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Mission:
Promote the availability of quality health care for all rural and medically underserved Alabamians.

Services:
Collect and disseminate information relating to rural health issues and needs; coordinate statewide rural health resources and activities; provide technical assistance to rural health providers and related entities; facilitate recruitment and retention of health professionals in rural areas; participate in strengthening state, local and federal partnerships.

2009 Impact Example:
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Additional Information:
Number of FTE Employees: 3
Total Annual Budget: $1,504,512
Primary Funding Sources: Federal – 69% State – 31% Other – 0%
Types of Federal Grant Support Received: ✓ SORH ✓ FLEX ✓ PCO ✓ SHIP ✓ Other

State at a Glance:
State Population: 4,708,708
% of Population Considered Rural: 34%
Number of:
- Critical Access Hospitals: 3
- Rural Health Clinics: 54
- Local Public Health Units: 91
- Rural Hospitals: 56
- Rural FQHC/CHS Sites: 130
Alabama Rural Health Grants

**Black Lung/Coal Miner Clinics Program (H37)**
Birmingham Health Care, Inc.
Grant No: H37RH00068
FY 2010 Amount: $222,267

**Congressionally-Mandated Health Information Technology Grants (D1B)**
Infirmary Health System, Inc.
Grant No: D1BRH20415
FY 2010 Amount: $247,500

University Of South Alabama
Grant No: D1BRH20412
FY 2010 Amount: $99,000

**Delta State Rural Development Network Grant Program (DELTA) (D60)**
Tombigbee Healthcare Authority
Grant No: D60RH08548
FY 2010 Amount: $496,630

**Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility (H54)**
Alabama Department Of Public Health
Grant No: H54RH00034
FY 2010 Amount: $343,643

**Rural Access to Emergency Devices (H3D)**
City Of Childersburg Medical Clinic Board Inc.
Grant No: H3DRH17214
FY 2010 Amount: $99,855

**Rural Health Care Services Outreach Grant Program (D04)**
Sylacauga Alliance For Family Enhancement, Inc
Grant No: D04RH12673
FY 2010 Amount: $125,000

Troy University
Grant No: D04RH12670
FY 2010 Amount: $125,000

Tuskegee Area Health Education Center, Inc
Grant No: D04RH12671
FY 2010 Amount: $124,878

**Rural Health Network Development Planning Grant Program (P10)**
Tuskegee Area Health Education Center, Inc
Grant No: P10RH17192
FY 2010 Amount: $76,845

**Rural Health Network Development Program (D06)**
City Of Childersburg Medical Clinic Board Inc.
Grant No: D06RH09004
FY 2010 Amount: $174,965

Roanoke Health Care Authority DBA Randolph Medical Center
Grant No: D06RH09015
FY 2010 Amount: $179,963

**Small Rural Hospital Improvement Program (H3H)**
Alabama Department Of Public Health
Grant No: H3HRH00004
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The Arkansas Office of Rural Health and Primary Care focuses on maintaining and increasing quality healthcare services to rural and underserved areas of Arkansas.

Services:
Administer SORH, FLEX and SHIP programs; administer state grant programs; information dissemination; recruitment and retention; network development

2009 Impact Example:
The Arkansas ORHPC collaborated with four Critical Access Hospitals, one rural hospital and The University of Arkansas’ Medical Sciences Area Health Education Center to develop the Greater Delta Alliance for Health, a rural healthcare network in the southeastern corner Mississippi Delta Region) of Arkansas. The Alliance, which has since received 501(c)(3) designation, has been successful in securing grant funding to establish a Medical Assistance Program and other health prevention programs. It also conducts outreach and provides health screening through the use of a mobile screening unit, and is now working on recruiting primary care physicians and specialists for their area.

