

# Rural Health Update

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## OPCRH Quarterly Update

- ✓ For the first time ever, all 29 Utah counties have been designated as high need areas for mental health. This designation lasts three years, which provides a great opportunity for health care organizations and providers to apply to the [National Health Services Corps](#) program.
- ✓ Eight hospitals in Utah reach top quartile performance status in quality, outcomes, patient satisfaction efficiency and overall performance compared to all acute care hospitals in the nation, [more...](#)
- ✓ Governor Gary Richard Hebert has declared November 17-23, 2013 as Rural Health Week in Utah. The OPCRH is celebrating the week with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Utah Rural Health Photo Contest; promoting the [2013 National Rural Health Webinars](#) with topics such as the Basics of Rural Health, and the Affordable Care Act in Rural America, and invites rural communities to celebrate this week with health events. Please remember that the OPCRH can provide technical assistance for these events and other issues related to rural health in Utah.



## Policy Updates

- [Rural Health Clinics \(RHC\) TA Series Calls](#): funded by the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy (ORHP) and produced in conjunction with the [National Association of Rural Health Clinics](#). The goal of the Series is to connect RHC staff with timely and useful information on operational and policy issues specific to RHCs.
- Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services: be up to date on policies, news and other topics. [Get Email Updates](#)

## Funding Opportunities

- [Services Area Competition Grant](#): Consolidated Health Centers (CHCs), Migrant Health Centers, Health Care for Homeless, and Public Housing Primary Care. For additional info, please click [here](#)
- [Health Center Program New Access Point Grant Application](#) coming soon!
- [Rural Health Network Development Grant Program](#)
- [2014 Students to Service Loan Repayment Program](#) is now open.
- [2014-2015 Disparities Leadership Program](#) (DLP)
- [Grants.gov](#) is your place to FIND and APPLY for federal grants.

## Events Links

- [Utah Rural Health Photo Contest](#) to celebrate the National Rural Health Day, November 21, 2013.
- [2013 National Rural Health Webinars](#)
- Medicare's [Open Enrollment](#) period is October 15- December 7, 2013.
- Health Insurance in Utah [Open enrollment](#) begins October 1, 2013.

## Issue's Topic

- The Aging of the Rural Primary Care Physician Workforce: Will Some Locations Be More Affected than Others? [View document](#)

## Issue's Definition

- [Rural Assistance Center](#) (RAC) Information Portal: RAC helps rural communities and other rural stakeholders access the full range of available programs, funding, and research that can enable them to provide quality health and human services to rural residents.

## 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 Quarterly Provider Update-Instructions](#) [HPSA Designations](#) [Utah Telehealth Network](#)

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