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I'm currently finishing my undergraduate in Health, Society and Policy at the U of U with an additional minor in Integrative Human Biology. I have future intentions to pursue a dual graduate degree in MPH/MHA. I've volunteered and interned in multiple organizations focusing on underserved populations throughout Utah, along with my internship within the OPCRH, has allowed me to further my knowledge of underserved and rural populations within Utah.

Project ECHO® – Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes

Need: To increase the capacity for more effective treatment of chronic conditions in rural communities.

Intervention: Primary care providers and specialists work as a team to manage chronic conditions of rural patients and to increase the knowledge-base through shared case studies.

Results: The treatment provided by rural providers has been evaluated to be as effective as treatment provided by specialists at the university medical center.

Rural Medicare Advantage Payment in 2015

Payment to Medicare Advantage (MA) plans was fundamentally altered by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 (ACA). This brief finds that while plans operating in both rural and urban areas have experienced a reduction in MA payment... [Read more...](#)

Conferences & Trainings

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

Policy Updates

- Policies updates and policy briefs: [FORHP](#), [NRHA](#), [CRH](#), [RUPRI](#)
- [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](#) and

Funding Opportunities

- [HRSA-16-019](#) Small Health Care Provider QI Program. Apply by 03/4/2016
- [CMS-1P1-1701](#) Accountable Health Communities. Apply by 03/31/2016
- [Nurse Corps Loan Repayment Program](#) – applications due Feb. 25, 2016
- [USDA Distance Learning & Telemedicine](#). Apply by March 14, 2016.
- [RHIhub funding opportunities](#) in Utah

Events

- CMS MLN Connects-[Upcoming Events](#), and [Medicare Learning Network](#)
- Rural Health Clinic (RHC) [TA Series Calls](#)

Issue's Topic

Population health is defined as the health outcomes of a group of individuals, including the distribution of such outcomes within the group.

Tools, Resources, and Links

- [Resource Guide for New Applicants and Grantees](#) New!
- [Population Health Portal](#) & [Population Health Readiness Assessment](#)
- [Using Analytics to Manage Population Health](#) and [A Strategic Framework for Assisting Rural Hospital to Move to Population Health](#)
- [Community Health Status Indicators](#): public health profiles for all counties
- [Value-Based Care Assessment Tool](#)
- [HRSA Data Warehouse](#), [Rural Grant Writing](#) & [Rural Capital Funding](#)

Issue's Topic

- Telehealth Enhances Care in Rural Communities: Intermountain Healthcare rolls out four telehealth programs that provide patients with expertise when a specialist is not available locally. [Read more](#)

Helpful Websites

[NOSORH](#) [NRHA](#) [NHSC](#) [3RNet](#) [MBQIP](#) [HCAHPS](#) [ICD-10](#) [TASC](#)
[National Rural Health Resources Center](#) [Rural Health Information Hub](#)
[Rural Health Research & Policy Centers](#) [Federally Qualified Health Centers Center](#)
[CMS-MLN](#) [HPSA Designations](#) [Utah Telehealth Network](#) [The Baldrige Framework](#)

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