

# RURAL HEALTH CLINIC CONNECTION

## ➔ Mississippi Rural Health Association 2022 State Legislative Summary



The MRHA has been watching and supporting: the Mississippi House Bill 732, the Mississippi House Bill 1421, the Mississippi House Bill 1538, the Mississippi House Bill 1613, the Mississippi Senate Bill 2738, the Mississippi Senate Bill 2739, and the Mississippi Senate Bill 2865.

Unfortunately one bill that did not pass this year was a bill sponsored by both the House and Senate to remove the Medicaid rate freeze, which was originally established in the Medicaid Technical Bill in 2021. This bill made it to conference, but unfortunately was not able to pass out of conference. We are hopeful that this rate freeze will be removed soon.

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## ➔ National Association of Rural Health Clinics' 2022 National Policy Updates

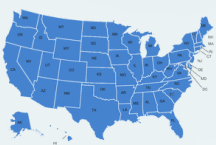


Many important changes took effect early this year, including positive developments in updated reimbursement rates and reimbursable services, as well as the implementation of the CMS Vaccine Mandate and Good Faith Estimate rule.

NARHC is pleased to break these all down for you here as we continue to advocate on behalf of additional future changes of importance to the RHC community.

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## ➔ NRHA Updates Mapping Tool



Each year at NRHA's Policy Institute, the Chartis Center for Rural Health releases data about rural providers across the country. This map has links to this year's state-specific reports on the impact federal policies have on rural health care providers

and their patients. The Chartis data sets show the annual revenue loss, potential job loss, and potential GDP loss, for each provider based on each policy. We hope this information is valuable to you. As always, the Government Affairs team would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

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## ➔ Patient Eligibility Information for Additional Services - Now Available



You can now check eligibility (PDF) for these Medicare-covered services: Flu shots provided in the last 18 months, Pneumococcal shots (HCPCS codes 90671 and 90677; eligibility information is already available for 90670 and 90732), Cognitive

Assessment & Care Plan Services (CPT 99483), and Colorectal cancer screening — blood-based biomarker (HCPCS G0327). For these services, we return CPT or HCPCS codes and dates of service (DOS) or next eligible dates. When we return DOS, we also return NPIs so you can coordinate care. If you need help, contact your eligibility service provider.

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## Register for the 2022 Rural Health Clinic Conference Today!

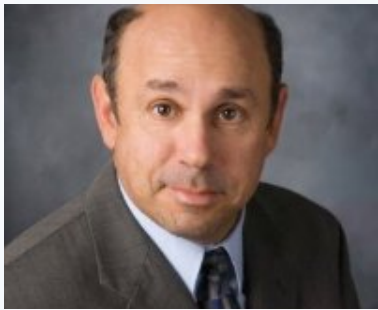
The Rural Health Clinic Conference is a special meeting designed specifically for the rural health clinic members of the Mississippi Rural Health Association. A new low price has been established for this conference to help our RHCs receive the information they need in the easiest and least prohibitive manner possible.

[Click here to learn more or register.](#)



## MRHA Focuses On Tobacco and Vaping Control Efforts

The Mississippi Rural Health Association, in partnership with the Mississippi State Department of Health, Office of Tobacco Control, has continued working together focusing on "The Tobacco and Vaping Dependent Patients." The MRHA provides webinar(s) for statewide rural health clinics with valuable resources for treating tobacco and vaping dependence. Clinics receive the recommended guidelines and standards to support screenings and referrals for the tobacco and vaping dependent patient's treatment. The MRHA offers Nursing CEs for providers and staff who attend the webinar(s). Tobacco and vaping education materials are also provided to participating clinics upon request for patient use. For more information on clinical tobacco prevention resources and training, please feel free to recommend a Mississippi Rural Health Center to Lorrie Davis at [lorrie.davis@mississippirural.org](mailto:lorrie.davis@mississippirural.org) with the Mississippi Rural Health Association at 601.898.3001 or <https://msrha.org>.



## E&M Guidelines Update

Webinar

5/18/22 | 12:00PM - 1:00PM

Join the Mississippi Rural Health Association for the E & M Guidelines Update webinar on May 18, 2022 from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. central time. This virtual event will feature a coding audit vs. chart review and the lessons learned through continuous quality improvement.

[Click here to learn more or register.](#)



## JOB BOARD

WORK RURAL, GROW RURAL

The Mississippi Rural Health Association is pleased to host a job board for rural health professionals. [Click here](#) to view and access current listings. Additionally, any job in the rural health sector is now being accepted on the job board.

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