

Monday, Feb. 10th

Pre-Session Day

All times are in EST

11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

NRHA Rural Health Fellows Meeting

Initial training session for the new 2025 Rural Health Fellows. (Limited to incoming cohort only)

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Rural HIT Coalition

Meeting of the Rural HIT Coalition. Open to the public.

12:30 – 1:30 p.m.

State Association Council Meeting

Meeting of the State Association Council. (Limited to current members only)

1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Rural Medical Education Meeting

Meeting of the Rural Medical Education Group. Open to RME conference registrants.

1:30 – 2:15 p.m.

Government Affairs Committee

Meeting of the NRHA Government Affairs Committee. (Limited to current members only)

2:30 – 3:30 p.m.

NRHA Board of Trustees

Meeting of the NRHA Board of Trustees. (Limited to current Board Members only)

3:30 – 4:15 p.m.

NRHA Constituency Group Meetings

Meeting of NRHA Constituency Groups. Open to public.

- *Clinical Constituency Group*
- *Federally Qualified Health Center Constituency Group*
- *Hospital and Health System Constituency Group*
- *Public Health Constituency Group*
- *Research and Education Constituency Group*
- *Rural Health Clinic Constituency Group*
- *Statewide Health Resources Constituency Group*
- *Student Constituency Group*

5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

NRHA Rural Health Congress Meeting

Meeting of the NRHA Rural Health Congress. Open to public for observation.

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Informational Sessions Day

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7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Registration

7:30 – 8:30 a.m.

Continental Breakfast

9:00 – 9:15 a.m.

Welcome

Kick off the Policy Institute to learn key advocacy messages for rural health.

Carrie Cochran-McClain, Chief Policy Officer, NRHA

9:15 – 9:30 a.m.

Your Voice. Louder!

Hear from NRHA's 2025 President to learn about the association's priorities in the coming year.

Michelle Mills, President, NRHA

9:30 – 9:45 a.m.

Secretary Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. (invited)

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services,
Secretarial Nominee

9:45 – 10:15 a.m.

Rural Health Outlook under the Trump Administration

Former Health and Human Services Deputy Secretary
Eric Hargan

10:15 – 10:30 a.m.

Associate Administrator Tom Morris (invited)

Federal Office of Rural Health Policy

10:30 – 10:45 a.m.

Break

10:45 – 11:00 a.m.

Administrator Dr. Mehmet Oz (invited)

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services,
Administration Nominee

11:00 – 11:45 a.m.

Fireside Chat: Looking Into the 119th Congress

Dan Boston, President & CEO, Health Policy Source, Inc.
Carrie Cochran-McClain, Chief Policy Officer, NRHA

11:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

TBD

Health Resources and Services Administration

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Networking Lunch (optional)

1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Coverage Panel: Medicaid and the Marketplace

Lauren Aronson, Keep Americans Covered
Joan Alker, Georgetown Center for Children and Families

2:00 – 3:45 p.m.

Congressional Speakers

3:45 – 4:00 p.m.

Break

4:00 – 4:50 p.m.

Breakout sessions

- *Cybersecurity for Rural Providers*
- *Rural Emergency Hospitals*
- *Working with State Legislatures*
- *Rural Health Portfolio at CMS*

5:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Advocacy 101

NRHA Government Affairs team

5:30 – 6:00 p.m.

State Prep Meetings

Time for conference participants meet by state to prepare for hill visits.

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

NRHA Rural Health Fellows Graduation

Graduation ceremony for the 2024 Rural Health Fellows cohort.

Wednesday, Feb. 12th

Advocacy in Practice

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7:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Registration

7:30 – 8:30 a.m.

Continental Breakfast

8:30 – 9:15 a.m.

NRHA Priorities and Advocacy Tools

Welcome to day two as we take our fight to Members of Congress. Learn messages and tools for advocacy.

Carrie Cochran-McClain, Chief Policy Officer, NRHA

9:15 – 10:00 a.m.

Rural Health Data and Advocacy

10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Capitol Hill Advocacy

Opportunities to meet with participants' state delegations on rural health priorities.

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Congressional Reception

Thursday, Feb. 13th

Rural Health Disparities Summit

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7:30 – 8:30 a.m.

Continental Breakfast

7:30 – 8:30 a.m.

Special Interest Group Breakfasts

- *Behavioral Health*
- *Indigenous Peoples Health*
- *Veterans' Health*

8:30 – 8:45 a.m.

Rural Health Disparities Summit Kickoff

Carrie Cochran-McClain, NRHA Chief Policy Officer

8:45 – 9:30 a.m.

Congressional Speakers

9:30 – 9:50 a.m.

TBD

9:50 – 10:00 a.m.

Break

10:00 – 10:50 a.m.

Breakout Sessions

- *Rural Aging*
- *Resources for Rural Hospitals*
- *Medicare Advantage*
- *State Telehealth Policy*

11:00 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.

Breakout Sessions

- *Oral Health*
- *Rural 340B Issues*
- *Rural Physician Training*
- *Future of Rural Health*