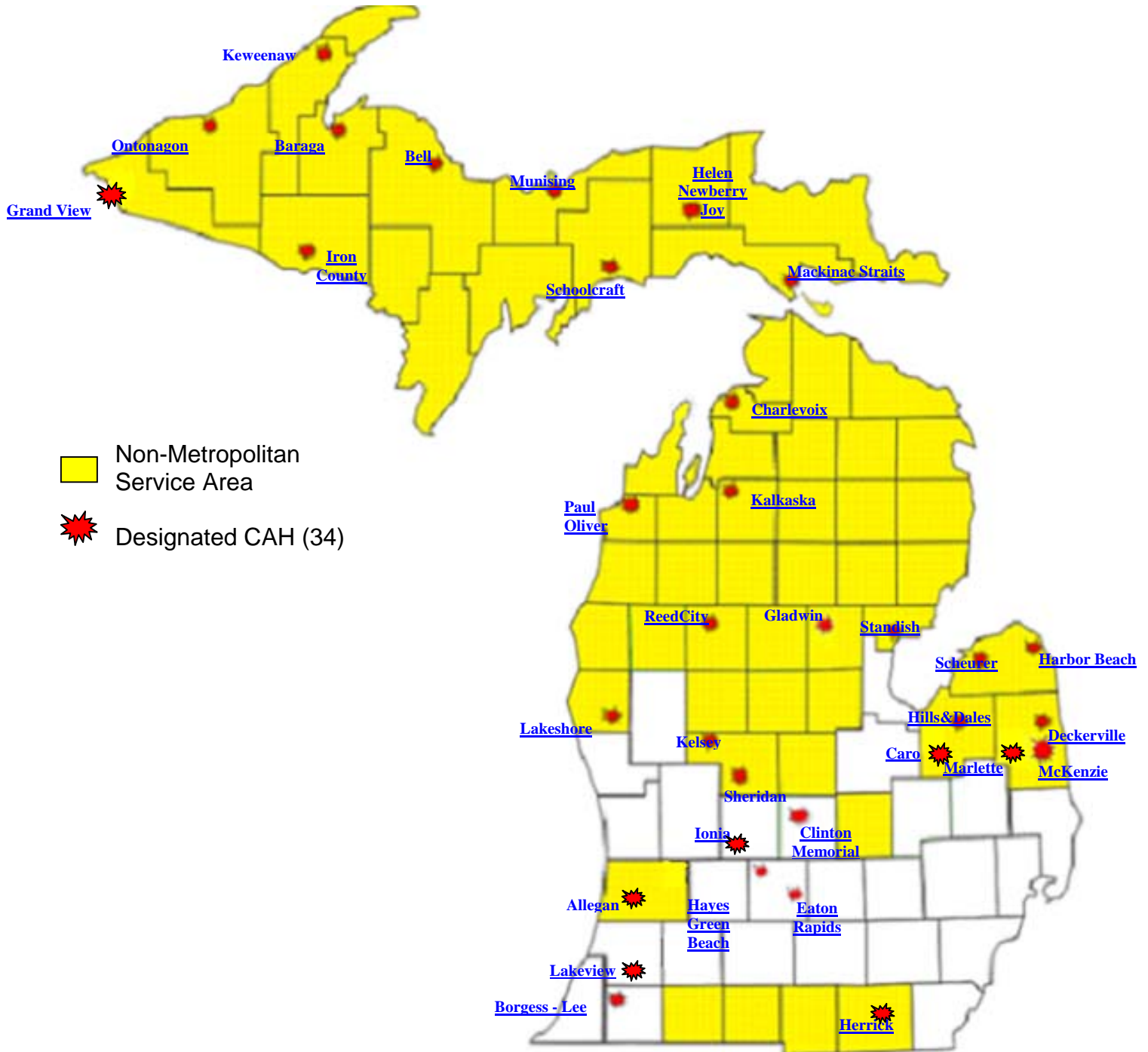


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MICHIGAN CRITICAL ACCESS HOSPITALS



Save on Recruitment Fees and Give Your Recruits an Offer They Can't Refuse! With Sign-On Bonus Loan Repayment Contracts*

When recruiting your next medical, dental or mental health care provider, ask if they'd prefer to receive just your taxable sign on bonus, or receive **double** that amount (up to \$50,000) in **tax-free** educational loan repayment.

How can you offer this opportunity to your new recruits? You can offer this choice through the **Michigan State Loan Repayment Program (MSLRP)**. During the current application period, you and your provider can apply for a Sign-On Bonus Loan Repayment Contract. Federal Funds are still available to match your sign-on bonus dollar for dollar.

How do you get started? First, read the information below and then **call Ken Miller, MSLRP Analyst, at (517) 241-9946** for assistance in applying for a Sign-On Bonus Loan Repayment Contract.

