

Georgia's State Office of Rural Health



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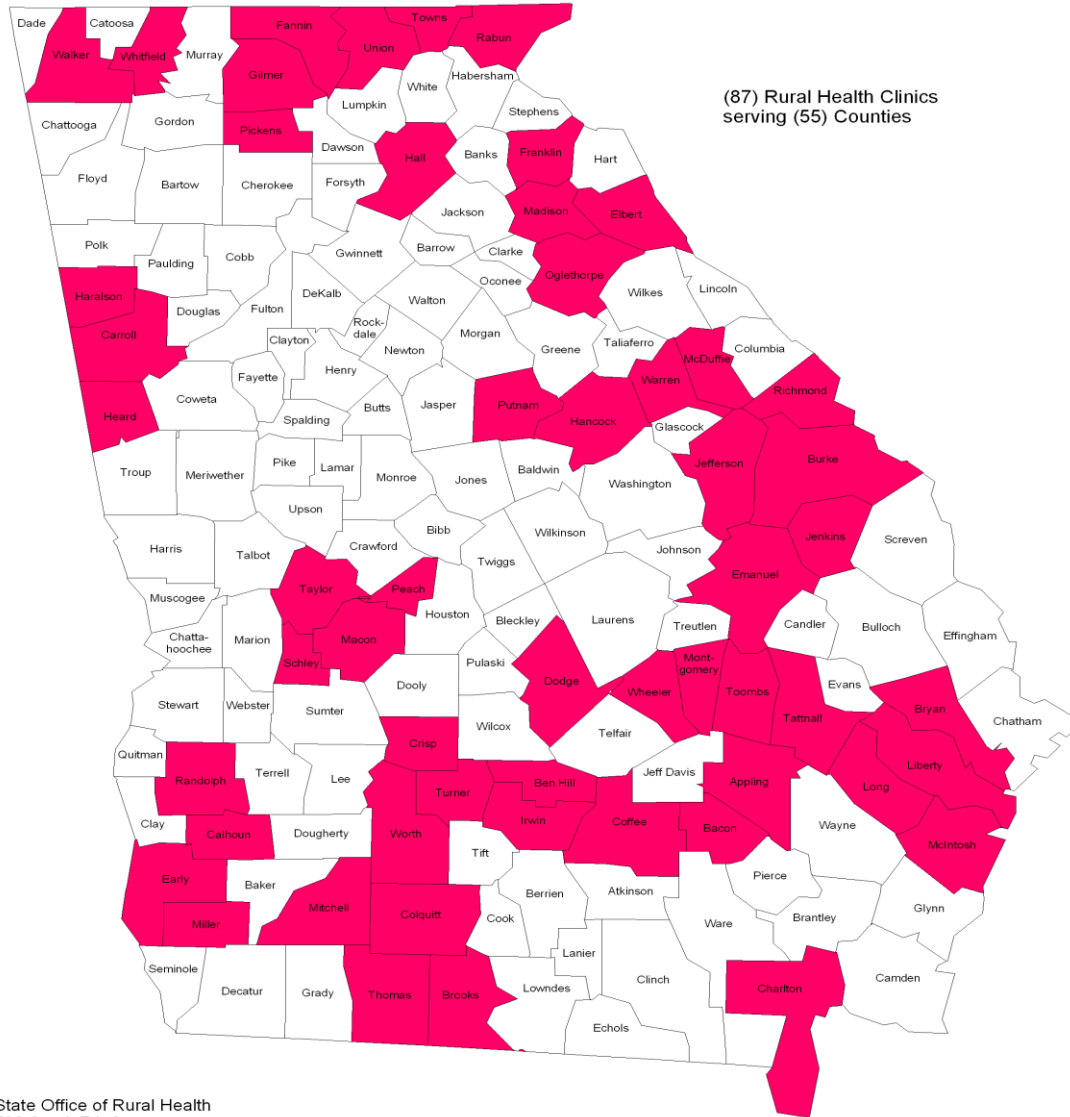
Georgia State Office of Rural Health & Primary Care

The **State Office of Rural (SORH)** works to improve access to health care in Georgia's 109 rural areas to reduce health disparities in Georgia's diverse populations by:

- Empowering communities to strengthen and maintain the best possible health care delivery system;
- Building strong partnerships to meet local and regional needs;
- Providing incentives to local areas to implement integrated service delivery systems; and
- Acting as principal point of contact for issues related to health care for rural and urban underserved communities.

We accomplish this by sharing information and resources....

State of Georgia Rural Health Clinics



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NEW - Planning for Healthy Babies

Georgia has a new Family Planning Waiver: Planning for Healthy Babies (P4HB)

The P4HB waiver expands eligibility for family planning services to women who:

- ✓ Are 18-44 and a US citizen
- ✓ Are GA Residents
- ✓ Lose their Medicaid coverage after 60 days postpartum
- ✓ Meet income requirement of < or equal to 200% of the FPL

Planning for Health Babies - P4HB

P4HB makes family planning and family planning related services available to women who might not otherwise be eligible for family planning coverage. It is important for providers to understand what this means for them:

- ✓ Providers will be able to provide the same procedures and utilize the same codes they currently use when providing family planning services to Medicaid recipients. This includes members in Amerigroup, Peach State and Wellcare.
- ✓ The procedures or services provided or performed should be for the primary purpose of family planning.
- ✓ Procedures and services should carry a primary diagnosis of family planning or an 'FP' modifier included on the claim.

