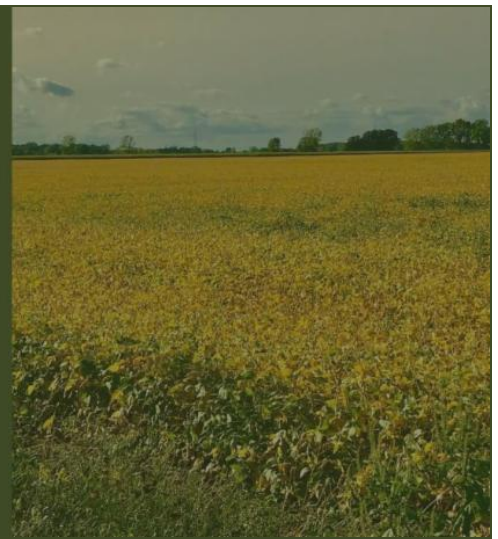




## Our Mission:

TO COORDINATE, PLAN,  
AND ADVOCATE FOR  
IMPROVED HEALTH FOR  
MICHIGAN'S RURAL  
RESIDENTS AND  
COMMUNITIES.



## MCRH MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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Volume 5, Issue 8

## Apply Today for MCRH's Workforce Initiative Manager Position



MCRH is looking for a dynamic individual who is motivated to improve the health of rural Michigander's by implementing programs to enhance the healthcare workforce in rural areas.

The Workforce Initiative Manager is responsible for developing programs to recruit and retain healthcare providers in rural Michigan. This involves designing innovative solutions to address workforce shortages and collaborating with stakeholders to ensure the sustainability and growth of healthcare services in underserved areas.

This position is open to candidates statewide, with time in the home office (MSU) dependent upon the candidate's home office location. MCRH is an organization that prioritizes work-life balance and provides an excellent benefits package.

Click [HERE](#) to view the full job description. Applications are being accepted through Friday, September 13.

# Register Your Support Staff Today for a Point of Service Collections Training Session Near You

## Point of Service Collections Training

### Dates & Locations

#### **Northern MI -Sep. 10th**

*Registration Closes September 3rd*

Kirtland Community College – Gaylord

#### **Thumb -Sep. 11th**

*Registration Closes September 3rd*

Tuscola Technology Center -Caro

#### **Upper Peninsula - Oct. 2nd**

*Registration Closes September 16th*

Bay College - Escanaba



#### **AM and PM Sessions Available Each Day**

- **Morning:** Registration 9am and Program begins at 9:30-11:30am
- **Afternoon:** Registration 1pm and Program begins at 1:30-3:30pm



#### **Content Expert**

**Darren Cook**

Magnet Solutions

**The two-hour training sessions will include the following topics:**

- Industry Perspective: What has changed?
- Current Team Challenges
- Organizational Benefits
- Patient Benefits
- Training and Practical Skills:
  - Sample Scripting
  - Role-Playing Exercises
  - Verbal and Non-Verbal Communication
  - Negotiation Skills
  - Conflict Resolution

“A Supervisor stated she learned a lot herself, such as the financial aspect of coverage—the fact that the patient has a contract with the payer and that copays are part of this contract.”

“It was priceless teaching them phrases for presenting the outstanding bill to patients and not feeling bad about asking for money, especially when they knew the person.”

“Overall, it was a very helpful process, especially to our frontline staff.”

**Lili Petricevic MBA,BSN,RHCEOC**

CEO/COO Administration

Sheridan Community Hospital



MCRH, in collaboration with Magnet Solutions, is excited to offer Point of Service Collections Training. Designed specifically for support staff, this training provides the essential tools needed to handle payments and patient financial interactions directly at the time of service.

Registration is **closing soon** for these two-hour sessions, which will be held at three locations across Michigan. They will cover industry perspectives, current challenges, organizational and patient benefits, practical skills, and Q&A.

The cost is \$50 per attendee, and everyone will receive a complimentary handbook packed with tips and best practices for patient financial discussions.