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Number of FTE Employees: 6.75
Total Annual Budget: $12,171,460
Primary Funding Sources: Federal – 10% State – 90% Other – 0%
Types of Federal Grant Support Received: ✔ SORH ✔ FLEX ✔ PCO ✔ SHIP ✔ Other

State at a Glance:
State Population: 2,889,450
% of Population Considered Rural: 40%
Number of:
Critical Access Hospitals 29 Rural Hospitals 14
Rural Health Clinics 69 Rural FQHC/CHS Sites 62
Local Public Health Units 92
Arkansas

**Delta State Rural Development Network Grant Program (DELTA) (D60)**

Health Resources Of Arkansas
Grant No: D60RH08552
FY 2010 Amount: $410,700

Mid Delta Community Consortium, Inc.
Grant No: D60RH08532
FY 2010 Amount: $390,195

**Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility (H54)**

Arkansas Department Of Health
Grant No: H54RH00035
FY 2010 Amount: $503,943

**Rural Health Care Services Outreach Grant Program (D04)**

Conway Regional Medical Center, Inc.
Grant No: D04RH16368
FY 2010 Amount: $124,926

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FY 2010 Amount: $124,724

White River Health System Inc
Grant No: D04RH12736
FY 2010 Amount: $116,238

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White River Health System Inc
Grant No: P10RH17187
FY 2010 Amount: $85,000

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Grant No: D06RH16465
FY 2010 Amount: $179,995

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Grant No: G20RH19267
FY 2010 Amount: $96,298

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Grant No: H3HRH00020
FY 2010 Amount: $306,425

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Services:
Serve as an information clearinghouse and providing targeted technical assistance to rural healthcare providers, entities and advocates; serve as a liaison between Arizona’s 21 federally recognized Indian tribes/nations and the Indian Health Service; provide targeted skill development training for rural hospital/clinic personnel, EMS first responders, and other rural workforce personnel; provide rural service learning opportunities for students pursuing master’s degrees in public health; conduct rural health workforce, rural health needs and other rural-health related assessments and analyses.

2009 Impact Example:
Funding from ORHP has not only enabled RHO to contribute to the survival, expansion and dramatic improvement of the state’s small rural hospital system with Flex Program funding, but also provided resources to advance our capacity to provide extensive technical assistance and resources to Arizona's rural health provider agencies and their partners.

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Total Annual Budget:  $17,000,000
Primary Funding Sources: Federal – 46%  State – 53%  Other – 1%
Types of Federal Grant Support Received: ☑ SORH  ☑ FLEX  ☐ PCO  ☑ SHIP  ☑ Other

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State Population:  6,595,778
% of Population Considered Rural:  20%
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University Grant FY Amount: View Abstract
Of Arizona No: 2010 $507,000

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Hardrock Grant FY 2010 Amount: $125,000
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Rural Health Network Development Planning Grant Program (P10)

Southeast Grant FY 2010 Amount: $83,919
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No: P10RH17190

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Tuba City Regional Health Care Corporation
Grant FY 2010 Amount: $85,000
No: P10RH17191

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Small Rural Hospital Improvement Program (H3H)

University Grant FY 2010 Amount: $122,570
Of Arizona No: H3HRH00032

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Mission:
To optimize the health status and eliminate the health disparities of persons in rural and urban underserved areas of Georgia through the development of regional systems of quality health care.

Services:
Leveraging state and federal resources (including financial) to improve health of Georgians; provide technical assistance to communities, providers and stakeholders regarding rural health; recruitment of health professionals; offer grant resources to communities and providers

2009 Impact Example:
The Georgia SORH received $2.5 million from The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services to support the development of four emergency room diversion clinics (including staffing) affiliated with hospitals (three rural, one urban). The project brought together several organizations that traditionally had not worked together formally to alleviate the burden of non-emergent care delivered in hospital emergency rooms.

Additional Information:
Number of FTE Employees:  12
Total Annual Budget:  $11,000,000
Primary Funding Sources: Federal – 60%  State – 40%  Other – 0%
Types of Federal Grant Support Received:  ☑ SORH  ☑ FLEX  ☑ PCO  ☑ SHIP  ☑ Other

State at a Glance:
State Population:  9,829,211
% of Population Considered Rural:  20%
Number of:
Critical Access Hospitals  34  Rural Hospitals  32
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# Georgia Rural Health Grant

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Mission:
The Hawai‘i State Office of Rural Health works with community partners to improve health in Hawai‘i’s rural communities; works with rural hospitals to improve care; works with providers to increase access to care by rural residents; and provides information concerning the health needs of rural Hawai‘i.

