



Greetings from the Virginia Primary Care Office & the State Office of Rural Health

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Information & Resources for Providers

Virginia has been recognized as the MBQIP top performing state!



We are proud to announce that Virginia has been recognized by the Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA) as the winner of the Medicare Beneficiary Quality Improvement Project (MBQIP) Top Performance Award for having the highest reporting rates and levels of improvement in CAHs over the past 12 months. The Medicare Beneficiary Quality Improvement Project (MBQIP) focuses on quality improvement efforts in the 45 states that participate in the [Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility \(Flex\) Program](#).

[For More Information](#)

National Rural Health Day is around the corner!

Thursday, November 19, 2020

Save the date and join us in celebrating the "power of rural" in order to bring attention to the unique healthcare needs of rural America and to highlight the efforts of our community partners.

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Need ideas on how to celebrate? Visit powerofrural.org

[For More Information](#)



Rural Health Information Hub (RHIhub) presents a webinar on rural maternal health challenges

Wednesday, August 26, 2020 at 3:00 PM ET

The webinar, "Maternal and Obstetric Care Challenges in Rural America from the National Advisory Committee on Rural Health and Human Services" will discuss maternal health challenges and barriers to maternal healthcare and present on the committee's site visit and policy recommendations. The webinar is free to virtually attend.

[For More Information and to Register](#)

The Health Wagon will open a new free clinic in Dickenson County



The Health Wagon is putting the final touches on their new free clinic, The Sister Bernie Clinic, in Dickenson County with a plan to open in early October. The new free clinic includes examination rooms, optometry diagnostic spaces and dispensing, radiology, laboratory, consultation office, provider support spaces, and state-of-the-art telemedicine technologies. Overall, the new clinic will offer increased access, expanded capacity and treatment to meet health care needs of our medically underserved patients.

[To Donate to the Health Wagon](#)



Discount Available for Rural Health Coding & Billing Specialist Online Course

NOSORH and ArchProCoding are partnering to offer a 50% discount on an online self-study course for rural healthcare professionals to attain certification as a Rural Coding & Billing Specialist. This is the first online clinical documentation, coding and billing training specific to rural health and is a great opportunity for anyone working in rural health care, including providers! State Offices of Rural Health and other organizations can register multiple people for this opportunity.

[For More Information and to Enroll](#)

For Hospitals and Healthcare Facilities (FQHCs, RHCs, Free Clinics, Tribal):



Join 3RNet for the 2020 Academy "Recruiting for Retention Hierarchy: Strategically Market Using Candidate Motivations," a free six-part webinar series

Starting Tuesday, October 6, 2020

There are a lot of options for recruitment education, but the 3RNet Recruiting for Retention Academy is the only online training specific to rural and underserved communities. The Virginia Office of Health Equity is offering the 3RNet 2020 Academy webinar series at no charge.

If you have any questions please contact 3RNet at info@3rnet.org or 1-800-787-2512 or Olivette Burroughs at 804-864-7431 or olivette.burroughs@vdh.virginia.gov.

[For More Information](#)

[Link to Register](#)

CARES Act Provider Relief Fund, Phase 2 General Distribution

Application Deadline: Friday, August 28, 2020

Many healthcare providers are experiencing financial hardships in the COVID-19 pandemic. Congress provided \$175 billion in relief funds to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to deliver financial relief to hospitals and other health care providers, including those on the front lines of the coronavirus response. Those who bill Medicare, Medicaid, Medicaid Managed Care, CHIP, or a dental provider are eligible to apply as long as they haven't already received 2% of their patient revenue from the fund.

[For More Information](#)

Attend a webcast on **Thursday, August 13 at 3:00 pm ET** about the CARES Act Provider Relief Fund. Learn about the expanded application and who is eligible to apply. Register now to save your spot.

[Register for the Webcast Here](#)

State & Regional Resources

White House Launches Rural Community Toolbox to Help Battle Opioid Epidemic



An online data repository and toolbox created by the White House is designed to provide communities with knowledge and resources to fight the opioid epidemic according to their unique needs.

[For More Information](#)

Rural Opportunity and Development (ROAD) Webinar Session: "Our Essential Work: Immigrants and Rural Economies Weathering the Pandemic Together"

Wednesday, August 19, 2020 from 2:30 - 3:30 PM ET

Immigrant workers and their families are a dynamic force behind recent population upturns or stabilization across rural America. What particular challenges are rural immigrants and their communities experiencing in the midst of the COVID-19 crisis? How are rural development organizations adapting what they do to align with, support, embrace and engage immigrants through the emergency and beyond? And how can policy help?

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