NRHA’s Rural Quality and Clinical Conference is an interactive conference for quality improvement coordinators, performance improvement coordinators, rural clinicians, quality improvement organizations, and nurses practicing on the front lines of rural health care. The 2017 conference offers two tracks: Track 1- Rural Hospital and Clinical Quality Track and Track 2- Innovation Track.

**Wednesday, July 12, 2017**

1:00 – 1:15 p.m.
**Welcome to the 2017 Rural Quality and Clinical Conference**
Roger Wells, NRHA Clinical Constituency Group Chair
Platinum Ballroom A

1:15 – 2:30 p.m.
**Keynote Address:**
Ronnie Musgrove, National Advisory Committee on Rural Health and Human Services (NACRHHS) Chair
Platinum Ballroom A

Description coming soon.

2:30 – 2:45 p.m.
**Networking and Exhibits**
Platinum Ballroom A

2:45- 4:00 p.m.
**Concurrent Breakout Sessions (Choose A or B)**

**Track A: Rural Hospital and Clinical Quality Track**

1A: Quality Dimensions of MACRA Through a Rural Lens
Part 1: Rural Dimensions of the Quality Payment Program (QPP)
Richard E. Wild, MD, JD, MBA, FACEP, Chief Medical Officer, Atlanta Regional Office, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)
Brock Slabach, Senior Vice President of Member Services, National Rural Health Association
Platinum Ballroom A
Description coming soon.

**Track B: Innovation Track**

**1B: Reimagining Gestational Diabetes Care for Rural America**

Kristin Laberis, MTS, Operations Coordinator, Service Lines, Avera Health, Sioux Falls, SD
Kimberlee McKay, MD, Clinical VP, OB/GYN Service Line, Avera Health, Sioux Falls, SD
Melody B

If not managed properly, gestational diabetes has serious, long-term consequences for both mom and baby, including a predisposition to chronic health problems. Avera Health is engaged in an innovative telemedicine approach to gestational diabetes in rural American through a mobile platform that increases compliance, improves specialty access, and decreases costs.

4:00 – 4:15 p.m.
Networking Break/Poster Session/Exhibits
Platinum Ballroom A

4:15 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.
Federal Office of Rural Health Policy Update
Paul Moore, DPh, Federal Office of Rural Health Policy Senior Health Policy Advisor
Platinum Ballroom A

FORHP will offer a federal update as well as updates from its quality improvement programs.

**Thursday, July 13, 2017**

7:00 – 7:55 a.m.
Clinical Constituency Group Meeting
Melody B

7:00 - 8:00 a.m.
Continental Breakfast/Networking/Exhibits/Poster Session
Platinum Ballroom A

8:00 – 9:00 a.m.
How to Build Consensus and Collaboration for Telemedicine
Talbot McCormick, M.D., Eagle Hospital Physicians, CEO
Platinum Ballroom A

Telemedicine offers a lifeline that more hospitals and healthcare facilities, especially in underserved rural communities, rely on. This session is designed to use successful rural telemedicine programs to demonstrate best practices on how facilities can build consensus and collaboration among the three key constituent groups: Clinical, finance and administration.

Agenda as of 6/16/2017
9:00 – 9:15 a.m.
Networking, Poster Session, and Exhibits
Platinum Ballroom A

9:15 – 10:30 a.m.
Concurrent Breakout Sessions (Choose A or B)

**Track A: Rural Hospital and Clinical Quality Track**
2A: Quality Dimensions of MACRA Through a Rural Lens
Part 2: A QPP Deep Dive: Rural Specific Solutions to Important Issues
Richard E. Wild, MD, JD, MBA, FACEP, Chief Medical Officer, Atlanta Regional Office, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)
Brock Slabach, Senior Vice President for Member Services, National Rural Health Association
Platinum Ballroom A

Description coming soon.