Services:
Working with community partners to provide technical support for rural policy and advocacy activities; administer the Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility Program, 3RNet and various community projects; identify and provide technical support and leadership for grants and federal programs with rural implications; administer J1-Visa program; coordinate with Primary Care Office on rural designations.

2009 Impact Example:
In partnership with the University of Hawai‘i, the Hawai‘i SORH has implemented an open source electronic health records (EHR) system in three CAH facilities, expanded the high-speed data network to rural areas and is currently working on creating a regional extension center for Hawai‘i and the Pacific.

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Primary Funding Sources: Federal – 59%  State – 41%  Other – 0%
Types of Federal Grant Support Received:  SORH  FLEX  PCO  SHIP  Other

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Hawaii Rural Health Grants

Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility (H54)
Hawaii State Department Of Health
Grant No: H54RH00012
FY 2010 Amount: $406,000

Rural Health Care Services Outreach Grant Program (D04)
NA Pu'uwai, Inc.
Grant No: D04RH12678
FY 2010 Amount: $125,000

The Bay Clinic, Inc.
Grant No: D04RH12679
FY 2010 Amount: $125,000

Rural Health Workforce Development Program (G98)
The Bay Clinic, Inc.
Grant No: G98RH19712
FY 2010 Amount: $200,000

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Lana'i Community Health Center
Grant No: G20RH19299
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Grant No: H3HRH00022
FY 2010 Amount: $96,305

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Services:
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2009 Impact Example:
SORH served as the primary investigator and author for the 2009 Komen Community Profile Report which highlighted health care disparity and need for breast cancer prevention and detection services in underserved rural counties. The report was widely accepted by national and state leaders. As a result the Des Moines IA Komen Affiliate Board implemented a unique grant funding opportunity for women in 5 underserved rural counties.

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State Population: 3,007,856
% of Population Considered Rural: 43%
Number of:
  Critical Access Hospitals 82
  Rural Health Clinics 139
  Local Public Health Units 101
  Rural Hospitals 10
  Rural FQHC/CHS Sites 12
Iowa Rural Health Grants

**Congressionally-Mandated Health Information Technology Grants (D1B)**
*Madison County Memorial Hospital*
Grant No: D1BRH20418
FY 2010 Amount: $247,500

*Mercy Medical Center - North Iowa*
Grant No: D1BRH20607
FY 2010 Amount: $346,500

**Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility (H54)**
*Iowa Department Of Public Health*
Grant No: H54RH00011
FY 2010 Amount: $591,413

**Research Focused Initiative (R1C)**
*Palmer College Of Chiropractic*
Grant No: R1CRH20678
FY 2010 Amount: $396,000

**Rural Health Care Services Outreach Grant Program (D04)**
*Hancock County Memorial Hospital*
Grant No: D04RH12698
FY 2010 Amount: $124,978

**Rural Health Outreach Special Initiative (D1A)**
*Delta Dental Of Iowa*
Grant No: D1ARH20088
FY 2010 Amount: $148,500

*Iowa Healthcare Collaborative*
Grant No: D1ARH20087
FY 2010 Amount: $742,500

**Rural Health Research Grant Program Cooperative Agreement (U1C)**
*University Of Iowa*
Grant No: U1CRH20419
FY 2010 Amount: $659,995

**Small Health Care Provider Quality Improvement (G20)**
*Cass County Memorial Hospital*
Grant No: G20RH19252
FY 2010 Amount: $99,884

*Pella Regional Health Center*
Grant No: G20RH19253
FY 2010 Amount: $93,331

**Small Rural Hospital Improvement Program (H3H)**
*Iowa Department Of Public Health*
Grant No: H3HRH00041
FY 2010 Amount: $726,665

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Mission:
To promote access to quality health care for people in Idaho.

Services:
Provide technical assistance, information and data to clients, agencies, organizations and communities; fortify health infrastructure by supporting statewide programs; strengthen workforce recruitment and retention efforts; collect and disseminate information and increase awareness on health resources, policy and information; provide workshops and training to support the healthcare safety net in rural and underserved areas.

