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A Few Words From Jill:

Welcome to the September issue of the RHC Newsletter!

If you haven't already, please take a moment to register for the 2022 Rural Health Clinic Practice Manager Workshops taking place next week, Wednesday, September 7th, at Soaring Eagle Resort.

I am sure you have seen our social media postings and previous calls to register in past issues of this newsletter, but I cannot stress enough the value of participating in this workshop. Believe me when I tell you that you as a manager, your practice, and even your patients will benefit from the education and ideas being presented during this one-day event!

Not only will you get the chance to network with your peers, but you will hear from trusted voices in RHC Compliance (Tressa Sacrey), Cost Reporting (Julie Quinn), and Finance (Johnathan Patenburg) from our partners at Health Services Associations who can help transform your thinking and equip you with the resources that will turn your practice into a well-oiled machine.

Becoming a smarter, more efficient, and stronger practice manager should be a critical reason to take this last-minute opportunity to register. I hope to see you next week!

Thanks,
Jill

Speakers Include:



Tressa Sacrey
RHC Compliance Analyst



Johnathan Patenburg
Principle, Wintergreen



Julie Quinn
VP of Compliance and Cost Reporting



2022 Rural Health Clinic Practice Management Workshops – September 7, 2022 Soaring Eagle Resort Mt. Pleasant, MI

How are you running your rural health clinic in 2022?

Are you looking for solutions on how to:

- ❖ *Create a great compliance environment?*
- ❖ *Become a more effective clinic manager?*
- ❖ *Overcome struggles with cost reporting and financials?*

Then you should attend this impactful one-day workshop and return to your RHC equipped to meet challenges head-on in 2023 and beyond!

Register today:
<https://conta.cc/3BmUdy2>





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Supported by the **Federal Office of Rural Health Policy**, the **National Rural Health Resource Center** provides small rural hospitals and certified rural health clinics **one year** of focused technical assistance (TA) through the **Rural**

Healthcare Provider Transition Project (RHPTP).

RHPTP is designed to help strengthen your organization's foundation in the key elements of value-based care including but not limited to efficiency, quality, patient experience, and safety of care. RHPTP's goal is to guide, prepare, and position your organization to be an effective participant in a health system focused on value.

Watch this [short video](#), and visit the RHPTP website for more information regarding [eligibility and application process](#), [benefits of participation](#), and [FAQs](#).

[Submit your RHPTP application today!](#)

House Passes Bipartisan Telehealth Policy Extension for Two Years



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RURAL HEALTH CLINICS

Recently, The House overwhelmingly passed [H.R. 4040](#), Advancing Telehealth Beyond COVID-19 Act of 2021.

This legislation would extend a variety of Medicare telehealth flexibilities, currently set to expire on the 152nd day after the end of the Public Health Emergency (PHE), to now continue through December 31, 2024.

[Click Here to Read
the NARHC
Statement](#)

NEW Resource for RHCs:

**Opioid Settlement Dollars: A Breakdown of the Process and
What it Means for Your Work in Overdose Prevention**



After years of litigation, several major opioid settlement agreements are being finalized with states and communities across the country. There are important spending requirements common to all participating states.

But where will states' opioid settlement spending plans differ?

Join us for a discussion, **Wednesday, September 7th from 2:00-3:00 PM**, with Christine Minhee, founder of [OpioidSettlementTracker.com](https://opioidsettlementtracker.com), who will break down the current status of the major settlements, demystify what happens next, and discuss what these funds mean for your work in overdose prevention going forward.

[Register Here!](#)

Michigan Proposing Updates to Medicaid Telehealth Policy

According to our partners at Health Services Associates, current policies are still in effect until the COVID PHE ends.

The current termination date is 10/15/2022, however, a 60 day notice will be communicated before the end so it will likely be extended again.

Summary of proposed changes:

1. Video/audio will still be covered for all services (not just mental health as Medicare is planning), see links in the bulletin for specific CPT code lists
2. Telehealth modifier will change from GT to 95
3. POS will be where the service was/provider located which would be 72 for the office, but due to the UB 04 format there really is no POS
4. AUDIO only is NOT covered, you'd bill the audio only codes (99441-99443 and 98966-98968) but they will not generate a payment, no T1015 would go with these codes, so no payment.



[Click Here to View Proposed Policy Draft](#)

RHC September News & Updates

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

- **MICHIGAN MONKEYPOX RESOURCES - UPDATED!**
- **ENDING SOON: 2022 Million Hearts Hypertension Control Challenge - *Deadline September 7, 2022***
- **NEW: Preparing for Medicaid/CHIP Unwinding**
- **ONGOING: RHC CTM Reporting Reminders (\$100k funding) (August 2022 due September 30th)**
- **RESOURCE: Answer the call: 988 Lifeline Suicide & Crisis Network Jobs**
- **ONGOING: HRSA Payment Program for RHC Buprenorphine-Trained Providers**

MDHHS Announces Free COVID-19 Tests Through Rockefeller Foundation Partnership

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) is announcing its expanded partnership with the Rockefeller Foundation through Project Act to provide 180,000 COVID-19 tests to 36,000 households located anywhere in the state free of charge. Previously, tests were only available in select ZIP codes.



Residents can request the tests through the end of August. Households will receive one kit containing five tests.

“Testing remains both a critical and helpful tool in managing the spread of COVID-19, and reduces the risk of getting infected for our loved ones and neighbors,” said Dr. Natasha Bagdasarian, MDHHS chief medical executive. “We encourage residents to take advantage of these free tests as many families get ready to head back to school. We are grateful for our partnership with the Rockefeller Foundation to ensure equitable access to tools that prevent COVID-19.”

All households in the state of Michigan can order their free COVID-19 tests through AccessCovidTests.org. Each household will receive one kit with five tests, typically within a week of ordering. Individuals without internet access can contact 211 for assistance ordering tests.

This program is in addition to free at-home tests available through the federal [government partnership with the United States Postal Service](#).

MDHHS continues to partner with libraries across the state to provide free at-home COVID-19 tests to Michiganders. [Click here](#) for a list of participating libraries.

Private health insurers are [required to cover](#) up to eight at-home COVID-19 tests per month for each person covered by a health plan.

COVID-19 Vaccine Updates and Resources

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:

- **UPDATED: COVID-19 Treatment Panels Releases Updated Guidelines**
- **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](#)



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