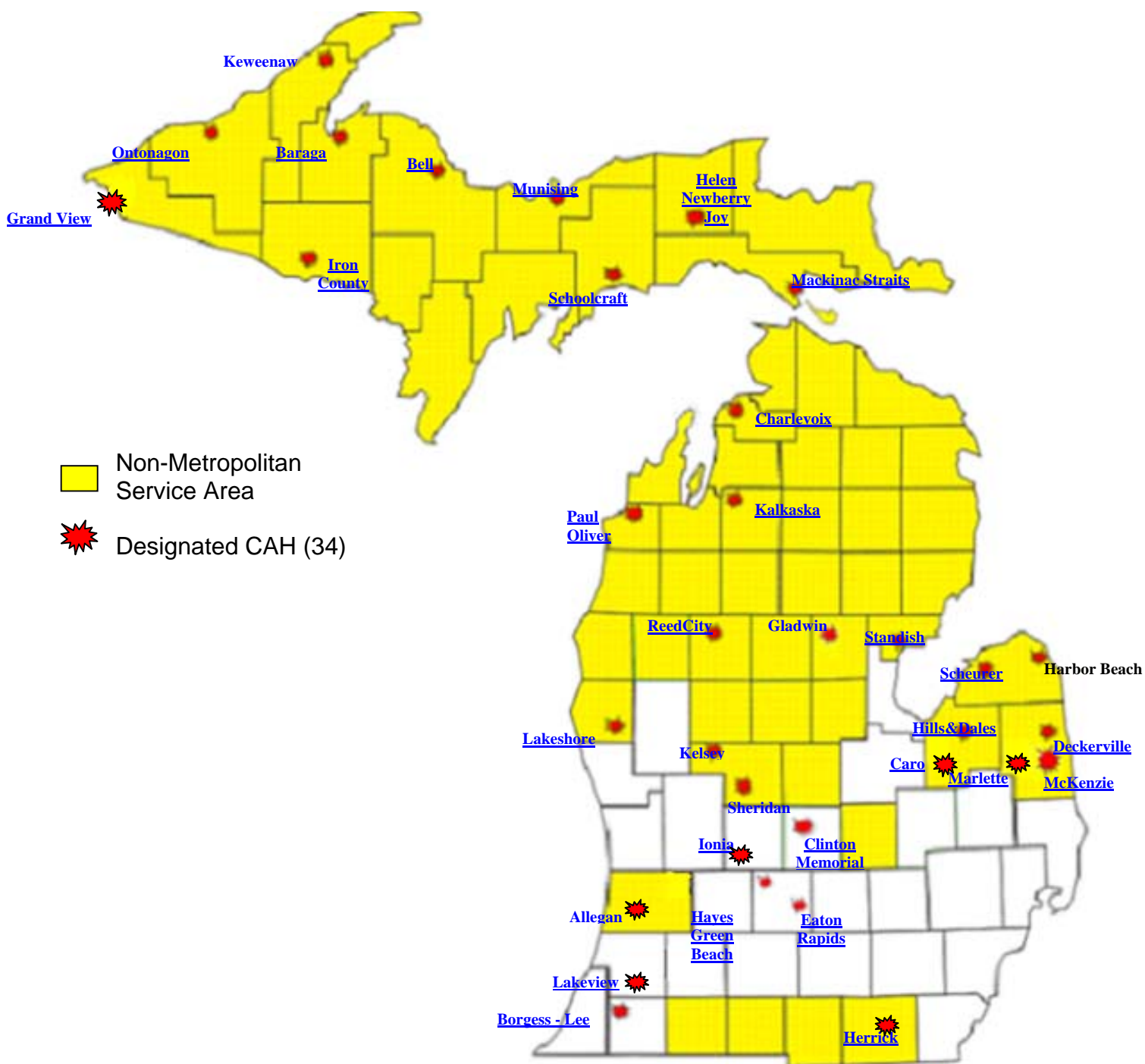


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MICHIGAN CRITICAL ACCESS HOSPITALS



Michigan Strategic Opportunities for Rural Health Improvement (MI-SORHI)

The MI-SORHI, a joint initiative of the Michigan Center for Rural Health (MCRH) and the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH), was introduced at the 10th Annual MCRH Rural Health Conference on April 18th.

The MI-SORHI initiative will define the health issues faced by rural areas in the state, describe the current rural health environment, and based on that framework, identify strategic opportunities for improvement of the health status of Michigan's rural people.

Please visit the MCRH website for further information.

Five Tips to Help Educate Your Hospital Board on Quality

Hospital board members are under increasing pressure to ensure their facilities meet--or better yet, exceed--quality and patient safety standards. Hospital comparison Web sites, quality ranking programs, and government initiatives linking performance on quality measures with pay are prompting hospital executives to make sure their board members have the tools they need to adequately monitor quality. This can be a challenging endeavor, however, since many board members are unfamiliar with medical lingo, the meaning of quality measurement data, and most importantly, what quality indicators they should be monitoring. Here are five tips to help get your board members up to speed on quality issues.