2010 Impact Example:
In partnership with Family Medicine Residency of Idaho and Boise State University, the Idaho State Office of Rural Health created a tool to identify facility and community challenges and strengths related to primary care physician recruitment and retention. The “Community Apgar Program” tool, which helps healthcare leadership and boards create an action plan to address their specific needs, is being applied in Critical Access Hospitals and Community Health Centers statewide. The Idaho SORH also awarded sub-contracts totaling $226,000 to improve healthcare quality, financial/operational performance and Emergency Medical Services in Critical Access Hospital communities. Projects include activities such as overcoming barriers in reporting to Hospital Compare, health information technology and financial education.

Additional Information:
Number of FTE Employees: 4.0
Total Annual Budget: $1,310,566
Primary Funding Sources: Federal – 85%  State – 15%  Other – 0%
Types of Federal Grant Support Received: ☑ SORH  ☑ FLEX  ☑ PCO  ☑ SHIP  ☑ Other

State at a Glance:
State Population: 1,545,801
% of Population Considered Rural: 34%
Number of:
Critical Access Hospitals 27  Rural Hospitals 29
Rural Health Clinics 46  Rural FQHC/CHS Sites 28
Local Public Health Units 7
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Mission:
The Louisiana Bureau of Primary Care and Rural Health (BPCRH) is dedicated to improving the health status of Louisiana residents in rural and underserved areas. The Bureau works proactively to build the capacity of community health systems in order to provide integrated, efficient and effective healthcare services.

Services:
Practice management consulting; health systems development; resource development; public information services; chronic disease prevention and control/integration with primary care

2009 Impact Example:
Thanks to the collaborative efforts of HRSA, the Louisiana Hospital Association, the Rural Hospital Performance Improvement Program, the Louisiana Rural Health Information Exchange and the Bureau of Primary Care and Rural Health, Bunkie General Hospital – a Critical Access Hospital with two provider-based Rural Health Clinics – has implemented several dynamic programs. These include leadership development and mid-level management training programs, community health profile and disease prevention programs, and HIT improvement and rural telemedicine programs.

Additional Information:
Number of FTE Employees: 6
Total Annual Budget: $180,000
Primary Funding Sources: Federal – 100% State – 0% Other – 0%
Types of Federal Grant Support Received: ☑ SORH ☑ FLEX ☑ PCO ☑ SHIP ☐ Other

State at a Glance:
State Population: 4,492,076
% of Population Considered Rural: 63%
Number of:
Critical Access Hospitals: 27 Rural Hospitals: 51
Rural Health Clinics: 108 Rural FQHC/CHS Sites: 72
Local Public Health Units: 70
# Louisiana Rural Health Grants

## Congressionally-Mandated Health Information Technology Grants (D1B)

**Christus Health Central Louisiana DBA Christus St. Frances Cabrini Hospital**  
Grant No: D1BRH20408  
FY 2010 Amount: $396,000

## Delta State Rural Development Network Grant Program (DELTA) (D60)

**The Health Enrichment Network, Inc.**  
Grant No: D60RH08554  
FY 2010 Amount: $531,235

**The Multipractice Clinic**  
Grant No: D60RH08545  
FY 2010 Amount: $410,700

## Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility (H54)

**Louisiana Dept Of Health and Hospitals**  
Grant No: H54RH00040  
FY 2010 Amount: $489,519

## Rural Access to Emergency Devices (H3D)

**Louisiana Dhh, Oph, Bureau Of EMS**  
Grant No: H3DRH17211  
FY 2010 Amount: $100,000

## Rural Health Care Services Outreach Grant Program (D04)

**Hospital Service District No. 1-A Of The Parish Of Richland**  
Grant No: D04RH12686  
FY 2010 Amount: $124,828

**Innis Community Health Center, Inc.**  
Grant No: D04RH16498  
FY 2010 Amount: $124,790

**Louisiana Tech University**  
Grant No: D04RH12685  
FY 2010 Amount: $125,000

## Rural Health Network Development Planning Grant Program (P10)

**Pointe Coupee Better Access Community Health**  
Grant No: P10RH17203  
FY 2010 Amount: $84,566

## Rural Health Network Development Program (D06)

**Hospital Service District No. 1-A Of The Parish Of Richland**  
Grant No: D06RH09025  
FY 2010 Amount: $179,600

## Rural Health Outreach Special Initiative (D1A)

**Christus Schumpert Health System**  
Grant No: D1ARH20094  
FY 2010 Amount: $346,500

## Small Health Care Provider Quality Improvement (G20)

**The Health Enrichment Network, Inc.**  
Grant No: G20RH19341  
FY 2010 Amount: $99,406
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Mission:
To improve the health of rural Marylanders through collaboration, networking, outreach, education, research, advocacy and the development of special programs.

