

# NRHA Rural Health Clinic & Critical Access Hospital Conferences 2024 • Sept. 24-27, Kansas City, Mo.

All general sessions take place in the Chicago Ballroom unless otherwise indicated • Subject to change • Updated 7-8-24

Rural Health Clinic Conference			
Tuesday, September 24			
1 – 1:15 pm	Welcome (15 m)		
1:15 – 2:30 pm	<b>Plenary 1 – Keynote Session - RHC Cost Reporting - What You Need to Know</b> (75 min) <i>Julie Quinn, Health Services Associates, Compliance and cost reporting vice president</i>		
2:30 – 3:30 pm	<b>Plenary 2 – Behavioral Health Integration Strategies for Rural Health Clinics</b> (60 m) <i>John Gale, Maine Rural Health Research Center, Senior research associate</i>		
3:30 – 3:45 pm	Break		
3:45 – 5 pm	<b>1A - FORHP Session+</b>	<b>1B - Operation Access: Meeting the Needs of Rural Communities</b> Adrienne Mann	<b>1C - Addressing Social Determinants of Health in RHC</b> Brittany Jaehning, Taylor Lick Chere Rikimoto
Room			
Wednesday, Sept 25			
7 – 8 am	Continental Breakfast, Registration		
8 – 9:15 am	<b>2A - RHC-Reimbursement Opportunities Hidden in Coding, Documentation &amp; More</b> Ralph Llewellyn, Susan Rohde	<b>2B - Maximizing RHC Patient Care and Revenue in 2024*</b> Charles James	<b>2C - Improving the Care of Older Adults Using the 4M's*</b> Betty Mallen, DNP, Kara Vogelson
Room			
9:15 – 9:30 am	Break		
9:30 – 10:45 am	<b>3A - Increasing your RHC Quality While Staying in Compliance</b> Kate Hill, Kristen Ogden	<b>3B - The Future of Patient Arrival*</b> Riley Atlas, Erin Daniels Melinda Pogwizd, Dave Sheedy	
Room			
10:45 – 11 am	Break		
11 – 11:45 am	<b>Plenary 3 - Essential Strategies: Mastering Revenue Cycle Key Process Indicators</b> (45 min) <i>Ryan Breneman, DBA, Stroudwater, Consultant</i> <i>Amy Graham, Stroudwater, Principal</i>		
11:45 am – 1 pm	<b>Rural Health Clinic Conference lunch on your own</b>		

Rural Health Clinic Conference continues and Critical Access Hospital Conference begins	
1 – 1:15 pm	Welcome & Announcements (15m)
1:15 – 2:15 pm	<b>Plenary 4 - Keynote Address – Strategies to Negotiate Commercial Payor Contracts</b> (60 m) <i>Travis Dalton, MultiPlan, President and chief executive officer</i>
2:15 – 2:45 pm	Break
2:45 – 4 pm	<b>Plenary 5 - National Legislative Update</b> (75 m)