What are the benefits of recruiting with Sign-On Bonus Loan Repayment Contracts?

- Helps you recruit high-demand providers, while you save on recruitment fees
- Doubles the amount of your sign-on bonus
- Turns double your sign-on bonus into **tax-free** loan repayment for your recruits
- Contracts are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis, until all funds are committed.
- You receive expedited application review, eligibility determination and contract execution.
- The MSLRP Analyst works along with you and your provider during the application process.
- The MSLRP Analyst works with you to customize contract terms designed to meet your organization's recruitment needs.
 - Contracts may start as soon as the first of the month following eligibility determination and employment.
 - Flexible loan repayment amounts up to \$50,000 for the first 2 years
 - Flexible contract lengths, with re-contracting options up to 3 or 4 years
 - Flexible provider payment schedules allowing providers to receive:
 - The full contract amount up front, to help you compete for recruits in competitive situations, or
 - Six-month installments, to help conserve cash flow.

Provider Eligibility Requirements:

- Eligible providers include: Dentists, Primary Care Physicians- Family Practice, Internal Medicine, OB/GYN, Pediatrics- CNMs, NPs, PAs, Psychiatrists, MSWs and other masters-level mental health care providers.
- Must provide direct primary care on a full-time basis
- Initial contracts must be for a minimum of 2-years, with a corresponding service obligation.

Practice Site Eligibility Requirements:

- Must be part of a public or private not-for-profit organization
- Must be located in a Health Professional Shortage Area
- Must serve an ambulatory primary care patient population
- Must accept Medicare, Medicaid and have a sliding-fee scale

Call Ken Miller at (517) 241-9946 for more details, or go the MSLRP Website at: www.michigan.gov/mislrp.

***Please Note:** Federal requirements do not allow MSLRP contracts to be used as a salary offset. Salaries for health professionals participating in the MSLRP must be based on prevailing rates in your area.

Community Health Matching Grants

Program web site: <http://www.bcbsm.com/foundation/pdf/commhealthmatchgrant.pdf>

Sponsor: [Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan Foundation](#)

Deadlines: Applications accepted on an ongoing basis

Purpose: The BCBSM Foundation's Community Health Matching Grants program supports Michigan nonprofit organizations in the delivery and evaluation of interventions that focus on depression, domestic abuse, patient safety, access to care for the uninsured, and critical community health issues. The Community Health Matching Grants Program requires that grantees develop a funding partnership(s) to support the proposed program. The Community Health Matching Grants program fosters collaboration among community organizations and funding agents to address important health issues within Michigan's communities.

Eligibility: Nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations based in Michigan are eligible.

Amount of funding: Up to \$25,000 per year in matching funds, for a maximum of two years

Application process: Application details are available on the program web site. Prior to submitting an application, the Foundation encourages discussion with the program officer in charge of this program.

For more information contact: BCBSM Foundation, 313.225.8706

“Drip and Ship”

You are invited to attend a conference call about “Drip and Ship” to better understand the coordination of stroke care between referring hospitals and primary stroke centers and how that relates to administering tPA. Sheila Barr, RN, BSN, Stroke Center Coordinator from Theda Clark Medical Center and Kristin Randall, RN, Stroke Center Coordinator at Theda Clark Hospital in Neenah, WI, will be presenting.

Speaker presentations will be available to download approximately 1 week prior to the call at <http://glrsn.uic.edu>.

Date: April 10, 2008

Time: 1:00 pm CT /2:00 pm ET

Presentation Time: Approximately 45 minutes

Discussion Time: Approximately 15 minutes

Dial In Number: 877-719-9810 Pass code: GWTG

Recommended audience: ED Staff/Quality/Nursing from receiving and transfer hospitals

Learning Objectives

1. To understand the coordination of care between referring hospitals and primary stroke centers.
2. To develop relationships with referral hospitals in administering tPA.
3. To develop a teamwork philosophy with referring hospitals.

Email gwtg@heart.org with your name, address, phone number, and email to register. In order to receive nursing CEU credits, *participants must register and include the above-required information, participate on the call and complete the online evaluation.*

Questions? Please contact Angela Bray Hedworth at hedworth@uic.edu.

**Oakton Community College, Alliance for Lifelong Learning, Continuing Education for Health Professionals is accredited as a provider of continuing nursing education by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.*

GRAND ROUNDS:

PHARMACY

Date: Thursday, May 1, 2008

Time: 1:00-2:00 pm EST

Sponsored by: Michigan Center for Rural Health, Marquette General Health System and Upper Peninsula Telehealth Network

"Pharmacotherapy and Nutrition Management Issues in the Bariatric Surgery Patient" - Wayne J English, MD, FACS

Continuing Education: for pharmacists pending.

ARTHRITIS

Held the second Wednesday of each month from Noon to 1:00 p.m. except in July and August.

