

Your gateway to rural health research

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Creating healthier rural communities through research

Rural Health Research Centers

help decision makers better understand the problems that rural communities face in accessing quality, affordable health care and leading healthier lives.

The centers:

- study how the health of rural Americans can be improved,
- analyze federal and state policy implications, and
- communicate research results to decision makers and others who may take action.

The Rural Health Research Gateway is a project of the University of North Dakota Center for Rural Health and funded by HRSA's Office of Rural Health Policy. This is the only federal program dedicated entirely to producing policy-relevant research on health care in rural areas. Through research and policy analysis, the Centers bring to the forefront the health care challenges facing rural America.

This online resource of research funded by the Office of Rural Health Policy connects you to:



Hospital Financing (North Carolina Rural Health Research and Policy Analysis Centers)

What we did: Collected state-level information on Medicaid reimbursement for critical access hospitals.

Impact: State officials used comparative data from other states in discussions to improve their CAHs' reimbursement under Medicaid.



Medicare Enrollment (RUPRI Center for Rural Health Policy Analysis)

What we did: Tracked rural beneficiary enrollment into different types of Medicare Advantage (MA) plans.

Impact: Findings have been used in discussions of the need to continue (or not) federal floor payments for MA plans.



Pharmacy Access (North Carolina Rural Health Research and Policy Analysis Centers)

What we did: Assessed local resident access to rural community pharmacy services.

Impact: Results are being utilized by the State Office of Rural Health in discussions with pharmacists, providers and beneficiaries around the state.

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