[Click Here For More Information and to Register for POS Training](#)

## 2023 CMS Star Ratings: Recognizing Excellence in Michigan Rural Healthcare Facilities



The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) recently released the highly anticipated 2023 CMS Star Ratings. The CMS Star Ratings system evaluates various aspects of healthcare facilities, including clinical outcomes, patient experience, safety, and more. These ratings not only serve as a guide for patients seeking high-quality care but also encourage healthcare providers to continuously improve and strive for excellence. The star ratings range from one to five stars, with five stars indicating the highest level of quality and performance.

One notable aspect of the 2023 CMS Star Ratings is the recognition of exceptional rural healthcare facilities that have consistently delivered outstanding care to their communities. Among these standouts are six rural Prospective Payment System (PPS) facilities and two Critical Access Hospitals that proudly received the prestigious five-star rating. These facilities have proven their commitment to excellence in patient care and clinical outcomes.

Celebrating Rural PPS Facilities with Five Stars:

- **Munson Medical Center · Munson Healthcare Cadillac Hospital**
- **Munson Healthcare Grayling**
- **Munson Healthcare Otsego Memorial Hospital (Gaylord)**
- **MyMichigan Medical Center – Alpena**
- **University of Michigan Health - Sparrow Carson**

Recognizing Excellence in Critical Access Hospitals with Five Stars:

- **University of Michigan Health - Sparrow Clinton**
- **University of Michigan Health - Sparrow Ionia**

As the 2023 CMS Star Ratings celebrate these exceptional rural PPS hospitals and CAHs, they also highlight the collective commitment of healthcare professionals to deliver outstanding care, even in underserved areas.

## 2024 Rural Michigan Opioid and Substance Use Summit Recap





*Thomas Overett, Bear River Health*



*Dr. Alex Elswick, University of Kentucky*



*Anthony Pantaleo, Bureau of Emergency Preparedness, EMS, and Systems of Care, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services*

MCRH and NMORC recently hosted the 2024 Rural Michigan Opioid and Substance Use Summit at Treetops Resort in Gaylord, Michigan.

The 2024 Summit combined rural programming and presenters who addressed Opioid and Substance Use in rural Michigan.

This year, the **Northern Michigan Opioid Response Consortium** and the Michigan Center for Rural Health were proud to present the 2024 Rural Recovery Hero Award to Suzanne Prentice, the founder and coordinator of the Kalkaska coalition known as the **Live Well Kalkaska Substance Free Coalition**. The award ceremony was emotional and joyous, punctuated by a standing ovation after Suzanne's acceptance speech. For more about Suzanne, click [HERE](#).

Dr. Alex Elswick, MS, PhD, Assistant Professor & Extension Specialist, Substance Use Prevention & Recovery, **University of Kentucky**, delivered the Keynote Address that spoke to the importance of recovery capital in predicting long-term recovery and exploring the vast and varied recovery pathways. You can read more about Dr. Elswick [HERE](#).

**Other Summit speakers included:**

- Thomas Overett, CPRC, Peer Support Specialist, **Bear River Health**, & Recovery Coach Trainer, NMSAS
- Donna Norkoli, BS, MCHES, Regional Planning Manager, **District Health Department #10**
- Erin Oleniczak, Public Health Educator, **District Health Department #10**
- Anthony Pantaleo, Paramedic I/C, BAS, EMS Opioid Outreach Coordinator, **Division of EMS and Systems of Care, Bureau of Emergency Preparedness, EMS, and Systems of Care, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services**
- Robert McMorrow, Director of Addiction Medicine Clinical Services, **MidMichigan Community Health Services & Consulting Physician / Michigan Opioid Collaborative (MOC)**
- David McGraham of the **Northern Michigan Opioid Response Consortium**
- Jean Talsma, Medical Director, **Western Michigan Comprehensive Treatment Center and Bear River Health**;
- MaryLee Pakieser, MSN, RN, FNP-BC, Correctional Health Provider, **Advanced Correctional Healthcare Inc.**
- Muhammad Abdelhai, MD-Internal Medicine, Recovery and Addiction Services Medical Director, **Thunder Bay Community Health Service Inc.**
- Nicki Gabel, Program Manager, **Center for Health Equity Practice/Detroit Health Innovations, Michigan Public Health Institute**;
- Keoshia Banks, MPH, CHES, Project Manager, **Michigan Public Health Institute**,
- Caitlin Koucky, MNM, CNP, PRC, Executive Director, **Community Recovery**

### Alliance

- Jared Welehodsky, JD, State Assistant Administrator, Office of the Chief Medical Executive, **Michigan Department of Health and Human Services**

The Summit also featured 27 table exhibitors and over 150 attendees who interacted throughout the day.

