’re looking for and more easily connect with our team. We want our stakeholders — whether they’re staff at hospitals or clinics, state rural health programs, federal and state partners, or others working in the rural health field — to have a first-class experience when visiting our site.”



REMINDER: 2023 Michigan Harm Reduction Summit

Please save the date for the **2023 Michigan Harm Reduction Summit**, to be held May 16-17, 2023. The summit will be hosted in-

person (Lansing) with a select number of sessions streamed virtually. For access to all sessions, participants are encouraged to attend the in-person

conference.

Target Audience: All public health, public safety, nurses, physicians, social workers, community health workers, therapists, health educators, as well as professionals working in the substance use space are encouraged to attend. Registration is to open in the coming months.

To subscribe to receive future Michigan Harm Reduction updates, please e-mail: MDHHS-SyringeAccess@Michigan.gov

RHC February News & Updates

Here are some of the topics impacting the RHC community in Michigan this month. Click on these links to read more:

- **SAVE THE DATE:** [HRSA Virtual Job Fair - February 22](#)
- **NEW:** [The Michigan Health Council \(MHC\) Offers Five Virtual One-Hour Implicit Bias Training Courses](#)
- **NEW:** [Senate Rural Health Champions Introduce RHC Burden Reduction Act](#)
- **RESOURCE:** [Answer the call: 988 Lifeline Suicide & Crisis Network Jobs](#)
- **ONGOING:** [HRSA Payment Program for RHC Buprenorphine-Trained Providers](#)

COVID-19 Vaccine Updates and Resources

This a reminder that COVID-19 is still having an impact on our rural neighbors and those providing care and solutions. Please click on the links below for important information regarding the latest on vaccines, boosters, testing, and other recommendations:

- **RESOURCE:** [RHC Vaccine Confidence News and Information - UPDATED](#)
- **RESOURCE:** [One Stop Online for COVID Prevention and Treatment in Every County](#)
- **RESOURCE:** [COVID-19 Impact on Emergency Preparedness for RHCs](#)
- **RESOURCE:** [The Implications of Long COVID for Rural Communities](#)
- **UPDATE:** [MDHHS Medicaid Policy Bulletins](#)
- **UPDATE:** [MDHHS L-Letters Guidance](#)
- **ONGOING:** [Understanding the Federal COVID-19 Vaccine Mandates: Practical Considerations for Covered Employers](#)

Click Here For

**RURAL MICHIGAN
COVID-19
RESOURCES**



Contact:

Jill Oesterle
Rural Health Clinics Services Manager
Oester35@msu.edu
517-353-6891

**A Special
Thank You to
MCRH's 2023
Organization
Sponsors:**



**Visit our
website**

**Please visit MCRH's Social Media Channels for more
news and information:**



[Click to Subscribe to the RHC Weekly Bulletin](#)

Trouble viewing this email? Contact siwekdou@msu.edu for help

All information in the RHC Weekly Bulletin is current as of date sent and is subject to change

Michigan Center For Rural Health | 909 Wilson Road, B-218 W Fee Hall, Michigan State
University,
East Lansing, MI 48824

[Unsubscribe siwekdou@msu.edu](#)

[Constant Contact Data Notice](#)

Sent by oester35@msu.edu powered by



Try email marketing for free today!