**Track B: Innovation Track**
2B: Collaborative Governance: New Linkages for Successful Population Health
James Rice, PhD, Managing Director Governance & Leadership, Gallagher Integrated, Minneapolis, MN
Melody B

Interactive session that describes innovative new ways for boards and community leaders to form and govern community health partnerships for successful health gains and enhance population health. Results from recent studies with National Association of Local Boards of Health and MN Association of Community Health Centers provides practical tools/techniques.

10:30 – 10:45 a.m.
Networking Break/Poster Session/Exhibits
Platinum Ballroom A

10:45 am – 11:45 am
Plenary Session
Tim Putman, DHA, President/CEO, Margaret Mary Health, Batesville, IN
Platinum Ballroom A

Description coming soon.

11:45 am – 12:55 p.m.
Lunch/Networking
Legislative Terrace
1:00 pm – 2:15 p.m.
Concurrent Breakout Sessions (Choose A or B)

**Track A: Rural Hospital and Clinical Quality Track**

3A: Are you a high value provider?
*Lisa Kilawee, MPA, Regional VP, Caravan Health, Amherst, Wisconsin*
*TBD, Rural ACO participant*

**Platinum Ballroom A**

This presentation will discuss engaging rural providers in population health and value based payment models. It will highlight performance data from CPC+ and ACOs. Programming aimed to improve quality and result in significant gains in market share and performance scores for rural providers, leading to financial sustainability will be reviewed.

**Track B: Innovation Track**

3B: Families, Caregivers and Support in Rural Health Care
*Pat Foutz, Director of Clinical Services and Program Development, Bath Community Hospital, Hot Springs, VA*
*Melody B*

To present the dynamics of families, clinicians and support or lack of in ensuring compliance with care models. What can be the motivating factors? Integrate behavioral health to be a part of the care model, and how to include veterans. Identify stressors for caregivers in rural caregiving. Interactive with audience.

2:15 – 2:30 p.m.
Networking and Exhibits
**Platinum Ballroom A**

2:30-3:45 p.m.
Concurrent Sessions (Choose A or B)

**Track A: Rural Hospital and Clinical Quality Track**

4A: Rethinking the Rural Dental Safety Net
*Amy Martin, DrPH, Director, Division of Population Oral Health Department of Stomatology, James B. Edwards College of Dental Medicine, Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, SC*

**Platinum Ballroom A**

We will present the stories of how three rural communities are rethinking how community dentists, RHCs, FQHCs, hospitals, and residency programs work together to strengthen the rural dental safety net. Participants will identify strategic partnerships and collaborations for addressing unmet dental needs of priority patient populations. They will also learn about policy pathways for institutionalizing system transformation activities.
Track B: Innovation Track
4B: Population Health Management in the Mississippi Delta
Shenetta Drone, AVP of Health Information Technology Programs, Delta Health Alliance, Stoneville, Mississippi

The Mississippi Delta Medicaid Population Health Demonstration Project, led by the Delta Health Alliance, in coordination with the Mississippi Department of Medicaid, drives targeted community, patient, and provider interventions through the use of modern Population Health Management solutions in rural Mississippi.

Friday, July 14, 2017

7:30 – 8:30 a.m.
Continental Breakfast/Networking/Exhibits
Platinum Ballroom A

8:30 – 9:30 a.m.
Beyond the NQF Low-Volume Report – What’s Next?
Curt Mueller PhD, Director of Research and Evaluation, FORHP, Rockville, Maryland
Yvonne Chow, Public Health Analyst, FORHP, Rockville, Maryland
Platinum Ballroom A

This presentation will address challenges and recent experiences faced by low-volume providers, as articulated by the National Quality Forum report, Performance Measurement for Rural Low-Volume Providers, including whether recent payment regulations are consistent with Report recommendations and lessons from programs funded by the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy.

9:30 – 10:30 a.m.
Washington Update
Maggie Elehwany, JD, NRHA Vice President of Government Affairs and Policy
Platinum Ballroom A

Join rural health’s top federal lobbyist for an insider’s update.

10:30 a.m.
Adjourn

See you next year for the 14th Annual Rural Quality and Clinical Conference,
July 18-20, 2018 in Washington, DC