Special thanks to **Munson Healthcare** for their generous support of \$1,500 worth of items to create essential Welcome Home Baskets by the **Northwest Coalition to End Homelessness**. This effort was coordinated with **Goodwill Northern Michigan**, and the items will significantly help unhoused people as they move into housing.

See you in 2025 at the next Rural Michigan Opioid and Substance Use Summit!



*Jared Welehodsky,  
Michigan Department of  
Health and Human Services*



*Suzanne Prentice, 2024  
Rural Recovery Hero of the  
Year Recipient*



*Donna Norkoli, District  
Health Department #10*

Visit the 2024 Rural Michigan Opioid & Substance Use Summit Website for Complete Presentations

## MCRH Forms a Rural Palliative Care Advisory Council

MCRH is pleased to announce the establishment of the Rural Palliative Care Advisory Council, which recently held its inaugural meeting. Funded by the Michigan Health Endowment Fund, this council reflects MCRH's commitment to improving healthcare access and quality in rural Michigan. It includes palliative care experts and rural health stakeholders.

Palliative care provides relief from symptoms, pain, and stress associated with severe illnesses. It can be given alongside curative treatments and is suitable for patients of any age or illness.

If you want to learn more about this programming or get involved, please contact Amanda St. Martin, Hospital Programs Manager, at [amanda.saintmartin@affiliate.msu.edu](mailto:amanda.saintmartin@affiliate.msu.edu).

[Click Here to Learn More](#)

## MBQIP Upcoming Deadlines, Reporting

# Reminders and Resources



MCRH is excited to introduce monthly Medicare Beneficiary Quality Improvement Project (MBQIP) updates that will help improve the quality of care provided in Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs).

## **MBQIP Reporting Updates**

-Reporting Hybrid HWR for Q3 2023-Q2 2024 encounters (7/1/2023-6/30/2024) is due **October 1** for reporting to CMS. Note: The measure is not currently being submitted for MBQIP but is available for reporting to CMS.

-Reporting Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (HCAHPS) Q2 2024 encounters (4/1/24-6/30/24) is due **October 2**. Submission is through the HQR Secure Portal-Vendor.

-Emergency Department Transfer Communication (EDTC) Q3 2024 encounters (7/1/24- 9/30/24) is due **October 31**. Connect with your **State Flex Program** for details on the submission process.

-Reporting Median time from ED arrival to ED departure(OP-18) Q2 2024 encounters (4/1/24-6/30/24) is due **November 1**. Submission is through the HQR Secure Portal-Outpatient. CART users will use CART version 1.24.0. If you have questions about CART submission and requirement details, please contact your State Flex Program.

## **MBQIP Overview Resources**

**MBQIP Core Set Information Guide** Version 2.1 Released April 2024

This guide provides an overview of measures included in the MBQIP 2025 Measure Core set. This includes information about the data collection, reporting processes, and descriptions for each measure.

**MBQIP 2025 Data Submission Deadlines** Version 1.1 Released April 2024.

This resource includes details of the implementation timeline for the MBQIP 2025 Core Measure Set and data submission deadlines.

## **Hybrid Hospital-Wide Readmissions Resources**

**Data Submission Guide for Hybrid Hospital-Wide Readmissions** Version 1.0 Released July 2024. This guide includes tips for hospitals to start reporting new measures, measure details, linked trainings, and step-by-step data submission steps for the Hospital Commitment to Health Equity measure.

For more on MBQIP, please contact Amanda St. Martin, Hospital Programs Manager, at [amanda.saintmartin@affiliate.msu.edu](mailto:amanda.saintmartin@affiliate.msu.edu).

