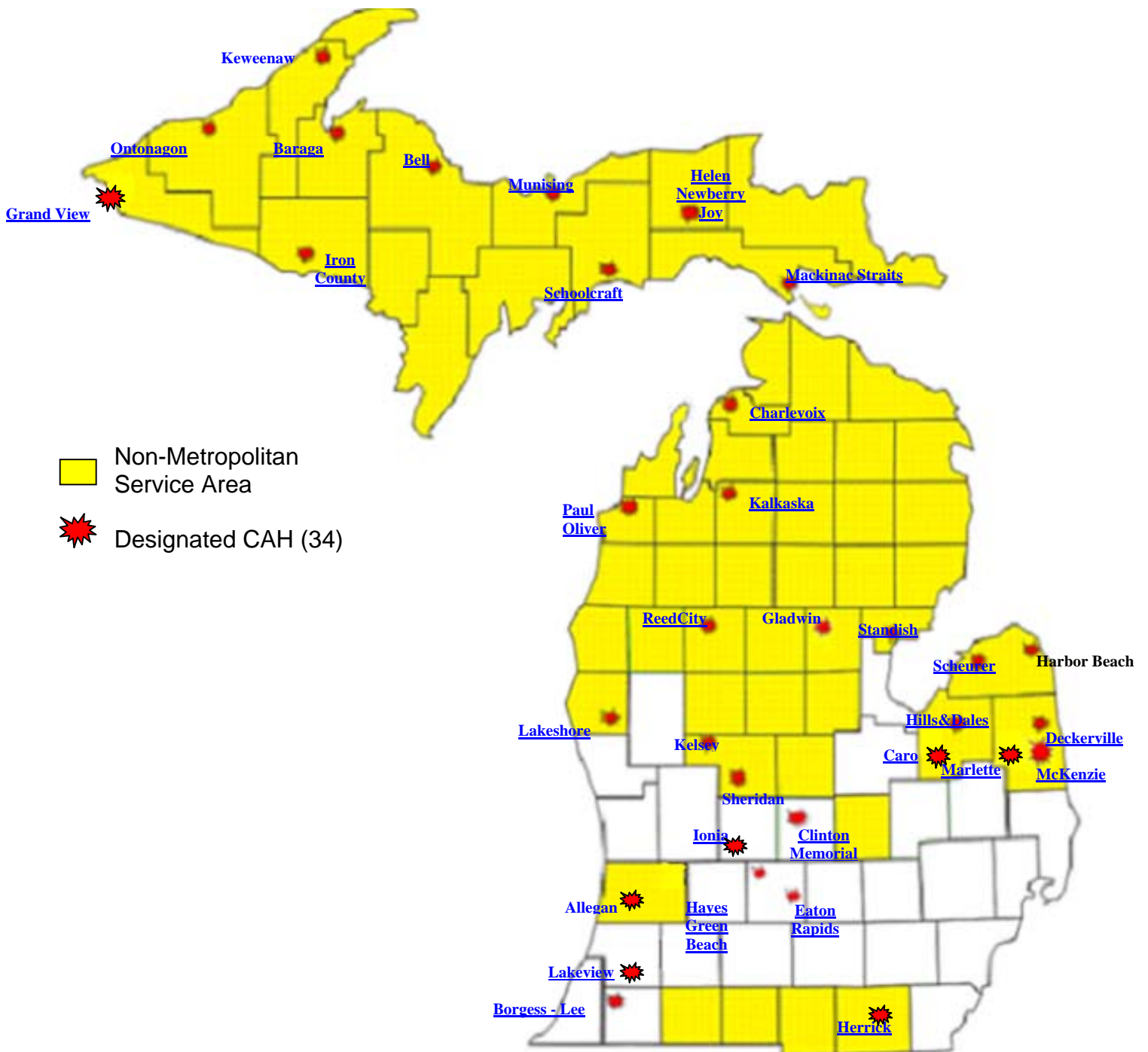


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MICHIGAN CRITICAL ACCESS HOSPITALS



National Health Survey Results

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Aug 29, 2007

In 2006, 61 percent of adults 18 years of age or older reported excellent or very good health, according to statistics from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's 2006 National Health Interview Survey.

The U.S. Census Bureau for the CDC's National Center conducts the survey annually for Health Statistics. In 2006, data was collected for 24,275 adults representing the civilian non-institutionalized adult population, classified by sex, age, race/ethnicity, education, family income, poverty status, health insurance coverage, marital status, and place and region of residence.

Key findings include:

- Sixty-two percent of adults never participated in any type of vigorous leisure-time physical activity.
- Sixteen percent of adults did not have a usual place of obtaining healthcare.
- Eleven percent of adults had been told by a doctor or health professional that they had heart disease, and 23 percent had been told on two or more visits that they had hypertension.
- Twenty-one percent of all adults were current smokers, and 21 percent were former smokers.
- Based on estimates of body mass index, 35 percent of adults were overweight and 26 percent were obese.

For additional information, go to: http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/series/sr_10/sr10_235.pdf.