Services:
Technical assistance; funding alerts; coordination of state rural health resources and activities; recruitment and retention; collection and dissemination of information with local, state, and federal partners

2009 Impact Example:
The Office partnered with the Rural Maryland Council to host the Statewide Rural Roundtable – a one-day event that gave state rural leaders an opportunity to talk about important rural issues and how organizations can collaborate. Hot topics in rural health, rural economic development, and family asset building were discussed. A session entitled “Recruitment—Rural Healthcare Workforce Programs to Help Recruit and Retain Health Professionals”, featured two rural Maryland primary care physicians enrolled in Maryland Workforce programs. They discussed experiences with recruitment and retention and with the J1 Program and the Loan Assistance Repayment Program.

Additional Information:
Number of FTE Employees: 1.67
Total Annual Budget: $669,000
Primary Funding Sources: Federal – 25% State – 75% Other – 0%
Types of Federal Grant Support Received: v SORH v FLEX v PCO v SHIP Other

State at a Glance:
State Population: 5,699,478
% of Population Considered Rural: 29%
Number of:
- Critical Access Hospitals: 0
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- Local Public Health Units: 18
- Rural Hospitals: 18
- Rural FQHC/CHS Sites: 13
Maryland

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Community Health Integrated Partnership, Inc.
Grant No: D1BRH20398
FY 2010 Amount: $643,500

Maryland Department Of Health And Mental Hygiene
Grant No: D1BRH20397
FY 2010 Amount: $2,475,000

Washington County Hospital/antietam Healthcare Foundation
Grant No: D1BRH20407
FY 2010 Amount: $742,500

Public Access Defibrillation Demonstration Projects (D67)
Allegany County
Grant No: D67RH16452
FY 2010 Amount: $33,314

Rural Health Care Services Outreach Grant Program (D04)
Allegany Health Right, Inc.
Grant No: D04RH16341
FY 2010 Amount: $124,908

Eastern Shore Area Health Education Center
Grant No: D04RH12650
FY 2010 Amount: $125,000

Somerset County Health Department
Grant No: D04RH12655
FY 2010 Amount: $125,000

St. Mary's Hospital
Grant No: D04RH16343
FY 2010 Amount: $106,569

Rural Health Network Development Planning Grant Program (P10)
Local Management Board For Children's And Family Services Of Kent County
Grant No: P10RH17186
FY 2010 Amount: $85,000

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Mid-Shore Mental Health Systems, Inc.
Grant No: D06RH09052
FY 2010 Amount: $180,000

Rural Health Workforce Development Program (G98)
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Grant No: G98RH19710
FY 2010 Amount: $200,000

Small Rural Hospital Improvement Program (H3H)
Maryland Dept Of Health & Mental Hygiene
Grant No: H3HRH00015
FY 2010 Amount: $17,510

State Offices of Rural Health (H95)
Maryland State Department Of Health & Mental Hygiene
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**Delta Health Initiative (U1F)**
*Delta Health Alliance, Inc.*
Grant No: U1FRH07411
FY 2010 Amount: $34,174,401

**Delta State Rural Development Network Grant Program (DELTA) (D60)**
*Delta Health Alliance, Inc.*
Grant No: D60RH08555
FY 2010 Amount: $631,235

*Jefferson Comprehensive Hlth, Ctr., Inc.*
Grant No: D60RH08549
FY 2010 Amount: $510,700

**Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility (H54)**
*Mississippi State Department Of Health*
Grant No: H54RH00027
FY 2010 Amount: $393,443

