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OUR MISSION

To coordinate, plan, and advocate for improved health for Michigan's rural residents and communities



Register Now for the 29th Annual Michigan Rural Health Conference!

Join the Michigan Center for Rural Health for the 29th Annual Michigan Rural Health Conference, taking place **this April 23-24 in Mount Pleasant MI!** This statewide gathering brings together rural health leaders, clinicians, hospital and clinic staff, public health professionals, EMS providers, educators, and policymakers committed to strengthening care across rural Michigan.

The agenda features updates on state and federal policy, workforce initiatives, quality improvement strategies, and innovative models of care impacting rural communities. Attendees can expect practical sessions, peer learning opportunities, and meaningful time to connect with colleagues who understand the unique challenges and opportunities facing rural providers.

Whether you are part of a Rural Health Clinic, Critical Access Hospital, public health department, EMS agency, or community-based organization, this conference is designed to equip you with actionable insights and renewed energy for the work ahead.

[Draft Agenda](#)

[Conference Information](#)



SAVE THE DATE!

2026 Rural Michigan Opioid & Substance Use Summit

Navigating the Next Era of Rural Health

Mark your calendars for **July 16, 2026**, and join us at Treetops Resort for the annual summit hosted by the Northern Michigan Opioid Response Consortium (NMORC), a program of the Michigan Center for Rural Health.

This annual gathering brings together rural partners from across Michigan to address substance use through collaboration, shared learning, and meaningful dialogue. The summit will feature engaging panel discussions, voices of lived experience, and opportunities to explore best practices in prevention, treatment, recovery, and workforce development.

Location:

Treetops Resort
3962 Wilkinson Rd
Gaylord, MI 49735

Attendee registration opens in **early May**. Stay tuned for more details!

[Summit Information](#)

Welcome, Alli MCRH's New EMS Programs Manager!

Hello everyone,

My name is Alli Burke, and I'm excited to introduce myself as the new EMS Programs Manager for the Michigan Center for Rural Health. With over a decade of experience in EMS and working my way up to a critical care paramedic, I've had the privilege of serving rural communities across Michigan—primarily in Calhoun County, with additional time spent in Marquette.



Working in rural EMS has shaped not only my professional expertise but also my passion for strengthening emergency medical services in communities that often face unique challenges. I'm eager to bring that experience into this new role and collaborate

with partners, providers, and stakeholders to support and enhance EMS programs across the state.

Thank you for welcoming me into this community—I look forward to the work ahead!

Warmly,
Alli Burke



Strength of Rural Spotlight Series RAM Clinic at Ferris State February Edition



Do you have a story to share? Know a rural organization or individual making a difference? Email Laura Stoddard, Social Drivers of Health Manager, at laura.mispelon@affiliate.msu.edu, and let us share your story!

This month's Rural Spotlight highlights the Remote Area Medical (RAM) clinic hosted at Ferris State University, which brought more than 400 volunteers together to provide free healthcare services to individuals and families in need.

The first event, held May 31–June 1, 2025, delivered more than \$245,000 in free medical, dental, and vision care to 268 patients in just two days. Services included dental treatment, vision exams with 175 pairs of glasses dispensed, medical exams, mammograms, laboratory testing, and Narcan distribution. Care was offered on a first-come, first-served basis with no insurance, residency, or identification required.

In rural counties where provider shortages and economic barriers persist, the clinic provided critical access to care for many who might otherwise go without. The RAM Clinic will return to Ferris State University on May 30–31, 2026, continuing its mission to expand access and serve rural Michigan communities.

[Read the Full Story](#)

The MSLRP is Now Open - Register for Our Webinar Today!



The 2026 [Michigan State Loan Repayment Program \(MSLRP\)](#) application cycle is now open through March 31st. The MSLRP helps employers recruit and retain primary medical, dental, and mental healthcare providers by providing loan repayment to those entering into MSLRP service obligations. MSLRP service obligations require participants to provide full-time primary healthcare services in Health Professional Shortage Areas ([HPSAs](#)) at not-for-profit health clinics for two years. MSLRP will assist those selected by providing up to \$300,000 in tax-free funds to repay their educational debt over a period of up to ten years.

On March 5th from 12:00 - 1:00, the Michigan Center for Rural Health will be hosting a Lunch & Learn webinar in partnership with MDHHS. There will be a program and application overview with an opportunity to ask questions at the end.

Please reach out to our Workforce Initiative Manager, [Kyra](#), with any questions or additional application support.

