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RHC Leaders:

Coming In June: RHC Virtual Summit
June 21st and 22nd - Noon-2p EST

Register today for the upcoming national Performance Improvement Virtual Summit specifically for Rural Health Clinics. The sessions will be facilitated by Lilypad and The Compliance Team.

The June 21st agenda includes:
- Keynote: RHC Financial and Operational Priorities
  Jonathan Pantenburg, Stroudwater

- Creating Value with COVID Medical Homes
  Joanie Perkins, North Sunflower Rural Health Clinic

- 2022 Lilypad Awards (States and RHCs)
  Gregory Wolf, Lilypad
  Tammy Norville, NOSORH
  Tonne McCoy, NOSORH

- Alternative Revenue Models for RHCs
  Kristen Ogden, The Compliance Team

- Reaching Consensus on RHC Quality Measures
  Leslie Marsh, Lexington Regional Health Center
  John Gale, Muskie School of Public Health

The June 22nd agenda includes:
- RHC Legislative and Policy Updates
  Nathan Baugh, NARHC

- How to Weave a Regional RHC Rural Safety Net
  Andy Shanks, Southern Arizona Hospital Alliance
  Jonathan Pantenburg, Stroudwater

- RHC Modernization Act Financial Impact: Illinois
  Jonathan Pantenburg, Stroudwater
  Pat Schou, Illinois Critical Access Hospital Network

- Linking RHCs and Hospitals for PI Networking
  Jill Oesterle, Michigan Center for Rural Health

- Capstone: RHC Compliance for a New Era
  Kate Hill, The Compliance Team

For more details and to register (no cost to attend), click HERE!

Best,
Jill

RHC News & Updates:

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

- NEW: HCVC Close Out & Optional No Cost Extensions - Ends June 30th
- NEW: RHC CTM Reporting Reminders ($100k funding) (April 2022 due May 31st)
- NEW: Nominations for Governor's Award of Excellence due May 31, 2022
ONGOING: HRSA Payment Program for RHC Buprenorphine-Trained Providers

MDHHS Offering Public Health Emergency Wind-Down Webinars

The MDHHS has issued many COVID-19 Response Medicaid Policy Bulletins and L-Letters as a result of the federal Public Health Emergency (PHE) and the continued consequences of the pandemic. Many of the COVID-19 Response policy bulletins and L-Letters were intended to be time-limited. With the end of the PHE possible this summer, MDHHS is inviting providers to upcoming virtual sessions to:

- Refresh providers and partners on what the PHE is and actions MDHHS is taking to unwind from the PHE, communication strategies, and next steps.
- Solicit input from providers and other community partners on additional toolkit creation.

To participate, select from one of the following 90-minute meeting options to register. All meetings will contain the same information.

- **10:00 to 11:30 a.m. May 17**
  - Click here to register or directly at [https://somdhhs.adobeconnect.com/es5556og9d5o/event/registration.html](https://somdhhs.adobeconnect.com/es5556og9d5o/event/registration.html)
- **9:30 to 11:00 a.m. May 23**
  - Click here to register or directly at [https://somdhhs.adobeconnect.com/eh2faaigb2ny/event/registration.html](https://somdhhs.adobeconnect.com/eh2faaigb2ny/event/registration.html)
- **1:30 to 3:00 p.m. June 7**
  - Click here to register or directly at [https://somdhhs.adobeconnect.com/ek8osvhtacmu/event/registration.html](https://somdhhs.adobeconnect.com/ek8osvhtacmu/event/registration.html)

A confirmation email with a link to the meeting will be sent to the email address used to register. Members with questions or problems registering email ProviderOutreach@Michigan.gov.

Thank you for your continued dedication to fighting COVID-19. You have our unrelenting support.

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**COVID-19 Vaccine Updates:**

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
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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