**Research Focused Initiative (R1C)**
*Mississippi State University*
Grant No: R1CRH20681
FY 2010 Amount: $742,500

**Rural Health Care Services Outreach Grant Program (D04)**
*Delta Health Alliance, Inc.*
Grant No: D04RH12672
FY 2010 Amount: $125,000

*Magee General Hospital*
Grant No: D04RH12746
FY 2010 Amount: $125,000

**Rural Health Outreach Special Initiative (D1A)**
*Jackson State University*
Grant No: D1ARH20091
FY 2010 Amount: $990,000

*Memorial Hospital At Gulfport*
Grant No: D1ARH21203
FY 2010 Amount: $470,250

*University Of Southern Mississippi*
Grant No: D1ARH20092
FY 2010 Amount: $495,000

**Small Health Care Provider Quality Improvement (G20)**
*Patients' Choice Medical Center Of Humphreys County*
Grant No: G20RH19360
FY 2010 Amount: $100,000

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*Mississippi State Department Of Health*
Grant No: H3HRH00043
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Mission:
The essential function of the Montana Office of Rural Health (MORH) is to ensure access to health care for citizens living in rural and frontier areas of the state.

Services:
Conduct research and report on workforce and other rural health-related topics; provide community health and wellness, continuing education and technical assistance programs; offer recruitment and retention programs; maintain Small Hospital Improvement Program; health information exchange.

2009 Impact Example:
HealthShare Montana (HSM), an organization of Montana healthcare leaders/stakeholders and chaired by the MOR director, is developing and implementing a statewide health information exchange infrastructure (HIE). The infrastructure will have the capacity to support health information delivery to the point-of-care; enable point-of-care support to assist with preventative care and management of chronic illness; will allow performance reporting; and will enable electronic prescribing with medication reconciliation. HSM has received major state and federal funding and has been named the state designated HIE entity by the governor.

Additional Information:
Number of FTE Employees: 3.5
Total Annual Budget: $720,000
Primary Funding Sources: Federal – 25%  State – 75%  Other – 0%
Types of Federal Grant Support Received: ☑ SORH  ☐ FLEX  ☐ PCO  ☑ SHIP  ☐ Other

State at a Glance:
State Population: 974,989
% of Population Considered Rural: 76%
Number of:
Critical Access Hospitals 47  Rural Hospitals 4
Rural Health Clinics 45  Rural FQHC/CHS Sites 24
Local Public Health Units 54
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To strengthen Ohio’s rural healthcare delivery systems and to mitigate disparities in access to healthcare services created by rurality.

Services:
Serve as a clearinghouse for rural health-related information and resources; provide technical assistance and support to Ohio’s rural health clinics and to rural communities interested in pursuing RHC certification; produce reports, research, etc., on rural health issues; collaborate with the Ohio Primary Care Office (PCO) on rural workforce development programs, including state and federal loan repayment and policy development.

2009 Impact Example:
The strength of Ohio’s Flex Program is the result of the relationship that the Ohio State Office of Rural Health (SORH) has developed with the Ohio Hospital Association (OHA). In the beginning, the SORH put together a core planning group that included the OHA and rural hospitals to develop its State Rural Health Plan; the SORH also worked with the OHA to provide technical assistance and resources to rural hospitals as they made the decision to convert to CAH status. What was initially expected to be a very small program in Ohio has grown to 34 certified CAHs.

Additional Information:
Number of FTE Employees: 7
Total Annual Budget: $5,749,045
Primary Funding Sources: Federal – 25% State – 75% Other – 0%
Types of Federal Grant Support Received: ✓ SORH ✓ FLEX ✓ PCO ✓ SHIP ✓ Other

State at a Glance:
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Number of:
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  Rural Health Clinics 11
  Local Public Health Units
  Rural Hospitals
  Rural FQHC/CHS Sites 36
Ohio Rural Health Grants

Black Lung/Coal Miner Clinics Program (H37)
Ohio Dept Of Health
Grant No: H37RH00054
FY 2010 Amount: $662,130

Congressionally-Mandated Health Information Technology Grants (D1B)
Lake Hospital, Inc.
Grant No: D1BRH20388
FY 2010 Amount: $495,000