[Register Today](#)

Stay Updated on Michigan's Rural Health Transformation Program (RHTP)



Updates: Rural stakeholders are encouraged to subscribe to the [MDHHS Rural Health Transformation Program \(RHTP\) Listserv](#), which will serve as the primary communication channel for program announcements, grant opportunities, and monthly updates. Michigan has been awarded \$173 million through the RHTP. Stakeholders can view the [MI RHTP Narrative here](#), and start aligning local/organizational priorities with program priorities. MDHHS is currently working with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to address remaining questions and is awaiting final approval of the revised budget narrative.

Background: As a reminder, the Rural Health Transformation Program was established through [H.R.1](#) as a \$50 billion federal investment designed to strengthen rural healthcare nationwide. The program will distribute \$10 billion annually, nationwide, over five years, spanning fiscal year (FY) 2026 through FY 2030. Half of the available funding is distributed equally among approved states, while the remaining funding is awarded based on state applications that demonstrate strong strategies to improve access, quality, and overall healthcare impact in rural communities. Michigan has been awarded \$173 million through this initiative. MDHHS will oversee the state's RHTP efforts and administer a series of grant programs aligned with the approved activities. These opportunities will become available once final CMS approval of the budget narrative is received. Funding will support statewide and regional efforts aimed at improving how care is delivered to rural residents. Michigan's RHTP framework is organized around four major initiatives, each of which will include targeted grant programs designed to advance overall system transformation:

- Transforming Rural Health Through Partnerships
- Workforce for Wellness
- Interoperability in Action
- Care Closer to Home Blueprint

To help guide program rollout, MDHHS is establishing an RHTP Advisory Council that will include representatives from rural healthcare organizations, community partners, and state agencies. The Michigan Center for Rural Health will participate in the Advisory Council and will share updates with rural stakeholders as new information becomes available.

For questions, please contact MDHHS-RHTP@michigan.gov.

**Celebrating Michigan's 2026 Top Rural
and Critical Access Hospitals**



Chartis Center for Rural Health has announced the 2026 Top 100 Rural & Community Hospitals and Top 100 Critical Access Hospitals based on the Chartis Rural Hospital Performance INDEX®, the industry’s most comprehensive and objective assessment of rural hospital performance, now in its 16th year.

Despite ongoing uncertainty in healthcare, these hospitals are excelling in quality, patient outcomes, satisfaction, and cost-effective care, serving as a national benchmark for rural facilities.

This year’s Top 100 Critical Access Hospitals includes 16 first-time recipients, and 15 hospitals recognized 10 or more times.

Among the Top 100 Rural & Community Hospitals, 14 facilities earned their first Top 100 award and 21 hospitals were recognized 10 or more times. Michigan and Minnesota topped the list at the state level, each with seven hospitals named to the Top 100.

The Michigan Center for Rural Health proudly recognizes nine Michigan hospitals honored for their commitment to high-quality, community-focused rural healthcare.

2026 Michigan Honorees – Top 100 Rural & Community Hospitals

- MyMichigan Medical Center Alpena – Alpena
- Corewell Health Big Rapids Hospital – Big Rapids
- Munson Healthcare Cadillac Hospital – Cadillac
- UP Health System – Portage (Hancock)
- Corewell Health Ludington Hospital – Ludington
- Munson Healthcare Manistee Hospital – Manistee
- MyMichigan Medical Center Tawas – Tawas City

2026 Michigan Honorees – Top 100 Critical Access Hospitals

- Hills & Dales Healthcare – Cass City
- Trinity Health Shelby Hospital – Shelby

[Complete List of Awardees](#)

**Hillsdale Hospital CEO receives 2026
Baldrige Foundation Leadership Award**



Hillsdale Hospital President and Chief Executive Officer Jeremiah (“JJ”) Hodshire received the 2026 Leadership Excellence in Healthcare award from the Malcolm Baldrige Foundation. This award recognizes national leaders in healthcare who demonstrate role-model leadership. The Foundation's Leadership Awards recognize individuals whose leadership reflects the values and principles of the Baldrige Framework and whose service has strengthened organizations, communities, and the broader Baldrige enterprise," said Josh Racette, President and CEO of the Foundation for the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award, Inc.

MCRH would like to congratulate Mr. Hodshire on this impressive recognition and express gratitude for all that he has done and currently does to advance rural health in his community, in Michigan, and nationwide.