**Limited Partnerships Still Available for  
the 2024 Michigan Critical Access**



# Hospital Conference



## 2024 Michigan Critical Access Hospital Conference

November 7-8, 2024, Park Place – Traverse City, MI

**Why Exhibit:** The Michigan Critical Access Hospital Conference provides the single most targeted opportunity to reach C-level executives with your organization's message, products, services, and educational outreach efforts. MCRH invites three guests (CEO, CFO, CNO, and Quality Manager) from each of the 35 CAHs to discuss relevant issues, network, and disseminate information.

### EXHIBITOR PACKAGES

Includes the Bronze Package PLUS:

**GOLD**  
**\$2250**

- Recognition as **GOLD** Sponsor
- **2 Additional** Complimentary Registrations
- Recognition as a **BREAKFAST SPONSOR**
- **One** Pre-Recorded Video (up to 2 minutes) that will be included in the Safe Travels Email before the event

**SILVER**  
**\$1750**

Includes the Bronze Package PLUS:

- Recognition as **SILVER** Sponsor
- **1 Additional** Complimentary Registration
- Recognition as **SNACK/BREAK SPONSOR**

**BRONZE**  
**\$1350**

- Recognition as **BRONZE** Sponsor
- **1** Complimentary Registration
- Participant List before the event
- **1** Exhibit Table
- Meals Included



### Charging Station - \$750

*(1 Sponsorship Available)*

Your logo will be displayed prominently by each charging station for maximum visibility!

### Official Conference App - \$650

*(Limited Sponsorships Available)*

Keep your brand in front of this year's attendees as they share photos, engage in live chat, and keep up to date on the agenda through the app!



### Entertainment Sponsor - \$500

*(Limited Sponsorships Available)*

Have your logo placed prominently near the musicians, logo recognition on CAH slides, and have your organization officially announced during the reception.

Join the Michigan Center for Rural Health as an event partner at this year's Critical Access Hospital (CAH) Conference, November 7-8, at Park Place in Traverse City, Michigan.

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[Click Here for Partnership Registration](#)

## August's Strength of Rural Spotlight: Michigan AgrAbility—Farm Country's Hidden Gem



**Each month, the Michigan Center for Rural Health highlights people and organizations who uplift rural health through the Strength of Rural Spotlight Series. In August, MCRH spotlights Michigan AgrAbility and its assistive technology resources.**

What happens when self-employed farmers or foresters are injured or face a life-changing illness? There is no employer-sponsored health care—the farmer is both an employer and an employee. These difficult situations add to the worry of how the farm and family's source of income can continue while adapting to a new circumstance.

This is where Michigan AgrAbility can step in, walking alongside the family while helping them adjust to a new set of circumstances. A partnership between Michigan State University Extension and Easterseals MORC, AgrAbility identifies assistive technology that will allow the farmer to continue to work and earn a living.

Assistive technology can be as simple as extra steps added to tractors for easier mounting, backup cameras in equipment, air ride seats for tractors, or quick attachments that reduce the number of times the operator climbs on and off equipment during field work.

*Please contact MCRH Social Drivers of Health Manager, Laura Mispelon ([laura.mispelon@affiliate.msu.edu](mailto:laura.mispelon@affiliate.msu.edu)), if you are interested in having your organization featured in an upcoming Strength of Rural Spotlight.*

[Click Here to Read More about Michigan AgrAbility's Work](#)

## From the Northern Michigan Opioid Response Consortium Team: International Overdose Awareness Day Leads into September's National Recovery Month

2nd Annual  
INTERNATIONAL OVERDOSE  
AWARENESS DAY  
*Butterfly Release*  
— 30 AUGUST —  
4-6 PM  
Cadillac Rotary Pavilion  
GUEST SPEAKER - BRAD SCHERO  
FREE RESOURCES

To reserve a butterfly,  
please scan QR code or call  
231-280-5789

Logos: harm reduction, THE HOPE PROJECT, Syringe Service Program, District Health Department '10

RSVP  
TO RESERVE A  
BUTTERFLY  
FOR THE  
4TH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL  
OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY  
AUGUST 31ST  
1PM-3PM  
PENNSYLVANIA PARK, PETOSKEY