St. John Medical Center
Grant No: D1BRH20651
FY 2010 Amount: $495,000

St. Vincent Charity Medical Center
Grant No: D1BRH20650
FY 2010 Amount: $693,000

The Geauga Hospital Association, Inc.
Grant No: D1BRH20387
FY 2010 Amount: $247,500

Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility (H54)
State Of Ohio - Department Of Health
Grant No: H54RH00021
FY 2010 Amount: $607,000

Research Focused Initiative (R1C)
Austen Bioinnovation Institute In Akron
Grant No: R1CRH20682
FY 2010 Amount: $990,000

Rural Access to Emergency Devices (H3D)
Fostoria Community Hospital
Grant No: H3DRH17212
FY 2010 Amount: $52,726
Rural Health Care Services Outreach Grant Program (D04)
Fostoria Community Hospital
Grant No: D04RH12742
FY 2010 Amount: $124,919

Ohio University
Grant No: D04RH12664
FY 2010 Amount: $125,000

Orrville Hospital Foundation
Grant No: D04RH16280
FY 2010 Amount: $125,000

Pathstone Corporation
Grant No: D04RH12665
FY 2010 Amount: $125,000

The Twin City Hospital Corporation
Grant No: D04RH12658
FY 2010 Amount: $125,000

Rural Health Outreach Special Initiative (D1A)
American National Red Cross
Grant No: D1ARH20104
FY 2010 Amount: $198,000

Lakeland Community College
Grant No: D1ARH20106
FY 2010 Amount: $247,500

Sisters Of Charity Ministry Dev. Corp. D/b/a Healthy Learners
Grant No: D1ARH20105
FY 2010 Amount: $108,900

Small Rural Hospital Improvement Program (H3H)
Ohio Dept Of Health
Grant No: H3HRH00045
FY 2010 Amount: $288,915

State Offices of Rural Health (H95)
Ohio Dept Of Health
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Rhode Island Rural Health Grants

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State Of Rhode Island Department Of Health
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Mission:
The South Carolina Office of Rural Health (SCORH) is dedicated to improving access to quality care in rural communities.

Services:
Provide comprehensive RHC Services (third party billing and coding, cost reports, 855s, survey walkthroughs, etc.); recruitment and retention of primary care providers; provide low-interest loans to rural providers and facilities; support and educate rural EMS providers; encourage network development.

Additional Information:
Number of FTE Employees: 33
Total Annual Budget: $6,000,000
Primary Funding Sources: Federal – 70% State – 10% Other – 20%
Types of Federal Grant Support Received: SORH FLEX PCO SHIP Other

State at a Glance:
State Population: 4,561,242
% of Population Considered Rural: 25%
Number of:
- Critical Access Hospitals: 5
- Rural Health Clinics: 114
- Local Public Health Units: 46
- Rural Hospitals: 28
- Rural FQHC/CHS Sites: 150
South Carolina Rural Health Grants

Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility (H54)
South Carolina State Office
Grant No: H54RH01030
FY 2010 Amount: $363,643

Rural Health Care Services Outreach Grant Program (D04)
Beaufort Jasper Hampton Comprehensive Health Services, Inc
Grant No: D04RH12731
FY 2010 Amount: $125,000

Caresouth Carolina, Inc.
Grant No: D04RH12725
FY 2010 Amount: $125,000

Clarendon Memorial Hospital
Grant No: D04RH12727
FY 2010 Amount: $125,000

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Grant No: D04RH12726
FY 2010 Amount: $124,965

Rural Health Network Development Planning Grant Program (P10)
Sandhills Medical Foundation, Inc.
Grant No: P10RH17198
FY 2010 Amount: $85,000

Rural Health Research Grant Program Cooperative Agreement (U1C)
University Of South Carolina
Grant No: U1CRH03711
FY 2010 Amount: $660,000

Small Health Care Provider Quality Improvement (G20)
Fairfield Memorial Hospital
Grant No: G20RH19283
FY 2010 Amount: $100,000

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South Carolina State Office
Grant No: H3HRH00023
FY 2010 Amount: $96,305

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Mission:
To improve and enhance the accessibility, availability and affordability of quality health care in Tennessee by creating a central focus and coordination of rural healthcare resources

Services:
Small rural hospital programs; recruitment and retention activities; technical assistance

2009 Impact Example:
The Tennessee Office of Rural Health acts as a fiscal intermediary for federal programs that assist eligible small rural hospitals through grant programs such as the Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility Program, the Small Rural Hospital Improvement Program and the Delta Rural Hospital Improvement Program.