[Read the Full Press Release](#)

[Read the Hillsdale Press Release](#)

RxKids Expansion to the Entire Upper Peninsula



In early February, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer announced the next major expansion of Rx Kids will extend the program in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. In March 2026, exactly one year after Rx Kids first launched in five counties in the Eastern Upper Peninsula, the program will expand to reach all 15 counties in the region. The announcement underscores Michigan's continued commitment to scaling baby-first policies in both urban and rural communities.

“Michigan is leading the nation by investing in babies and trusting families,” said Gov. Whitmer. “Rx Kids is unlike anything else in the country and today’s Detroit launch — along with the announcement of expansion across the Upper Peninsula — shows what’s possible when leaders set bold goals and deliver on them.”

Originally launched in Flint in 2024, Rx Kids has already reached more than 5,600 families across the state with more than \$22 million in direct support during the prenatal and infancy period, which is one of the most financially challenging and critical for child development. This support helps families afford essentials such as baby supplies, food, housing, childcare and transportation to doctor's appointments. Early results from other Rx Kids communities across Michigan show near-universal enrollment, improved family stability, reduced financial stress and better health for moms and babies, while also generating local economic benefits as dollars flow directly into neighborhood businesses.

A public-private partnership, Rx Kids is funded by both public investment and philanthropic leadership. In a historic bipartisan commitment, the state of Michigan recently invested \$250 million to expand Rx Kids to additional high-need communities over the next three years.

Current rural communities include Alger, Clare, Chippewa, Gladwin, Lake, Luce, Mackinac, Roscommon, and Schoolcraft Counties.

[More Information](#)

Michigan Well Represented in Becker's 103 CAH CEOs to Know

BECKER'S --- **HOSPITAL REVIEW** ---

Michigan was well represented with four MI CAH CEOs being recognized by Becker's Hospital Review in the [recent 103 CAH CEOs to Know release](#). MCRH congratulates each of these CEOs for the well-deserved recognition and appreciates the work that they do each day to improve rural health in their respective communities, and statewide.

- **Steve Barnett, DHA, CRNA. President and CEO at McKenzie Health System (Sandusky, Mich.).** Dr. Barnett has served as president and CEO of McKenzie Health System since 2008, leading strategy, operations and financial sustainability for a rural health system in Michigan's Thumb region. Drawing on clinical experience in respiratory care, nursing and anesthesia, he has expanded local access to family and surgical medicine to reduce unnecessary transfers for rural patients. He is known for advancing collaborative partnerships across the region, strengthening care coordination and shared sustainability among rural providers. Under his leadership, McKenzie Health System has maintained and grown essential service lines while navigating workforce and reimbursement pressures. Dr. Barnett emphasizes daily engagement with physicians, staff and community

stakeholders to keep the organization mission-driven and patient-centered. His tenure has positioned the system as a stable, collaborative model for rural healthcare delivery.

- **Karen Cheeseman. CEO of Mackinac Straits Health System (St. Ignace, Mich.).** Ms. Cheeseman has served as CEO of Mackinac Straits Health System, a 15-bed hospital with an emergency medical center and outpatient surgery center, since 2017. She has spent more than nearly two decades with Mackinac Straits and serves on the Michigan Health and Hospital Association small and rural council.
- **Kelly Jefferson, MSN. President at OSF HealthCare St. Francis Hospital & Medical Group (Escanaba, Mich.).** Ms. Jefferson has been serving as president since 2022 and has been with OSF HealthCare since 1998. She leads with a steadfast commitment to operational excellence, fiscal stewardship and access to high-quality, affordable care for residents of Michigan's Upper Peninsula. OSF St. Francis has earned significant national recognition, including six-time designation as a Leapfrog "Top Rural Hospital," Michigan Peer Review Organization "Governor's Award of Excellence," a 4-star National Rural Rating System designation in April 2025 and December 2023, inclusion on *Newsweek's* "America's Best Hospitals" list in 2024 and recognition on the inaugural *Forbes* 2026 "Top Hospital" list. These recognitions are based on patient outcomes, hospital best practices, value and patient experience. Ms. Jefferson has advanced strategic growth initiatives, including certificate-of-need approval for a new cardiac catheterization lab and key partnerships to ensure advanced oncology and cardiology care. She has also helped to ensure local access to neonatal advanced care so newborns stay close to home. In fiscal year 2025, OSF St. Francis served 31,476 individuals, supported 17,934 emergency department visits, 109,374 outpatient visits, had 1,723 admissions and had 435 dedicated employees, demonstrating exceptional impact for a rural critical access hospital.
- **Andrew Raymond. President and CEO at Kalkaska (Mich.) Memorial Health Center.** Mr. Raymond serves as president and CEO of a critical access hospital providing inpatient, outpatient, long-term care, assisted living, dialysis and ambulance services across northern Michigan. Since joining the organization in 2016, he has led sustained financial and operational growth, with net revenues increasing by more than 130%. He is recognized for a servant leadership style that emphasizes team engagement while maintaining accountability and performance. Prior to becoming CEO, Mr. Raymond served eight years as CFO, providing continuity and deep financial insight into the organization's operations. A fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives, he has been named one of the region's "Top 40 Influential Leaders Under 40" for three consecutive years. His leadership continues to strengthen access, stability and community-centered care in a rural setting.

