

Celebrate with Us!

National Rural Health Day

Celebrating the Power of Rural!



November 15, 2012

(Events Planned November 11-17, 2012)



National Organization of
State Offices of Rural Health

COLLABORATION

Partnering with State Offices of Rural Health and other stakeholders

Improving access to quality health care

Expanding the rural health workforce

Reducing oral & behavioral disparities

Strengthening rural hospitals

Broadening the reach of health
information technology

Enhancing rural emergency
medical services



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Rural communities are wonderful places to live and work, which is why nearly one in five Americans call them home. However, **these communities also have unique healthcare needs**. Today more than ever, they must address accessibility issues, a lack of healthcare providers, an aging population suffering from a greater number of chronic conditions, and larger percentages of un- and underinsured citizens. And rural hospitals – which are often the economic foundation of their communities as well as the primary providers of care – struggle daily to overcome declining reimbursement rates and disproportionate funding levels.

That is why NOSORH and all 50 State Offices of Rural Health will observe National Rural Health Day on November, 15 2012. National Rural Health Day provides an opportunity to honor the selfless, community-minded, “can do” spirit that prevails in rural America. It also gives us a chance to bring to light the unique healthcare challenges that rural citizens face – and showcase the efforts of rural healthcare providers, SORHs and other rural stakeholders to address those challenges.

You’re invited to join the celebration! NOSORH, SORHs and others are already planning a host of events for the week of November 11-17 — but we need your help to make this year’s celebration even more spectacular! Please visit our website or contact Bill Hessert (814.231.1213, billh@nosorh.org) to learn how you can help spread the word and/or plan your own National Rural Health Day celebration!

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