Planning for Healthy Babies

Services Provided

- ✓ Family planning initial or annual exams (one per year); including lab tests for STI's, pap smears, and pregnancy tests.
- ✓ Prescriptions for Contraceptives and treatment for infections identified during routine family planning visits. Treatment for HIV and Hep B are not covered.
 - Follow up family planning visits (up to 4 per year)
 - Counseling and referrals to:
 - Social services
 - Primary health care providers
 - Tubal Ligation (Sterilization)
 - Multi-vitamins with Folic Acid/Folic Acid Supplements
 - Hepatitis B and Tetanus-Diphtheria vaccines
 - Patient education and counseling
- ✓ Additionally, women who have given birth to an infant weighing less than 3lb 5oz qualify for many **special services** aimed at keeping them from having another very low birth weight or premature birth.

Planning for Healthy Babies

Women can obtain more information and enroll for the program by:

1. Applying online at www.Planning4healthybabies.org
2. Contacting their local Public Health Departments: Applications are available at the PH department.
3. Requesting to have an application mailed directly to them by calling 877-P4H-B101 or 877-744-2101
4. Physicians offices can copy and distribute applications and information to pregnant clients at their offices

For more information on the Planning for Healthy Babies Program visit:

www.dch.georgia.gov/p4hb

or call 877-744-2101

National Rural Health Association

- ✓ Representation in Washington
- ✓ Experts available to provide information about policies affecting practice in rural areas
- ✓ 2 educational institutes and the Annual Conference
- ✓ Networking opportunities with other RHCs, policy-makers, and businesses serving RHCs
- ✓ Quarterly newsletter—NARHC News
- ✓ Timely publication of legislative alerts—NARHC Legislative Update and FASTMAIL
- ✓ Exclusive arrangements with businesses that work with RHCS
- ✓ Newly updated website for RHC resource needs
- ✓ Discount registration at Institutes and the Annual NARHC Conference
- ✓ Referrals to rural health clinic-related services and vendors
- ✓ Educational programs
- ✓ Online trainings
- ✓ NARHC Membership Directory
- ✓ **Mr. Nelson serves on the HRSA HPSA Negotiated Rulemaking Committee representing RHCs.**

National Rural Health Association

2011 NARHC Fall Institute: The 2011 Fall Institute:

- ✓ October 26-28, 2011
- ✓ Orlando, Florida
- ✓ Hilton located in the Walt Disney World Resort

Or click: [Hilton Reservations NARHC 2011 Fall Institute.](#)

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HRSA – Office of Rural Health Policy

The Office of Rural Health Policy (ORHP) coordinates activities related to rural health care within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Part of the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), ORHP has department-wide responsibility for analyzing the possible effects of policy on 62 million residents of rural communities.

The ORHP administers grant programs designed to build health care capacity at both the local and State levels.

HRSA – Office of Rural Health Policy

The ORHP provides technical assistance conference calls typically quarterly.

Register to receive notifications at:

www.hrsa.gov/ruralhealth/policy/confcall

Other grant and technical assistance information located on home page:

www.hrsa.gov/ruralhealth

HRSA – Office of Rural Health Policy

- ✓ Rural Health Clinics Billing
- ✓ Pre-existing Condition Insurance Plan
- ✓ Contracting and Collaboration Opportunities
- ✓ ICD-10
- ✓ Ask the Experts
- ✓ Becoming a NHSC Approved Site
- ✓ Additional Resources:
- ✓ NHSC
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- ✓ Medicaid Provisions in the CMS HITECH
- ✓ H1N1 Flu – Obtaining the vaccine; when to use the vaccine; how reimbursed for vaccine administration
- ✓ RHC Technical Assistance Conference Call Series, "Teen Screen"
- ✓ Electronic Health Record Incentives
- ✓ Medicare Administrative Contractor (MAC) Transition Schedule for the RHC Community
- ✓ Recruiting Health Professionals
- ✓ Conference calls are archived

National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health

The National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health (NOSORH) promotes the capacity of state offices of rural health to improve health care in rural America through leadership development, advocacy, education, & partnerships.

Purpose:

- ✓ Support the development of state and community leadership for rural health
- ✓ Facilitate partnerships at the national and state levels to enhance sharing and collaboration
- ✓ Help communities promote a healthy rural America through enhanced access to quality healthcare services

What We Do

- ✓ Strengthen the leadership and capacity of State Offices of Rural Health
- ✓ Provide a forum for the exchange and distribution of rural health information
- ✓ Promote the development and maintenance of State Rural Health Associations
- ✓ Provide leadership for state and community-based rural health activities

National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health

Commissioned a Rural Health Clinic Study:

- ✓ To identify technical assistance resources and needs
- ✓ Contracted with Rita Salain, Principal of Health Management Consultants (GA)
- ✓ Provide guidance to meet the needs of RHCs

National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health

Survey Results based on 455 RHCs responding:

Provider Types:

Provider based	255	57.3%
Independent	176	39.6%
No response	14	3.1%

Clinic Organization

For Profit	157	35.3%
Non-Profit	272	61.1%
No Answer	16	0.9%

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Highest Ranking Technical Assistance Needs related to Clinical Area. They are..

Quality Improvement	64.9%
Best Practices	67.0%
Coding for Clinicians	59.8%

Others included: HIT/EMR, CE & training, Annual RHC Evaluation

Tell us what you need!

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