

RURAL HEALTH CONNECT

Improving the Health of Rural Communities

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What's New

New Website

The Utah Office of Primary Care and Rural Health is happy to announce the launch of our brand new website; we have a new URL and an entirely new responsive and informative format. It will be updated on a regular basis with usable data and information regarding health care and rural health care issues and current events locally and nationally. Please visit often as your resource for rural health information in the state of Utah.

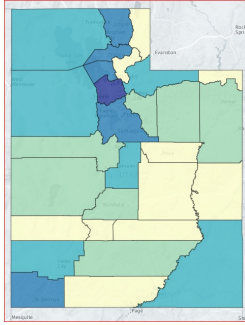
<https://ruralhealth.health.utah.gov>

Data Portal

Our new website includes a section with informational and fluid data sets for the state of Utah. Check often for new additions and updated data which is downloadable and free to use!

[DATA PORTAL LINK](#)

[PRIMARY CARE WORKFORCE DISTRIBUTION MAP](#)



Recent Activities

Utah Rural Health Week

Governor Gary Herbert declared November 11-17, 2018 as [Rural Health Week in Utah](#). Our office hosted an open house on National Rural Health Day, Thursday, November 15, which was a success! Thank you to all of our health partners who joined us.

The National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health (NOSORH) recognized one individual from each state as a Community Star in rural health. The Star from Utah is [Regina Flanagan](#), CEO at Wayne Community Health Center in Loa, Utah. Congratulations, Regina!

Utah Rural Health Week Photo Contest Winners

(Click names below to view photos)

1st Place: [Jolyn Smith](#) for "Cemetery Lane" Panguitch, UT

2nd Place: [Jolene Whitley](#) for "Icicle Farmland" Helper, UT

3rd Place: [Julie Walker](#) for "Kolob Horses" New Harmony, UT

4th Place: [Carl Curtis](#) for "Steadfast" Hyrum, UT

5th Place: [Marlous Bleazard](#) for "Star Sunset" Holden, UT

OPCRH Program Updates

HEALTH SYSTEMS SUPPORT

Small Rural Hospital Improvement Program (SHIP)

- For deadlines, forms, and other information regarding the SHIP grant program, visit the [SHIP Resource Page](#) on our new website.

State Primary Care Grants Program

- Second quarter progress reports are due January 15, 2019. Click [here](#) to access

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSA)

- Beaver County, UT was approved for a primary care HPSA designation! For more information on HPSA designations in Utah, click [here](#)
- For Health Indicator Report of Physician Supply, click [here](#)
- For Health Indicator Report

the progress report form

Contact Information

- The State Office of Rural Health is here to assist you! We need current contact information for your rural health clinic, dental clinic and/or hospital. Please click [here](#) to update your office contact information

of UDOH Support for Health Professional Education (Grants Program), click [here](#)

Loan Repayment Programs

- [Health Care Workforce Loan Repayment Program](#) applications are now closed. Thank you for your interest! Awardees will be announced in the new year.
- For other funding opportunities, click [here](#)

BLEEDING DISORDERS

Treating and managing a bleeding disorder can be costly. [The Lifeline Program](#)* is a fund through which individuals with bleeding disorders can receive financial assistance for those with high insurance premiums, COBRA payments, and catastrophic out-of-pocket medical expenses.

Financial assistance through [The Lifeline Program](#) is available to many within Utah's bleeding disorders community. To be eligible for Lifeline Assistance, patients must meet the following requirements:

- Resident of Utah for the past 12 months or longer
- United States citizen/permanent resident alien/or hold a valid visa
- Be diagnosed with a bleeding disorder
- Have household medical expenses for 12 months that are greater than 7.5% of the adjusted gross income (AGI) on most recent tax return

Applications are available through the website, [Hemophilia Utah](#), or by request to [Jan Western](#) at the Utah Hemophilia Foundation: 801.484.0325 for inquiries.

**The funds for the Lifeline Program are granted by the Utah Department of Health, Office of Primary Care and Rural Health and administered by the Utah Hemophilia Foundation*

Statewide Announcements

- **Opioid Response Program-Planning Grant Awarded to Southern Utah University!**

(Click on the title of this section for more information)

Congratulations to Southern Utah University (SUU) and the Utah Center for Rural Health (UCRH) on their hard work to be the awardees for a \$200,000 grant to combat opioid use disorder in rural communities of Utah!

- **USDA Invests \$62 Million in Uintah Basin Health Care Project**

(Click on the title of this section for more information)

Webinar Opportunity

["Insights on Rural Health Insurance Market Challenges from the National Advisory Committee on Rural Health and Human Services"](#)

Date: Wednesday, December 12, 2018

Time: 11:00am Pacific, 12:00pm Mountain, 1:00pm Central, 2:00pm Eastern

Duration: approximately 60 minutes

This webinar will examine rural health insurance market challenges and how they apply to public insurance programs under the authority of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

Read the Committee's Policy Brief [here](#):

Registration

This webinar is free. High-speed internet is required to participate. A recording will be available on our website after the live event. Connection details will be emailed to you immediately upon [registration](#).

Funding Opportunities

The Utah Ryan White Part B Program

The Utah Ryan White Part B Program is pleased to release a [Request for Proposals](#) (RFP) for the following services:

(Click on the above link for a copy of the document)

- Outpatient and Ambulatory Medical Care
- Medical Case Management
- Non-Medical Case Management
- Benefits Specialist
- Health Education and Risk Reduction

National Organizations



Check out RHIhub's Updated
["Utah Rural Health State Guide"](#)

Rural Health Gateway Research
Center

recently published report on:
["Rural Health Recap Rural
Communities: Age, Income, and
Health Status"](#)



[Rural Health Clinic Educational Resources](#)
[2018 NOSORH Awards Honor Rural Health
Leaders!](#)

We are here for you!
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The OPCRH provides support to our stakeholders and clients in the form of hands-on support, economic impact analysis, research, community health needs assessments, and healthcare workforce needs assessment. We also provide technical assistance and pertinent information on student loan repayment programs and grant opportunities

This is Your Communication Gateway!

If you would like to be a part of our newsletter in the future and/or would like to submit a success story, announcement, or communicate any other information to us or your rural health partners, please contact Marie Frankos, MPH, SORH Program Specialist at mfrankos@utah.gov or 801.273.6605

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