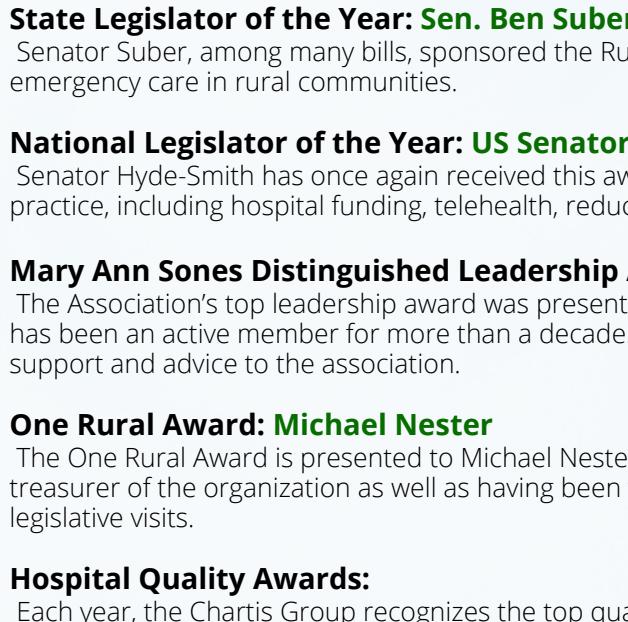


RURAL HEALTH CLINIC CONNECTION



Mississippi Rural Health Association Recognizes Awardees at Annual Conference

The Mississippi Rural Health Association recognized significant individuals and hospitals for dedication to excellence during the Mississippi Rural Health Annual Conference held on November 17-18, 2022 in Jackson, MS. Held during Mississippi National Rural Health Day, these awards are presented to symbolize and recognize the superior work performed by providers, administrators and facilities that make up Mississippi rural health care system. Awardees are as follows:

State Legislator of the Year: Sen. Ben Suber

Senator Suber, among many bills, sponsored the Rural Emergency Hospital bill that will allow hospitals to convert to a new model that emphasizes emergency care in rural communities.

National Legislator of the Year: US Senator Cindy Hyde-Smith

Senator Hyde-Smith has once again received this award from the association due to her continued support of national legislation supporting rural health practice, including hospital funding, telehealth, reducing administrative burden, and more.

Mary Ann Sones Distinguished Leadership Award: Paula Turner, MRHF

The Association's top leadership award was presented to Paula Turner of North Mississippi Health Systems. Paula is a past president of the association and has been an active member for more than a decade. She has led substantial membership growth in the association and has been active in legislative support and advice to the association.

One Rural Award: Michael Nester

The One Rural Award is presented to Michael Nester, administrator of H.C. Watkins Hospital in Quitman, for his consistent work with the association as treasurer of the organization as well as having been very active in legislative advocacy, often traveling with the Association and MHA to Washington D.C. for legislative visits.

Hospital Quality Awards:

Each year, the Chartis Group recognizes the top quartile of hospitals in the nation based on quality outcomes from CMS data. The following hospitals were recognized and awarded by the Association for this exceptional quality:

Baptist Memorial Hospital - Booneville

Baptist Memorial Hospital - Calhoun

Baptist Memorial Hospital - Leake

North Mississippi Medical Center - Eupora

North Mississippi Medical Center - Iuka

Baptist Memorial Hospital - Attala

Scott Regional Hospital

Neshoba County General Hospital

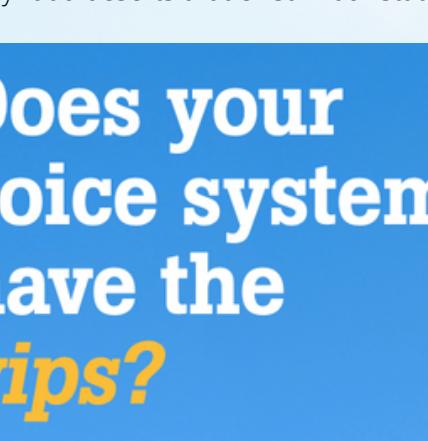
North Mississippi Medical Center - Pontotoc

HC Watkins Memorial Hospital

Laird Hospital

North Mississippi Medical Center - West Point

All award recipients received a recognition piece for their accomplishment. For questions or more information, please contact Ryan Kelly at 601-898-3001 or ryan.kelly@mississippirural.org.



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Local

All Mississippi RHCs Must Now Submit Cost Reports via the New Mississippi Cost Reporting Web Portal



The Mississippi Division of Medicaid (DOM) recently informed all rural health clinics in the state about a change in how to submit cost reports. DOM has contracted with Myers and Stauffer (MSLC) & Gainwell Technologies to design and build a secure Cost Reporting web portal. The web portal will be utilized by DOM to securely receive cost report submissions and supplemental information and securely transmit rate letters and policy communication directly to providers. Moving forward, all rural health clinic cost report submissions must be transmitted via the Mississippi Cost Reporting web portal.

• Click the website linked
 • Scroll down to the "Cost Reporting Web Portal" section of the web page
 • Click "Web Portal Registration Form 06-17-2021"
 • The registration form can now be accessed in your browser's downloads screen.

This website also contains training information, user guides, and FAQ documents to help acquaint you with the web portal submission process.

The completed registration form, and any questions, may be sent via email to MS_Web_Portal@mslc.com.

[Visit Website Here >](#)



MRHA Members Support Food / Monetary Donation to Mississippi Food Network

Due to the generous contributions of Mississippi Rural Health Association members, the Association recently donated approximately 150 lbs of food and \$2,500 to the Mississippi Food Network. This effort is on behalf of Association efforts toward celebrating Mississippi Rural Health Day, calling attention to the many food deserts that exist in our state.

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Applications Now Open for the 2023 Mississippi Rural Health Fellow Cohort

The Mississippi Rural Health Association is pleased to offer an opportunity for rural health professionals to engage in a cohort designed to improve their understanding, professionalism and participation in the improvement of rural healthcare in the State of Mississippi.

This program encourages group discussion and engagement around a topic or topics of interest for the cohort, which may last up to 6 months.

Successful candidates who complete the cohort will be recognized at the Mississippi Rural Health Conference and may have additional opportunities to showcase their work.

Before you apply, please review the following requirements to ensure that you meet the qualifications:

1. Must have at least 3 years or rural-specific professional experience or be pursuing a career in rural health as an active student in a rural-affiliated health discipline.

2. Must actively participate in a cohort of Fellows for the full cohort period. Cohort participation may involve work toward a community improvement project and/or policy review.

3. \$100 application fee (professionals) or \$25 application fee (students).

How to Apply

If this sounds like the opportunity that you have been waiting for, [click here to apply online](#). **The deadline to apply is Friday, January 20, 2023.**

Questions

For questions or more information, contact Ryan Kelly at 601.898.3001 or ryan.kelly@mississippirural.org. Or, visit the [Fellows page](#) on msrha.org.



Become a Certified Rural Health Clinic Professional (CRHCP)

The National Association of Rural Health Clinics knows that in order for RHCs to thrive and grow, their most up-to-date information on the federal and state guidelines pertaining to the Rural Health Clinic program. RHCs have distinctly different rules when it comes to operations and management.

The Mississippi Rural Health Association, in partnership with the State Office of Rural Health and Primary Care, recently offered scholarships for eight participants for the Spring, 2023 cohort. Although all complementary spots are now filled, we encourage clinics to participate in this excellent course to become a Certified Rural Health Clinic Professional.

[Click here to learn more.](#)

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