



OPCRH Quarterly Update

Thank you, Erin, for your 36 years!

Erin Olsen has retired after 36 years with the Utah Department of Health. She started working with the OPCRH in 1991. Until her retirement, she was the only original staff member still on staff. We wish Erin the Best!

Workforce Programs

The Utah State Legislature funds two loan repayment programs: the [Rural Physician Loan Repayment Program](#) and the [Health Care Workforce Financial Assistance Program](#). For additional information please contact Cory Zastrow at opcrh@utah.gov.

The Use of Care Coordination in Rural and Frontier Hospitals

As health care moves toward value-based reimbursement (through ACOs and other payment models), care coordination is becoming an increasingly critical element of the health care delivery system. [Read more...](#)

Are Part D Plans Meeting the Needs of Rural Medicare Beneficiaries?

The purpose of this project is to assess whether the Medicare Part D prescription drug plans available in rural counties are sufficient to meet the needs. [Read more...](#)

Access to Home Care Services in the Rural United States

This WWAMI RHRC study will identify and describe the scope of home health services required to meet current and future needs in rural areas of the U.S. [Read more...](#)

Conferences & Trainings

- ✓ [NRHA Conferences](#)
- ✓ [StuderGroup Conference](#)
- ✓ [Baldrige Regional Conferences](#)
- ✓ [NOSORH- Past Webinars Materials](#)

Policy Updates

- [Rural Health Clinics \(RHC\) TA Series Calls](#)
- [Federal Register News](#) from the past 120 days
- Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services: be up to date on policies, news and other topics. [Get Email Updates](#)

Funding Opportunities

- [HRSA Grant Opportunities](#)
- [Rural Health Network Development Planning Program](#)
- [Grants.gov](#) is your place to FIND and APPLY for federal grants.
- USDA: [Programs and Services](#), [Rural Development](#) and [Utah](#)

Events

- CMS MLN Connects- National Provider Call Program-[Upcoming Events](#)
- [CMS Open forum](#)
- [Utah Rural Health Week](#), November 15-21, 2015.

Issue's Topic

[National Rural Health Day](#) is November 19, 2015, Utah is celebrating the week of November 15- through 21. As part of this celebration, the Office announces the [4th Annual Utah Photo Contest](#)

Tools, Resources, and Links

- [HRSA Data Warehouse](#)
- [Rural Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Toolkit](#)
- [Rural Grant Writing](#) and [Rural Capital Funding](#)

Issue's Definition

- [Value Based Purchasing](#): The Hospital Value-Based Purchasing (VBP) is a CMS initiative that rewards acute-care hospitals with incentive payments for the quality of care they provide to people with Medicare.

Helpful Websites

[NOSORH](#) [NRHA](#) [NHSC](#) [3RNet](#) [MBQIP](#) [HCAHPS](#) [ICD-10](#) [TASC](#)
[National Rural Health Resources Center Flex Monitoring Team Rural Assistance Center \(RAC\) Rural Health Research & Policy Centers](#) [Federally Qualified Health Centers Center](#)
[CMS-MLN](#) [HPSA Designations](#) [Utah Telehealth Network](#) [the Baldrige Framework](#)

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