**Opportunities for Rural Providers to
Obtain HRSA-Funded Technical
Assistance**



HRSA's Federal Office of Rural Health Policy (FORHP) provides hands-on support for rural hospitals and clinics, bringing national experts – in rural health care finance, clinical service, and operations – directly to rural communities to help them thrive. This includes the Rural Healthcare Provider Transition Project, and the Targeted Technical Assistance for Rural Hospitals (TTAP).

The Rural Healthcare Provider Transition Project provides technical assistance to help small rural hospitals and RHCs prepare for value-based care. This program targets hospitals and RHCs that are interested in participating in value-based programs and require support in preparing to make the transition. Eligible applicants for TA include the following Small rural hospitals (49 beds or fewer) and Certified Rural Health Clinics. Participants will receive technical assistance provided by the FORHP-supported National Rural Health Resource Center to strengthen their foundation in key elements of quality, efficiency, patient experience and patient safety. Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis; the National Rural Health Resource center is currently accepting applications for the next cohort, with selection expected in November.

The Targeted Technical Assistance for Rural Hospital (TTAP) offers comprehensive technical assistance to rural hospitals to address financial and operational challenges and maintain essential health services for their communities. Over two years, selected hospitals are supported through a systematic and evidence-based process for identifying, prioritizing, and implementing short-term, mid-range, and long-term strategies for positioning their organizations for financial sustainability. There is up to an additional year of follow-up for monitoring and evaluation purposes. During their tenure in the program, hospitals receive comprehensive technical assistance in financial and operational assessment, financial sustainability planning, strategy implementation, monitoring, and evaluation.

Applications are being accepted for the next TTAP cohort. For more information, write to ttap@georgiasouthern.edu.

Fully Funded Opportunity: AI-Powered Concussion Decision Support for Emergency Departments



Michigan hospitals have a no-cost opportunity to enhance concussion care and Emergency Department quality improvement through, [ConcussionQx](#) an AI-powered clinical decision support tool funded by the State of Michigan.

Currently being implemented in hospitals across the state, ConcussionQx guides clinicians through a structured, evidence-based concussion assessment, captures standardized clinical data, and generates audit-ready documentation with guideline citations from the CDC, American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP), and the Brain Trauma Foundation.

This fully funded initiative removes financial barriers while supporting consistent, high-quality concussion evaluations and quality improvement efforts in the Emergency Department.

Please feel free to share this opportunity with Emergency Department leaders, clinicians, and quality teams at your facility.

For questions or additional information, contact:

[Janet Carlson](#)

Senior Vice President of Growth, QMETIS

Room-by-Room Home Safety: Practical Tips to Age in Place



American
Society
on Aging

From the American Society on Aging | Our homes should be a place of comfort and security, especially as we age. Yet, many common household features can become safety hazards over time. In this interactive webinar, we'll take a virtual walk through the home, room by room, identifying risks and offering practical modifications that enhance safety, independence and peace of mind.

From preventing falls in the bathroom to improving lighting in hallways and organizing kitchens for easier access, this session is packed with actionable tips you can implement immediately. Whether you're an older adult, a caregiver, or a professional supporting someone who wants to age in place, this webinar will equip you with knowledge to create a safer living environment.

Wednesday, March 4, 2026 1:00 PM

Register Today

No-cost psychiatry consultation &

support from MC3



MC3 is hosting an in-person conference in Gaylord, MI on May 15th for pediatric primary care providers in Northern Michigan and the UP:

It's Rarely "Just Anxiety": Managing the Complexities and Comorbidities of Anxiety Disorders Among Children and Adolescents in Primary Care Settings

[Register for the Conference](#)

Sign up for MC3 to access free psychiatry consultation, education, and resources to support the behavioral and mental health needs of your child, adolescent, pregnant and postpartum patients.