RSVP HERE

QUESTIONS - CALL 231.881.9116  
OR  
EMAIL [SUPPORT@CRAMI.ORG](mailto:SUPPORT@CRAMI.ORG)

As August ends, the Northern Michigan Opioid Response Consortium (NMORC), a project of the Michigan Center for Rural Health, intensifies its focus on overdose and opioid awareness. International Overdose Awareness Day is on August 31. The 2024 theme is "Together we can." In northern Lower Michigan, two NMORC partners will hold "Butterfly Release Events" in Cadillac on August 30 and Petoskey on August 31. These events, **featured above**, honor the lives lost to overdose.

September's Recovery Month Events will be abundant in the region NMORC serves throughout the month, showcasing the talents of recovery community members. Embracing recovery supports and breaking stigma is crucial in combating substance use disorder and opioid use disorder. Here are a few of the events taking place:



**2024 RECOVERY MONTH  
EMPOWER YOUR RECOVERY**

<b>CRAFTING @ 10AM</b>	<b>KNOWLEDGE</b>
<b>TUES 9/3</b> ESSENTIAL OIL BRACELETS	<b>TUES 9/10</b> MIDHS
<b>TUES 9/17</b> POSITIVE AFFIRMATIONS STONES	<b>TUES 9/17</b> PLANNED PARENTHOOD
<b>TUES 9/24</b> AROMA THERAPY PILLOWS	<b>TUES 9/24</b> LYBB
<b>TUES 9/24</b> MINDFULNESS GLITTER JARS	<b>TUES 9/24</b> SELF-DEFENSE
<b>FRIDAY FUN @ 5:30PM</b>	<b>SELF-CARE</b>
<b>TRIVIA NIGHT</b> Join us at the NEW CRA Center for a night of TRIVIA!	<b>Join us at the NEW CRA Center for YOGA @ 5AM</b>
<b>KARAOKE WITH A COP</b> Join us at the NEW CRA Center for a night of KARAOKE with a local police officer!	<b>NATIONAL RECOVERY DAY</b> CRA wants to celebrate you and your recovery journey!
<b>THE CORNHOLE CLASSIC</b> Join the CRA team at Woodwell Plaza Park and enjoy some time with CRA!	<b>Join us at the NEW CRA Center for an Open House for our new center, including a lot of food, games and more!</b>

322 Bay St. Unit 3 Petoskey, MI 49770 [WWW.CRAMI.ORG](http://WWW.CRAMI.ORG)

**Save the Date 9/6/2024 11am-1pm**

**PROFESSIONAL NETWORKING EVENT**

IN SUPPORT OF SUNRISE CENTRE

MDHHS STAFF WILL BE GRILLING HOTDOGS, CHIPS AND A POP FOR LUNCH WITH PROCEEDS GOING TO SUNRISE CENTRE!

**LUNCH**

Parking lot of: Boys & Girls Club, Sunrise Centre, & MDHHS - Alpena.

QUESTIONS: PLEASE CONTACT CARRIE BADGERO, [BADGEROCZ@MICHIGAN.GOV](mailto:BADGEROCZ@MICHIGAN.GOV), KAREN NOWICKI-COMPEAU AT [KAREN.NOWICKI-COMPEAU@MYMICHIGAN.ORG](mailto:KAREN.NOWICKI-COMPEAU@MYMICHIGAN.ORG)

**ALL RECOVERY LABOR DAY WEEKEND CAMPOUT**

August 30th-September 2nd

HOME OF NEW VISION, PEER 360, AND ANDY'S ANGELS PRESENT THIS ALCOHOL & SUBSTANCE FREE CAMPING TRIP. ADMISSION IS FREE & BOTH TENT CAMPING AND CABINS ARE AVAILABLE. TO ENSURE A CABIN PLEASE RSVP BECAUSE BUNKS ARE LIMITED.

**RSVP DATE HAS OPEN AUGUST 1ST**

SOME MEALS WILL ALSO BE PROVIDED BUT PLEASE BRING NECESSARY CAMPING ITEMS, SNACKS AND DRINKS

**CAMP NEVATI 2052 Hillcrest Dr. Lake MI**

CHECK IN IS 4:00 FRIDAY. (2:00 FOR STAFF & VOLUNTEERS)

**PEER 360** HOME OF NEW VISION

Contact Chancy @ 989.698.6977 to RSVP, volunteer or for more info.