Critical Access Hospital Year 2 “Hospital Compare” Participation and Quality Measure Results

The briefing paper, by the Flex Monitoring Team, examines the second year participation and quality measure results for Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs) in the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Hospital Compare public reporting database. Overall, 53% of CAHs were participating in Hospital Compare by submitting data on at least one measure for 2005 discharges as of September 2006. The paper concludes that CAHs still have room for improvement on these quality measures, especially with regard to recommended care for acute myocardial infarction (AMI) and heart failure patients. However, it is encouraging that the group of CAHs that reported Hospital Compare data for both years significantly improved their performance on almost all pneumonia, heart failure, and surgical infection measures.

An Interview with Forrest Calico



Forrest Calico, M.D., MPH, is one of the nation's leading authorities on rural health care quality. He has contributed to reports on health care quality including the 2005 Institute of Medicine report, "Quality Through Collaboration: The Future of Rural Health," and the 2003 National Advisory Committee on Rural Health and Human Services annual report, "Health Care Quality: The Rural Context." Dr. Calico has also made numerous presentations across the country about health care performance improvement, rural health care quality issues and network development. He was honored as a "Rural Hero" during the National Rural Assembly's annual meeting in June and was given the President's Award by the National Rural Health Association's (NRHA) annual meeting in May. To read the interview, go to:

<http://www.raconline.org/newsletter/web/summer07.php#spotlight>.

Trauma Nurse Core Course Funding

The Michigan Center for Rural Health, with funding through the Michigan Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility Program, is pleased to provide up to \$1,500 per CAH for reimbursement toward the Michigan Emergency Nurses Association Trauma Nurse Core Course (TNCC). Grant funding applies to the cost of the TNCC course.

A copy of the 2007 TCNN class schedule can be found at the Michigan ENA web site: <http://www.michiganena.org/general.phtml?catid=10>.

Directions for course reimbursement and expense forms are located on the MCRH web site: www.com.msu.edu/micrh. Please contact Angie Emge at: 517-355-7757 or aemge@msu.edu with additional questions.

Health Care Workforce Information Guides

Health care is one of the largest industries in the country, employing a vast number of workers. Still, many communities experience health care workforce shortage problems, with the most severe being in rural health professional shortage areas and medically needy and underserved population groups.

Rural health care workforce shortages carry a negative impact on health care quality, through reduced health care access as well as through increased stress on providers. Shortages not only contribute to higher costs by raising compensation levels to reflect increased demand but also by increasing the use of overtime pay and expensive temporary personnel.

The Rural Assistance Center (RAC) has an extensive list of workforce information including grant opportunities. Go to: http://www.raconline.org/info_guides/hc_providers/#top for complete information.



The MI Volunteer Registry Register Now. You Could Make a Difference.

The MI Volunteer Registry is an Internet-based system enabling healthcare personnel and citizens to pre-register to volunteer their assistance during an emergency. The registry assembles volunteers based on verification of their identity, credentials, and qualifications. Those interested in volunteering can securely enter their contact information on the website. During an emergency, volunteer information will be gathered and appropriate volunteers contacted by authorized personnel. Nurses, physicians, behavioral health, emergency medical services personnel, ancillary support staff and all other individuals interested in assisting are encouraged to register. There are close to 2,500 volunteers registered from the state of Michigan and border state counties.

The registry is preparing for its next system upgrade, scheduled for release this summer. Many new system enhancements will be added, including additional credentialing and customized data fields. Individuals willing to assist during a disaster may also now choose to register in one or more of the eight registry volunteer groups: Licensed Health Professions, Unlicensed Health Volunteers, General Support Volunteers, and the five emergency management Citizen Corps Program (CCP) groups. Integration of these programs will allow for enhanced deployment coordination and provision of additional training and exercise opportunities.

To register or update your profile go to www.mivolunteerregistry.org. You may also visit the MDCH, Office of Public Health Preparedness Website at www.michigan.gov/ophp for more information.

GRAND ROUNDS:

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.

- September 12 – The Extra-Articular Manifestations of Rheumatoid Arthritis, -Joseph Weiss
- October 10 -- Use and Misuse of Medications in the Patient with Fibromyalgia, Dan Clau
- November 14 – Psoriatic Arthritis, -Robert Ike
- December 12 – Rheumatologic Emergencies, -Joseph McCune

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.

- September 5-Herbal Supplements –Mark Ensberg, MD
- October 2-Hospice & Palliative Care -Linda Keilman, MSN, APRN, BC, GNP
- November 7- Assessment & Treatment of Somatic Dysfunction-Frank Komara, DO
- December 5-Prostate Disease (BPH) and Cancer TBA

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.

NURSING

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

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

- Sept. 4 – TBD
- November 6 – TBD

Accreditation: Participants who attend the entire session and complete an evaluation form will receive a certificate for 1.8 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.

- July 25 - Depressive Disorders in Children and Adolescents, -Jed Magen, DO, MS
- October 24 - Neurobiology and Treatment of Deliberate Self-Injury, -Brian Smith, MD

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SOCIAL WORK

Held quarterly from noon – 1:15 pm

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

- Sept. 28– TBD
- Dec. 6 - Pain Management

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.

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

INTERESTING QUOTE:

“Never let the fear of striking out get in your way.”

-Babe Ruth