

28th Annual Michigan Rural Health Conference

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OUR MISSION: TO COORDINATE, PLAN, AND ADVOCATE FOR IMPROVED HEALTH FOR MICHIGAN'S RURAL RESIDENTS AND COMMUNITIES.

OUR VISION: THE MICHIGAN CENTER FOR RURAL HEALTH WILL BE UNIVERSALLY RECOGNIZED AS THE CENTER FOR EXPERTISE FOR RURAL HEALTH IN MICHIGAN THROUGH CREATIVE AND VISIONARY EDUCATION, SERVICE, AND RESEARCH.



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MCRH Grants & Contracts

HRSA Managed Grants

- State Office of Rural Health (223K)
- Medicare Rural Hospital FLEX Program
- Flex EMS
- Small Hospital Improvement Program (SHIP)
- Rural Communities Opioid Response 3
- RCORP 4
- RCORP Psychostimulant
- RCORP Behavioral Health
- Outreach (Swing Bed Quality Improvement)
- I-REACH (U.P. Veterans Outreach)
- Rural Public Health Workforce (EMS & CHW)

State Managed Grants

- State appropriation for SORH
- EMS Workforce: Paramedic scholarships
- Diabetes ECHO
- Primary Care Contracts

Other Grants

- EMS HPSA (MHEF)
- Palliative Care (MHEF)
- Maternal & Child Health (NRHA)



Thank You Planning Committee Members!

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May 2025 – April 2026 | \$250 for 12 sessions
When: 2nd Thursday each month, 12:00–1:00 PM EST

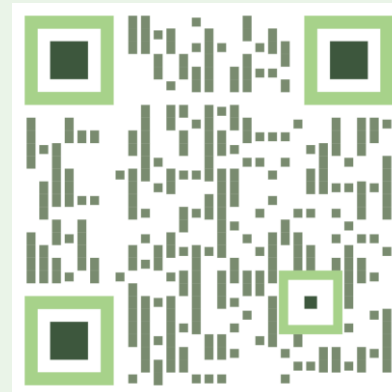
A flexible, expert-led webinar series designed to help Rural Health Clinics (RHCs) improve compliance, streamline operations, and boost patient care.

Highlights:

- Monthly live sessions with Q&A
- Access to recordings and materials via Online Learning Portal
- Practical tips to enhance RHC performance all year long



Learn More →



MAY 8

Introduction to the RHC

Speaker | Tressa Sacrey, HSA

JUNE 12

RHC Certification and Recertification Processes

Speaker | Tressa Sacrey, HSA

JULY 10

Understanding RHC Billing and Reimbursement

Speaker | Marybeth Gleasont, HSA

AUGUST 14

Compliance with the Conditions for Certification

Speaker | Tressa Sacrey, HSA

SEPTEMBER 11

Emergency Preparedness Requirements for RHCs

Speaker | Tressa Sacrey, HSA

OCTOBER 9

Performance Improvement

Speaker | Tressa Sacrey, HSA

NOVEMBER 13

RHC Cost Reporting: What You Need to Know

Speaker | Julie Quinn, HSA

DECEMBER 11

Health Information Privacy and Security (HIPAA)

Speaker | Tressa Sacrey, HSA

JANUARY 8

Credentialing and HR Requirements for the RHC

Speaker | Michelle Renee & Tressa Sacrey, HSA

FEBRUARY 12

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MARCH 12

Updates on Federal and State RHC Regulations

Speaker | Sarah Hohman, NARHC

APRIL 9

Creating a Compliance Calendar

Speaker | Tressa Sacrey, HSA

2025 Billing & Coding Bootcamp

May 12–13, 2025 | Mount Pleasant, MI

Location: Soaring Eagle Casino & Resort

CEUs: 11 (ArchProCoding & AAPC approved)

A 2-day, in-person workshop for Rural Health Clinics and rural providers, focused on clinical documentation, coding, and billing for compliance and reimbursement.

Schedule:

- **Day 1:** 12:00–4:00 PM
- **Day 2:** 9:00 AM–4:00 PM

✓ Optional Certification:

Take a 100-question online exam for RH-CBS or CH-CBS certification (70%+ to pass, scored instantly).





SAVE THE DATE!

2025 Rural Michigan Opioid and Substance Use Summit

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July 17, 2025 | TREETOPS RESORT, GAYLORD, MI



Upcoming Community Reentry Simulations

Rebuilding Lives and Communities After Incarceration

May 9, 2025 | 10am – 2pm EST
*Wexford Missaukee Career
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Register Now



Interactive Simulation:
Experience the barriers to
successful reentry

Group Discussion: Reflect
and share insights after the
simulation

Lunch Buffet: Provided

Earn 2.5 MCBAP CE:
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May 20, 2025 | 10am – 2pm EST
Kirtland College | Grayling

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2025 EMS Workforce Scholarship

2025 MDHHS EMS Workforce Grant – Now Open

Deadline | May 16, 2025

Performance Period | Oct 1, 2024 – Sept 30, 2025

Goal: Address Michigan's paramedic shortage through funded training.

Scholarship Options:

- **Track 1:** Up to \$20,000 for paramedic program tuition.
- **Track 2:** Up to \$16,000 (\$15/hr) for EMS training time (agencies only).

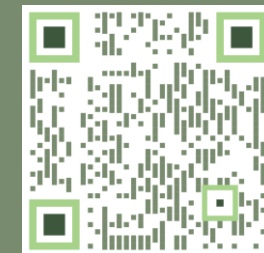
Priority Groups:

Rural EMS, single parents, women, minorities, veterans.

Key Information:

- Schools/agencies must apply for students.
- 2-year MI service commitment required.
- Enrollment proof due by Aug 31, 2025.
- Repayment required if program isn't completed.

Apply Now



Continuing Education Opportunities

Grand Rounds

Free, live webinars offering continuing education for healthcare professionals across rural Michigan.

Held via Zoom, mostly **Tues–Thurs, 12–1 pm EST**
Register, attend, complete eval—earn CE credits at **no cost**

EMS

EMS Webinars

Free EMS continuing education credit opportunities that are offered in an online format.

EMS Events & Workshops

In-person opportunities for continuing education and professional development for EMS Professionals.

Project ECHO

Free educational webinars that provide CME credit in key health areas, including Infectious Diseases, Diabetes, and One Health—an approach that connects human, animal, and environmental health to improve outcomes across Michigan.



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