Journal of Rural Health impact factor increases by 42 percent

From 2017 to 2018, the impact factor for the National Rural Health Association’s *Journal of Rural Health* increased from 1.74 to 2.47, a 42 percent rise.

The impact factor reflects the number of citations of articles published in a journal and is a key indicator of the publication’s reach, use, and reputation. The newly released impact factor reflects citations from 2018 of articles published in the journal in 2016 and 2017.

"I am thrilled that the journal’s citation impact factor increased 42 percent over the past year,” says Ty Borders, PhD, *Journal of Rural Health* editor. “The journal's rising ranking relative to other health sciences publications means that it is an increasingly valued source for information about rural population health, health care delivery, and policy.”

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