[Click Here to Read More in the Latest NMORC Newsletter](#)

## 2024 EMS Quality Improvement and Data Summit Recap



*Dr. Jeff Jarvis, Fort Worth, Texas Office of the Medical Director*



*Kathryn Dunkow, East Bay Ambulance*



*Dr. Clay Mann, NEMSIS (National EMS Information Systems)*

MCRH's first EMS Quality Improvement (QI) and Data Summit was recently held at Boyne Mountain Resort in Boyne Falls, MI.

Over the two days of the Summit, attendees heard from local and national experts and learned more about National EMS Quality Alliance data reporting and rural EMS quality improvement projects. They also had the opportunity to network with their peers and share ideas.

MCRH would like to thank those who attended and extend a special thank you to the Summit presenters:

- Dr. Jeff Jarvis, MD, MS, EMT-P, Chief Medical Officer, Fort Worth (Texas) Office of the Medical Director
- Dr. Clay Mann, PhD, MS, MBA, Principal Investigator at **NEMSIS (National EMS Information System)**
- Nick Lemcool, Paramedic, Director, **East Bay Ambulance**
- Kathryn Dunklow, BHS, Paramedic I/C, CP-C **East Bay Ambulance**
- Brian Patten, Director, **Emmet County EMS**
- Jeff Friend, FFR/Paramedic, **Cedar Area Fire & Rescue**
- Jamie Schuette, Administrative Clerk, **ACW-UNIONVILLE FIRE DEPT.**
- Ron Cole, **Norman Township Fire Department**
- Johnny Wagner, EMT-P, BS-IT/AN, EMS Data Coordinator, **Michigan Department of Health and Human Services**
- Tim Nowak, BS, NRP, Founder and CEO, **Emergency Medical Solutions,**



## Targeted Technical Assistance for Rural Hospitals Program – Apply by September 30

### Targeted Technical Assistance Program Apply by September 30, 2024



Applications are being accepted to receive two years of technical assistance through this FORHP-supported program for rural hospitals facing financial and operational challenges that affect their viability.

The Center for Public Health Practice and Research at the Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health, Georgia Southern University, will provide technical assistance for this project, which will begin in November 2024.

[Click Here to Apply](#)

## Housing Challenges and Opportunities for Rural Residency Development



# RuralGME.org

Researchers from the Rural Residency Planning and Development Technical Assistance Center (RuralGME.org) explore challenges, strategic approaches, potential opportunities, and capital funding for rural residency programs to ensure access to safe, secure, affordable, and good-quality housing convenient to the workplace.

As the number and size of rural residency programs continue to grow across the country, housing has not kept pace. Solutions to housing for rural GME are as diverse as rural GME itself.

Local hospitals, teaching health centers, academic health centers, institutions of higher education, Area Health Education Centers, state offices of rural health, local foundations, Veterans Affairs, community chambers of commerce, and regional banks can all play roles as partners (or investors) in identifying housing solutions with local GME leadership.

[Click Here to Read the Full Article](#)

## Community Health Workers Help Patients Use Telehealth



Community health workers support the health care needs of their community and can help patients learn about telehealth.

CHWs have many roles, such as digital health navigators. Below are some of the ways CHWs are uniquely able to build trust with the people they support to access telehealth:

- Coordinate access to telehealth services in a patient's preferred language
- Ensure the patient feels included and empowered to make health care decisions using telehealth
- Arrange needed health care and social services, including exploring online resources
- Promote the use of preventive care with telehealth and online tools
- Manage chronic conditions, such as diabetes, with telehealth



[Click Here to Learn More](#)