[Sign up for MC3](#)

Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule 2nd Edition (ADOS-2) Training



The MDHHS Capacity Building Center (CBC) is offering a **three-day in-person** training on the ADOS-2 with Dr. Suzi Naguib, a licensed clinical psychologist with over 20 years of experience specializing in evidence-based care and professional training. The ADOS-2 training will be held **Monday-Wednesday, February 23-25, 2026**.

The ADOS-2 is a semi structured, standardized assessment instrument that allows for accurate assessment and diagnosis of autism in individuals suspected of having autism. See the flyer for registration details.

[More Information](#)

MCRH Partners: Public Health Prepared and Region V Public Health Training Center are offering a Rural Communication Series!



When: February 26, 2026, 12-1:30 PM ET

What: Power of Communications #1: Navigating Conflict and Communication Issues with Teams and Partners in Rural Settings

- This live training is part 1 of a 4-part series on rural health communications. This first session is about navigating conflict and communication issues with teams and partners.
- Continuing Education: Free to enroll. CE and certificate of completion available for \$10.
- 1.5 MCHES Category I CECH (Areas of Responsibility: 7.1.2, 7.1.5, 7.2.1, 8.2.8, 9.2.2, 9.2.3)
- Region V Public Health Training Center program, 'Power of Communications #1: Navigating Conflict and Communication Issues with Teams and Partners in Rural Settings' is approved for 1.5 General CEs by the Patient Advocate Certification Board to satisfy the requirements for Board Certified Patient Advocates (BCPA). Approval Number 18573.
- Up to 1.5 CPH Recertification Credits may be earned at this event.

[Register Today](#)

The NHSC and Nurse Corps Application Cycles are Now Open!



The National Health Service Corps (NHSC)

Cut your student debt with the [National Health Service Corps \(NHSC\) Loan Repayment Programs](#). The programs give you a direct path to pay down what you owe in return for delivering primary care to communities in need. Whether you support rural families, give maternal health care, provide behavioral health services, or help individuals recover from substance use; service through the NHSC directly expands access to care, while giving you meaningful financial relief. The application cycle closes on March 31st.

Apply Today

The Nurse Corps

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) [Nurse Corps Loan Repayment Program](#) offers loan repayment to registered nurses, advanced practice registered nurses, and nursing faculty in exchange for a two-year service commitment at a health care facility with a critical shortage of nurses (or, for nurse faculty, an eligible school of nursing). Awardees receive payments totaling 60 percent of their qualifying nursing school loan balance, and up to an additional 25 percent of their original loan balance for an optional year of service. The application cycle is open through March 12th.

Apply Today

Questions about the application process? Reach out to MCRH's Workforce Initiative Manager, [Kyra](#), today.

MBQIP Upcoming Deadlines, Reporting Reminders, and Resources



MBQIP Data Submission Deadlines

MCRH continues to provide monthly Medicare Beneficiary Quality Improvement Project (MBQIP) updates that will help improve the quality of care provided in Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs).

Resource Updates for Critical Access Hospitals that reflect the new MBQIP Core Measure Set

MBQIP Navigator

- Updated to remove the SDOH-1 and SDOH-2 measures

MBQIP Information Guide

- Updated to remove the SDOH-1 and SDOH-2 measures as well as outdated MBQIP 2025 language

Monthly MBQIP Data Submission Deadlines

- Updated monthly with MBQIP data submission deadlines. The SDOH-1 and SDOH-2 measures have been removed from this resource.

Data Submission Guides

These guides provide detailed instructions for submitting MBQIP measure data. They include measure details, linked trainings and step-by-step data submission instructions for the measure:

- [Hybrid-Hospital Wide Readmissions Data Submission Guide](#)
- [Safe Use of Opioids-Concurrent Prescribing Data Submission Guide](#)
- [CAH Quality Infrastructure Submission Guide](#)
- [MBQIP Navigator](#)

UPCOMING DEADLINES:

March 1, 2026

Antibiotic Stewardship CY 2025 is due March 1, 2026. Submission is through the NHSN Secure Portal. [Antibiotic Stewardship Resources](#)

March 2, 2026

Safe Use of Opioids- Concurrent Prescribing CY 2025 encounters is due March 2, 2025. Specifications [CMS eCQM ID CMS506v6](#). Submission is through the HQR Secure Portal. This measure is a MBQIP and an eCQM measure.