- ❖ **Define the board's role**
- ❖ **Explain that quality is more than regulations**
- ❖ **Find quality champions**
- ❖ **Incorporate quality in the mission**
- ❖ **Bring theory into reality**

Source: HealthLeaders Media Community and Rural Hospital Weekly. May 16, 2007.

Board of Directors Education and Training

A portion of the funding from the Michigan Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility Program for 2006-07 has been dedicated to hospital board development & training. The MCRH has contracted with the Michigan Nonprofit Association (MNA) to provide these educational sessions, using BoardSource, Inc. for nonprofit governance information and education. Two of five sessions have been scheduled:

Thursday, June 12, 2007
Kalkaska Memorial Health Education Center
419 Coral St.
Kalkaska, MI 49646

Friday, August 3, 2007
Kellogg Conference Center
East Lansing MI 48824

Rural Health Clinics Prioritized

In recognition of the important and continuing role played by Certified Rural Health Clinics (CRHCs) in serving the health care needs of Michigan residents in Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs), the Michigan Department of Community Health now considers CRHCs, designated as Facility HPSAs, to be Priority Practice Sites for the Michigan State Loan Repayment Program (SLRP). The department believes this policy will assist RHCs in their efforts to recruit and retain health care providers.

Health care providers working at SLRP Priority Practice Sites enjoy preference in the SLRP selection process as priority applicants. Most importantly, priority applicants who apply for a SLRP Complete Contract have preference over all non-priority SLRP applicants in the awarding of those contracts. Competitive Contracts are highly desirable because they are funded by 50% Federal 50% State dollars, requiring no local matching contribution from employers. Primary-level providers, such as physicians and dentists, may receive a maximum of \$25,000 per year, while mid-level providers, such as nurse practitioners and physician assistants, receive \$15,000 per year for the initial two-year contract. For example, the typical physician contract would provide SLRP payments of \$50,000 over a two-year period.

The Michigan Department of Community Health hopes you will take the time to visit the Michigan SLRP website at www.michigan.gov/mislrp, to learn more about how the program can assist you in your recruitment and retention efforts. Directors of RHCs not yet designated as Facility HPSAs, may want to consider the recruitment and retention benefits they may gain for their clinics by becoming designated. The application window for this cycle, FY08, ended on April 30, 2007; the next application period will be during the month of April, 2008.

After carefully reviewing the material on the SLRP website, if you have questions regarding the Michigan State Loan Repayment Program, please contact Ken Miller at MillerK3@michigan.gov or call (517) 241-9946. You may also contact Steve Shotwell at the Michigan Center for Rural Health at steve.shotwell@hc.msu.edu or call 517-355-7758.

NPI: Get It. Share It. Use It.

CMS to Publish the National Plan and Provider Enumeration System (NPPES) Data Dissemination Notice (CMS-6060-N)
The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will be publishing the NPPES Data Dissemination Notice in the Federal Register. The Notice is now on display at the Office of the Federal Register. It was published on May 30, 2007.

The Notice describes the policy by which CMS will make certain NPPES health care provider data available to covered entities under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) and to others.

An advance copy of the Notice is available at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/NationalProvIdentStand/Downloads/DataDisseminationNPI.pdf> on the CMS NPI website.

The PDF version of the Notice that is available from this web page and the document published in the Federal Register may vary slightly if the editor at the Office of the Federal Register makes minor revisions to it. The official version of the Notice will be the one that is published in the Federal Register.

As always, more information and education on the NPI can be found at the CMS NPI page www.cms.hhs.gov/NationalProvIdentStand on the CMS website. Providers can apply for an NPI online at <https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov> or can call the NPI enumerator to request a paper application at 1-800-465-3203.

Getting an NPI is free - not having one can be costly.

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.

Solution Focused Brief Therapy Conference - Cancelled

The June 19, 2007 Solutions Focused Brief Therapy Conference has been cancelled.

For More Information, please contact Phyllis Ball at (517) 355-8250 or ballp@msu.edu.

Rural Experts & Rural Organizations

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Directory of Rural Health Contacts

The Directory lists contact information for people and organizations with an interest in rural health.

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Source: Rural Assistance Center May 2007 Newsletter

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.

- June 13 – Approach to the Adolescent with Joint Pain, -Hillary Haftel
- 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.

- June 6 - Perioperative Care of the Elderly -Heather Laird-Fick, MD
- 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.

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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

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

- Sept. 20– 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-approve 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:

“There is nothing more contagious on this planet than enthusiasm.”

-Carlos Santana