	<p><i>Carrie Cochran-McClain, DrPH, National Rural Health Association, Chief policy officer</i>  <i>Alexa McKinley, JD, National Rural Health Association, Regulatory affairs manager</i></p>				
4 – 5 pm	<p><b>Plenary 6 –Panel Discussion of the Rural Obstetrics Innovations Summit (60 min)</b>  <i>Benjamin Anderson, Hutchinson Regional Healthcare System, President and CEO</i>  <i>Tom Morris Rural Health Policy Health Resources and Services Administration, Associate administrator</i>  <i>Brock Slabach, National Rural Health Association, Chief operating officer</i>  <i>Jeff Sommer Stroudwater Associates, Managing director</i></p>				
5 – 7 pm	<p><b>RHC-CAH Networking Reception - Atlanta/New York</b></p>				
<p><b>Thursday, September 26</b></p>					
7 – 8 am	<p>Breakfast With Partners</p>				
8 – 9 am	<p><b>Plenary Session 7 - American Hospital Association Update (60 m)</b>  <i>Shannon Wu, PhD, American Hospital Association, Senior associate director of policy</i></p>				
9 – 10:50 am	<p>Networking break – Exhibit Hall</p>				
	9:10 – 9:55 am	<p><b>Partner Featured Session –</b></p>			
10:50 – 11 am	<p><b>Break</b></p>				
11 am – 12:15 pm	<b>4A</b>	<b>4B</b>	<b>4C</b>	<b>4D</b>	<b>4E</b>
	<p><b>Addressing Rural Mental Health at the Community Level</b>  Kaila Anderson, Sarah Gideon  Chrysanne Grund  Chad Reznicek</p>	<p><b>The Changing Landscape of Quality Measurement and Reporting *</b>  Sarah Brinkman  Karla Weng</p>	<p><b>Revitalizing Rural Healthcare: Innovative Strategies for Workforce Development</b>  Alyssa Meller  Tracy Morton  Mike Shimmens</p>	<p><b>American Heart Association Session #</b></p>	<p><b>Geriatric Emergency Room Best Practices^</b>  Kevin Biese, MD</p>
Room					
12:15 – 1:50 pm	<p>Networking Lunch</p>				
1:50 – 2 pm	<p>Break</p>				
2 – 3:15 pm	<b>5A</b>	<b>5B</b>	<b>5C</b>	<b>5D</b>	<b>5E</b>
	<p><b>Rural Hospital at Home*</b>  Margaret Paulson, DO</p>	<p><b>Integrating Incentives into Provider Compensation</b>  Opal Greenway, JD</p>	<p><b>Are You Ready? Medicare Beneficiary Quality Improvement Program Projections*</b>  Ann Loges</p>	<p><b>Strategies that Build Support for Community Hospital Levies</b>  Heidi Anderson  Matthew Ellsworth  Michelle Rathman  Nicholas Smith</p>	<p><b>Collaborative Multi-Sector Community Engagement Models for Rural Communities*</b>  John Gale</p>
Room					
3:15 – 3:30 pm	<p>Break</p>				
3:30 – 4:30 pm	<p><b>Plenary 8 – RHC/CAH: Current Trends and Updates (60 m)</b>  <i>Ralph Llewellyn, Eide Bailly LLP, Partner-in-charge of critical access hospitals</i>  <i>Joe Watt FORVIS, Partner</i></p>				
4:30 – 5:15 pm	<p><b>Plenary 9 – Better Together: Developing Rural Based Clinically Integrated Networks (45 min)</b>  <i>Ben Bucher, Towner County Medical Center, CEO</i>  <i>A. Clint MacKinney, MD, Rough Rider High Value Network/Headwaters High Value Network, Chief medical officer</i>  <i>Ken Westman, Riverwood Healthcare Center, CEO</i>  <i>Nate White, JD, Rough Rider High Value Network/Headwaters High Value Network, Chief strategy officer</i></p>				

Friday, September 27				
8 – 8:30 am	Breakfast			
8:30 – 9:15 am	<b>Plenary 10 - Top 20 CAHs Awards Presentation (45 m)</b> <i>Brock Slabach, NRHA, Chief operations officer</i> <i>Michael Topchik, Chartis Center for Rural Health, National leader</i>			
9:15 – 9:30 am	Break			
9:30 – 10:45 am	<b>6A</b>	<b>6B</b>	<b>6C</b>	<b>6D</b>
	<b>Improving Quality Performance with Population Health Tech and Culture *</b> Justin Neece Kevin Stansbury Anne Timmerman	<b>Innovative Rural Hospital Board Best Practices</b> Bill Auxier, PhD Sydney Grant	<b>Suicide: The Missed Diagnosis *</b> Sandy Garcia	<b>FORHP Session +</b>
Room				
10:45 am	CAH Adjourns			

+ Sessions sponsored by the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy (RHC – 1, CAH - 2)

\* Quality & Clinical Sessions (8 between conferences)

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