Upcoming MCRH Educational Events

Grand Rounds:

Behavioral Health Grand Round: Treatment Planning Assessments in Addiction Treatment

Speaker: Genevieve Groover, MSW

April 7 2026, 12-1 p.m. EST

CE available for Social Workers and Addiction Professionals, & Nurses. Physicians and other professionals may use the certificate to self-claim hours.

[More Information](#)

[Register](#)

Oral Health Grand Round:

Speaker: Genevieve Groover, MSW

April 10 2026, 1-2 p.m. EST

CE available for Dentists, Dental Assistants, Dental Therapists, Dental Hygienists, Social Workers & Nurses. Physicians and other professionals may use the certificate to self-claim hours.

[Register](#)

Project ECHO:

Diabetes ECHO: Cardio Kidney Metabolic Syndrome

Speaker: Dr. Kim Pfothenauer, DO

March 17, 2026, 12-1 pm EST

CME available for medical professionals: Physicians, Physician Assistants, APP, DNP, Registered Nurses

[More Information](#)

Email Renee Calkins for Registration Information renee.calkins@affiliate.msu.edu

Infectious Disease ECHO: Latent vs Active Tuberculosis

Speaker: Dr. Peter Gulick, DO

March 18, 2026, 12-1 pm EST

CME available for medical professionals: Physicians, Physician Assistants, APP, DNP, Registered Nurses

March 18, 2026, 12-1 pm EST

[Register](#)

Other Education Opportunities:

Wednesday, March 4 at 12:00 PM EST - [Living with Diabetes and Blindness Webinar - Welcome to Accessible Pharmacy Services.](#)

March 2-5: [Kidney Action Week 2026](#) - Each year, this free, virtual conference brings together members of the kidney community to learn from experts in the field and hear stories from people living with kidney disease.

ADDITIONAL NEWS & RESOURCES:

RURAL EMERGENCY HOSPITALS:

[Thinking of Converting to REH? Key Observations from Financial Modeling](#)

[Updated Guidance for Rural Emergency Hospitals \(REHs\)](#)

PALLIATIVE CARE:

[Glossary of Value-Based Care Terms](#)

[A Rural Wisconsin Community Charts a Path for Intergenerational Care](#)

TELEHEALTH:

[Expanding Dental Care to Children Through Telehealth](#)

[Building Michigan's State Broadband Plan](#)

[New Resource – Fact Sheet from Center for Connected Health Policy on telehealth related changes under the Proposed 2026 Physician Fee Schedule \(PFS\)](#)

HOSPITAL PROGRAMS:

[The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services \(CMS\) Rural Emergency Hospital Specifications Manual version 3.0](#)

PRIMARY CARE:

[CMS Enhancing Coverage of Preventive Services Under the Affordable Care Act](#)

[CMS Finalizes New Model to Improve Access to Kidney Transplants](#)

[CMS Announces New Lower Drug Prices for 2026 / Negotiated Pricing Fact Sheet](#)

[CMS Innovation in Behavioral Health Model](#)

[New Changes to Behavioral Health Intensive Outpatient Program Coverage in Medicare](#)

SOCIAL DRIVERS OF HEALTH:

[Updated Michigan Overdose Data to Action Dashboard](#)

[MiTracking Program: Michigan-specific environmental, health & population data](#)

SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER:

[Opioid Settlement Resource Center - The Michigan Association of Counties \(micounties.org\)](#)

[Opioid Settlement Overview Table](#)

[Recovery-Ready Workplace Toolkit for Businesses](#)

[Rural Communities Opioid Response Program – Pathways](#)

WORKFORCE:

[Statewide Investment Helps Youth Explore Future Careers In Michigan](#)

VETERANS:

[Early Alert is a free wellness service offering connection and resources for anyone who as ever served in the military!](#)

[Sign up for Veterans Health Updates](#)

[Sign up for the VA Office of Rural Health \(ORH\) quarterly newsletter](#)

[Federal EHR helps catch lung cancer earlier for Veterans - VA News](#)

[Why the VA's Disability System Is Really Worker's Compensation | Military.com](#)

[Veteran Suicide Prevention: The Power of Connection](#)

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

[Obstetric Care Access at Rural Hospitals in the United States](#)

[Local Data for Equitable Communities Grant Program](#)

[Rural Residency Planning and Development \(RRPD\) program](#)

[ICYMI: CMS repeals Minimum Staffing Standards for Long-Term Care \(LTC\) Facilities and Medicaid Institutional Payment Transparency Reporting Final Rule that was finalized in April 2024](#)

[2026 Autism Spectrum Disorder \(ASD\) Training Series](#)

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