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OPCRH Staff Introductions

Owen Quinonez has been with the OPCRH for the last three years. He coordinates the State Office of Rural Health (SORH), Small Hospital Improvement (SHIP) and the State Primary Care Grants Programs. In his free time, he enjoys traveling to the Caribbean and loves to talk about politics and finance issues.

OPCRH Quarterly Update

- ✓ State Primary Care Grant Program (SPCGP) was amended under S.B 75 during the 2014 legislation session. The outcome is an additional one time **\$2 million** to the State Primary Care Grants Program. OPCRH will announce Request for Proposal in the next couple months in the OPCRH website.
- ✓ The Utah Primary Care Office (PCO) is just completing the process on updating the status on 18 HPSA designations in the different counties in Utah in the areas of dental and mental health. Additional details will be shared in the next Rural Health Update.
- ✓ Dr. Don Wood, OPCRH Director, and Owen Quinonez, SORH Program Coordinator, (State Office of Rural Health) will attend the 37th Annual Rural Health Conference on April 22-25, 2014.

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

- State Primary Care Grant Program (Senate Bill 75). RFP is coming soon!
- [Rural Health Care Services Outreach Grant Program](#) is expected to be available in Summer/Fall 2014 for a May 1, 2015 start date.
- [Grants.gov](#) is your place to FIND and APPLY for federal grants.
- [USDA programs and Services](#)

Events and Data Links

- CMS MLN Connects- National Provider Call Program-[Upcoming Events](#)
- [County Health Ranking & Road Maps](#): Check your county ranking on Health Outcomes and Health Factors.

Issue's Topic

- [Senate Passes ICD-10 Delay Bill](#): The bill [H.R. 4302](#), Protecting Access to Medicare Act OF 2014, mainly creates a temporary "fix" to the Medicare sustainable growth rate (SGR). Sec 212 of the bill states "The Secretary of Health and Human Services may not, prior to October 1, 2015, adopt ICD-10 codes sets as the standards for code sets under section 1173© of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C 1320d-2(c)) and section 162.1002 of title 45, Code of Federal Regulations."

Issue's Definition

- [National Rural Health Resources Center](#) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to sustaining and improving health care in rural communities. As the nation's leading technical assistance and knowledge center in rural health. The Center focuses on five core areas: Performance Improvement, Health Information Technology, Recruitent & Retention, Community Health Assessments and Networking.

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](#)

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