Sponsored by: The Michigan Center for Rural Health and the Michigan Arthritis Collaborative Partnership.

2008 Schedule

- April 9 -Crystalline Arthropathies David Fox, MD
- June 11- Back Pain Joseph Weiss, MD
- October 8-Psoriatic Arthritis- Robert Ike, MD

Accreditation: St. Mary Mercy Hospital, an organization accredited by the MSMS Committee on CME Accreditation, designates that this activity meets the criteria for a maximum of one (1) credit hour in Category 1 credit towards the AMA Physician's Recognition Award.

GERIATRIC

Held the first Wednesday of each month from Noon to 1:00 p.m. except July and August.

Sponsored by: The Michigan Center for Rural Health and the Geriatric Education Center of Michigan.

2008 Schedule

- April 2 – Spirituality in Aging by Linda Keilman, MSN, APRN, BC, GNP
- May 7 – Elder Abuse by Dr. Dean Sienko & Detective Traci Ruiz
- No program June, July or August
- September 3 – ACOVE Quality Indicators in Primary Care Mark Ensberg, MD & Linda Keilman, MSN, APRN, BC, GNP
- October 1 – Oral Health in the Elderly Elisa Ghezzi, DDS
- November 5 – Health Literacy in the Elderly Marolee Neuberger, MS
- December 3 – Telemedicine and Remote Monitoring Pam Whitten, PhD

Accreditation: This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the Essential Areas and Policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education through the joint sponsorship of the Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine and the Michigan Center for Rural Health.

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NURSING

Held quarterly from Noon to 1:00 p.m.

Sponsored by: The Michigan Center for Rural Health and MSU College of Nursing

- May 6 – Present and Future Trends for Michigan's Nurses, Carole Stacy, NR, MA, MSN
- Sept. 16 – TBD
- November 18 – TBD

Accreditation: Participants who attend the entire session and complete an evaluation form will receive a certificate for 1.5 contact hours.

Michigan State University College of Nursing is an approved provider of continuing nursing education by the Michigan Nurses Association, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

PSYCHIATRY

Held quarterly from Noon to 1:00 p.m.

Sponsored by: The Michigan Center for Rural Health and the MSU Department of Psychiatry.

2008 Schedule

- April 23 -Suicide and Antidepressants: Jed Magen, DO, MS

- July 23 -Eating Disorders: Christine Shafer, MD
- October 22-Managing Bipolar Disorder Through the Life Span: Dale D'Mello, MD

Accreditation: This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the Essential Areas and Policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education through the joint sponsorship of the Michigan State University College of Human Medicine and the Michigan Center for Rural Health.

SOCIAL WORK

Held quarterly from noon – 1:15 pm

Sponsored by: The Michigan Center for Rural Health and the MSU School of Social Work

2008 Schedule More information coming soon.

- September 18 – TBD
- November 20 – TBD

Accreditation: Michigan State University School of Social Work (Provider No. 1136) is approved by the Association of Social Work boards (ASWB) approved continuing Education (ACE) program: www.aswb.org: 1-800-335-6880. ASWB ACE-approved programs are recognized in Michigan. In addition, Wisconsin, Illinois, and Indiana recognize ACE-approved providers. Social workers should verify recognition of ACE approval with their state boards.

EMS TELECONFERENCES

Quarterly 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Sponsored by the Michigan Association of Ambulance

- May 2008 - TBD

For more information, contact Phyllis Ball, Education Coordinator at: ballp@msu.edu or 517-355-8250.

INTERESTING QUOTE:

"Happiness is not achieved by the conscious pursuit of happiness; it is generally the by-product of other activities."

- Aldous Huxley

Michigan Rural Health Conference April 23-24, 2008 at Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort “Opening Doors for Quality Healthcare”

Please join us for the 11th Annual Michigan Rural Health Conference, April 23-24, 2008, at the Mt. Pleasant Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort.

This year’s conference features the “best of the best” presentations on Quality Improvement, Telehealth Medicine, Legislative Updates, Access to Oral Health Services, RHC Billing, Loan Repayment, and Rural Policy. The presentations are guaranteed to be practical and relevant by these high caliber and dynamic speakers.

With the support of the Michigan Center for Rural Health, Midwest Alliance for Telehealth & Technology Resources (MATTeR), Michigan Rural Health Association and the Michigan Rural Health Clinics Organization, Inc., this conference brings together rural health professionals for extensive learning and networking opportunities.

We are pleased to present Bill Ballenger, Editor and Publisher of *Inside Michigan Politics*, as our Keynote

Speaker. He will present an “Update on the Lansing Political Scene.” Attendees will be treated to his insightful observations.

Conference registration booklets will be mailed out early in March. You can download a registration on our website. Go to www.mcrh.msu.edu and click on the conference link.

For more information, contact Phyllis at (517) 355-8250 or ballp@msu.edu.