## Healthcare Jobs Expected to Grow 10% Over Next Decade, Despite Continued Challenges with Recruitment and Retention

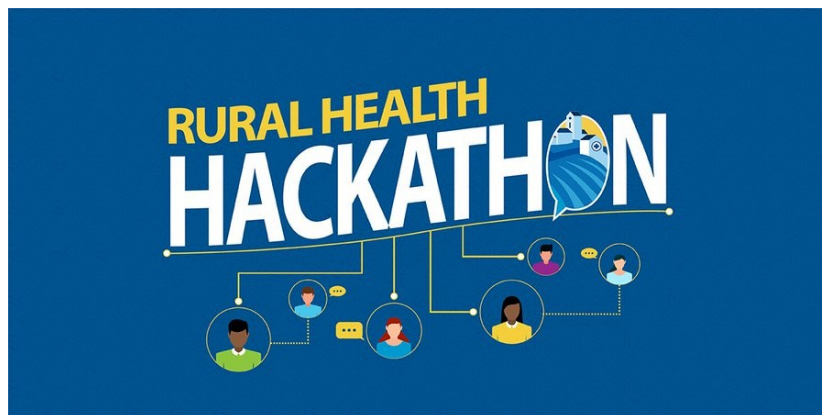


According to a new analysis by the Michigan Health Council (MHC), healthcare jobs in Michigan are projected to increase by 10% over the next decade, amounting to approximately 48,849 new jobs. The 2024 Michigan Healthcare Labor Market Analysis summarizes data from various sources to describe Michigan's healthcare workforce.

Much of this growth is related to an anticipated increase in jobs within Nursing, Patient Support, and Behavioral Health. The occupations with the highest absolute value growth numbers are Home Health and Personal Care Aides, with 17,259 new jobs, and Registered Nurses, with 5,897 new jobs.

[Click Here to Read the Full Story](#)

## CMS Rural Health Hackathon: Now Accepting Virtual Concepts Through September 9



The CMS Innovation Center is seeking virtual submissions for the 2024 Rural Health Hackathon. The virtual submission process is open to the public and solicits creative, actionable concepts to address rural health challenges.

Interested participants should submit their written concepts via the online form below. CMS will review all submissions, and the top concepts will be included in a CMS policy report that will be published on the CMS Rural Health Hackathon webpage.

Virtual submissions are due by 11:59 PM EST on Monday, September 9. Please

note that late submissions will not be considered.

[Click Here to View Full Virtual Submission Details](#)

# Gilda's Club Grand Rapids Offers Virtual Support Groups



## VIRTUAL SUPPORT AT GILDA'S CLUB



### Welcome to Gilda's Club Grand Rapids

Gilda's Club Grand Rapids is a free community of children, adults, families and friends who have been impacted by cancer or have experienced the death of a person in their life due to any cause. For individuals who would like to attend our virtual programs, we offer the following groups and activities, via Zoom. **To get support started, please register to attend an upcoming New Member Meeting by visiting our website at [www.gildasclubgr.org/find-support](http://www.gildasclubgr.org/find-support) or call us 616.453.8300.**

#### VIRTUAL CANCER SUPPORT GROUPS

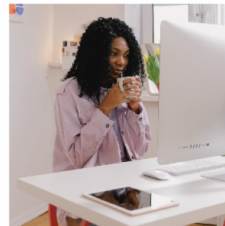
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Breast Cancer Support  
Christian Cancer Support  
Colorectal & Related Cancers Support  
Family & Friends Cancer Support  
General Cancer Support  
Gynecological Cancer Support  
Late Stage Cancer Support  
Leukemia & Lymphoma Cancer Support  
Multiple Myeloma Cancer Support  
Next Steps Cancer Support  
Prostate Cancer Cancer Support  
Sister to Sister Cancer Support  
Young Adult Cancer Support

#### VIRTUAL GRIEF SUPPORT GROUPS

African Americans Living with Grief  
General Grief Support  
Next Steps Grief Support  
*(for those two years or more post bereavement)*

#### VIRTUAL WORKSHOPS & ACTIVITIES

Ask the Lawyer  
Meditation  
Yoga with Embody



**For more information or to learn more about virtual programs at Gilda's Club, please visit [www.gildasclubgr.org](http://www.gildasclubgr.org), email [info@gildasclubgr.org](mailto:info@gildasclubgr.org) or call 616-453-8300.**



Scan this QR code to view our full program calendar online!

