

RURAL HEALTH CONNECT

Improving the Health of Rural Communities

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What's New

The Statewide Primary Care Needs Assessment (PCNA) is complete!

- This announcement is exciting news for our office. Much time and hard work went into this project and we are very proud of this accomplishment. Our hope is that the information will be useful in many ways in understanding Utah's healthcare needs. A special thanks to the Rural Health Association of Utah for their assistance in collecting and compiling the qualitative data. You can find the document [here](#)

Utah's Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs) ranked #1 out of 45 participating states for quality reporting in 2017

- Utah CAHs also scored significantly higher than the national average on 3 performance measures:
 - Staff always provided information about what to do during recovery at home
 - Patient understood their care when they left the hospital
 - Patient would definitely recommend the hospital to friends and family

For the full report, click [here](#)

Job Opportunity

[Director - Rural Health Association of Utah](#)

Upcoming Events



Healthier Rural West Summit 2019 March 19-21

- The Healthier Rural West Summit is an inaugural event for health and healthcare stakeholders who want to impact the future of rural health. The 2019 Summit is being held March 19-21 in Salt Lake City, Utah and features both mainstage panels and two breakout tracks featuring more than 60 industry leading speakers and over 30 sessions
- The Summit will draw 400 rural healthcare providers, public

leaders in local and state government, education, community advocacy organizations and business and technology leaders.

- In a highly participative format, the event will debate, discuss, and formulate success strategies for creating well-being in the West through inspiring talks, interactive sessions, panel discussions, and networking.

Learn [more](#) and secure your registration [HERE](#)

OPCRH Program Updates

HEALTH SYSTEMS SUPPORT

[8th Annual Rural Hospital Administrators Annual Summit 2019](#)

May 29-31 at the Park City Peaks Hotel for rural hospital CEOs, CNOs, and QMs.

For questions about the Small Rural Hospital Improvement Program (SHIP), please visit the Resources for Participating SHIP Hospitals page [here](#) on our website.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Healthcare Workforce Financial Assistant Program (HWFAP):

Our goal is to announce the HWFAP awards by the end of March.

There is still current year funding available for the Rural Physician Loan Repayment Program (RPLRP). We encourage current recipients to apply for a 1 year extension. Contact [Robbin Williams](#) for details

There is current year RPLRP funding in the amount of \$110,000.00 available for awards. We encourage current recipients to apply for a 1 year extension of \$15,000.00, with hospitals matching the extension. Contact [Robbin Williams](#) for details

Program Funding Update:

The program is in the Governor's budget for ongoing funding of \$300,000.00. It will need to be approved during the current legislative session.

NHSC site recertification applications are being accepted through February 26, 2019 and provider applications for the Loan Repayment Program and SUD Loan Repayment Program are being accepted through February 21, 2019.

The auto-HPSA update process is underway for FQHCs, RHCs, and IHS/Tribal Facilities.

Click [here](#) for more information, or you can contact [Hollie Childs](#).

ORAL HEALTH

[February is National Children's Dental Health Month!](#)

["Brush, Book, Bed"
A New American Academy Pediatrics \(AAP\) Oral Health Program](#)

Statewide Announcements

[Medical Marijuana Legalization:](#)

[Qualifying conditions, rules on use, and taxes and fees](#)

Webinar Opportunities

To view webinars of interest, click on the links below

[Opioid, Addiction, & Pain Project ECHO](#)

[Thursday, February 7, 2019, 12 – 1pm](#)

[GI & Liver Care - Project ECHO](#)

[Tuesday, February 19, 7 – 8:30 AM](#)

Funding Opportunities

[Capital Funding for Rural Healthcare Funding & Opportunities](#)

[Access Point Grant Opportunities](#)

National Organizations



[Am I Rural? - Tool](#)

[The Rural Monitor](#)

[National Health Service Corps
Loan Repayment Program
Applications Due February 21,
2019](#)



[3RNet Healthcare Jobs Across the Nation 2018 Academy Fact Sheet](#)

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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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