#### **IN THIS TOGETHER ... LEARN. SHARE. LAUGH.**

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1806 Bridge St. NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49504 • 865 Lincoln Lake Ave SE, Lowell, MI 49331

Gilda's Club Grand Rapids is a vibrant, free, emotional health support community of children, adults, families, and friends on any kind of cancer journey or those grieving a death due to any cause.

Gilda's Club offers a variety of in-person, virtual, and hybrid programs so you can engage most comfortably. Including:

- Virtual Activities that are conducted via a HIPAA-compliant Zoom video conference call. A Zoom link will be sent directly to registered members before the start of the program.
- In-person activities are conducted in person. Unless marked hybrid, in-person activities can only be attended by being physically present. Please see the in-person program protocols outlined below for more information.
- Hybrid Activities are the best of both worlds! Hybrid activities can be attended in person by being physically present or virtually via a HIPAA-compliant Zoom video conference call. In-person attendance requires an RSVP. A Zoom link will be sent directly to registered members prior to the start of the support





promote Substance and Opioid Use Disorder events, resources, and information.

[Click Here to Read the Latest Issue](#)



## Upcoming MCRH Educational Events



### Grand Rounds:

**September 5, 2024, 12-1 PM EST**

Pediatrics Grand Rounds: Understanding Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)

Speaker: Mary Neumaier, RD & ACEs Master Trainer

[Register Here](#)

CE Provided for Social Workers, Nurses, Physicians, and Community Health Workers

**September 10, 2024, 12-1 PM EST**

Social Work Grand Rounds: Finding Your Way - Tools for Navigating Social Systems & Resources

Speaker: Shaun Taft, LMSW, MSA

[Register Here](#)

CE Provided for Social Workers, Nurses, Physicians, and Community Health Workers

**September 17, 2024, 12-1 PM EST**

Special Topics Grand Rounds: Advanced Care Planning

Speaker: Amy Bailey, LMSW

[Register Here](#)

CE Provided for Social Workers, Nurses, Physicians, and Community Health Workers

### Project ECHO:

**September 18, 12-1 PM EST**

Update on STDs for Primary Care Providers

Speaker: Dr. Peter Gulick

[Register Here](#)

CE Provided

### EMS:

**October 9, 2024, 6-7 PM EST**

Getting Paid for MIH and CIP Programs

Speaker: Maggie Adams, EMS Financial Services

[Register Here](#)

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## ADDITIONAL NEWS & RESOURCES:

### TELEHEALTH:

[NIH Notice of Special Interest: Telehealth Strategies for Individuals with HIV and Substance Use Disorders – September 7](#)

[Expanding Dental Care to Children Through Telehealth](#)

[Building Michigan's State Broadband Plan](#)

[VIDEO: How Broadband Access Positively Impacts the Growing American Workforce](#)

[2024 State Policy Agenda for Telehealth Innovation](#)

## **HOSPITAL PROGRAMS:**

[CMS Updates Hospital Policies for Fiscal Year 2025 and Finalizes a New Payment Model for Select Surgeries](#)

[AHRQ TeamSTEPPS®: No Cost Training for Patient Safety – Sessions through November 2024](#)

[Comments Requested on Information Collection for Hospital and CAH CoPs – October 7](#)

## **PRIMARY CARE:**

[Proposed Updates to Medicare Outpatient Payments for Calendar Year 2025 – Comment by September 9](#)

[Proposed Updates to Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Payments for Calendar Year 2025 – Comment by September 9](#)

[CMS Announces New Lower Drug Prices for 2026 / Negotiated Pricing Fact Sheet](#)

[CMS Innovation in Behavioral Health Model](#)

[New Changes to Behavioral Health Intensive Outpatient Program Coverage in Medicare](#)

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[The U.S. Playbook to Address Social Determinants of Health](#)

## **SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER:**

[Opioid Settlement Resource Center - The Michigan Association of Counties \(micounties.org\)](#)

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[Model Recovery Ready Workplaces Act](#)

## **WORKFORCE:**

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## **VETERANS:**

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[Updated Veterans Educational Videos from the IREACH Program](#)

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