Additional Information:
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Primary Funding Sources: Federal – 25% State – 75% Other – 0%
Types of Federal Grant Support Received: ✓ SORH ✓ FLEX ✓ PCO ✓ SHIP Other

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State Population: 6,296,254 % of Population Considered Rural: 58%
Number of:

- Critical Access Hospitals 17
- Rural Health Clinics 40
- Local Public Health Units 95
- Rural Hospitals
- Rural FQHC/CHS Sites 100
Tennessee Rural Health Grants

Black Lung/Coal Miner Clinics Program (H37)
Community Health Of East Tennessee
Grant No: H37RH00052
FY 2010 Amount: $195,097

Delta State Rural Development Network Grant Program (DELT) (D60)
Paris And Henry County Healthcare Foundation
Grant No: D60RH18951
FY 2010 Amount: $510,700

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Tennessee State Department Of Health
Grant No: H54RH00037
FY 2010 Amount: $446,043

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Saint Thomas Health Services
Grant No: H3DRH17210
FY 2010 Amount: $100,000

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Community Health Network
Grant No: D04RH12700
FY 2010 Amount: $125,000

Hickman Community Health Care Services, Inc.
Grant No: D04RH12765
FY 2010 Amount: $124,656

Ridgeview Psychiatric Hosp & Cntr Inc
Grant No: D04RH12764
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Community Progress Committee Inc, Crestview Manor
Grant No: P10RH17188
FY 2010 Amount: $85,000

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Hickman Community Health Care Services, Inc.
Grant No: D06RH09544
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Rural Health Workforce Development Program (G98)
Hickman Community Health Care Services, Inc.
Grant No: G98RH19711
FY 2010 Amount: $199,937

TN Rural Health Recruitment & Retention Center, Inc Trhrc
Grant No: G98RH19713
FY 2010 Amount: $200,000

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Mission:
To enhance the quality of life for rural Texans

Services:
Recruitment and retention assistance for communities; infrastructure funding for rural hospitals; support of Critical Access Hospitals

2009 Impact Example:
TDRA was able to successfully improve the quality of life and healthcare delivery in two rural communities by implementing Health Information Technology/telemedicine services as a state demonstration model through funding from the Office of Rural Health Policy.

Additional Information:
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Total Annual Budget: $5,500,000
Primary Funding Sources: Federal – 40%  State – 60%  Other – 0%
Types of Federal Grant Support Received: ☑ SORH  ☑ FLEX  ☐ PCO  ☑ SHIP  ☐ Other

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State Population: 24,782,302
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Rural Health Clinics 316  Rural FQHC/CHS Sites 57
Local Public Health Units 63
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Mission:
Connecting rural communities to resources

Services:
Technical assistance; recruitment; system development; grant support

2009 Impact Example:
The Office’s Rural Outreach Nursing Education project provides nursing education to areas of Washington with limited access, thereby helping address a critical skill shortage through classes delivered online and with hands on experience in the rural hospital. By recruiting within their communities and providing on-site training, rural communities can now “grow their own” nursing staffs. Rural hospitals, clinics and other outpatient facilities provide hands-on clinical experience as part of this two-year associate degree registered nurse program.

Additional Information:
Number of FTE Employees: 7
Total Annual Budget: $3,715,651
Primary Funding Sources: Federal – 36% State – 61% Other – 3%
Types of Federal Grant Support Received: ▶ SORH ▶ FLEX ▶ PCO ▶ SHIP Other

State at a Glance:
State Population: 6,664,195
% of Population Considered Rural: approximately 25%
Number of:
Critical Access Hospitals 38 Rural Hospitals 43
Rural Health Clinics 133 Rural FQHC/CHS Sites 140
Local Public Health Units 34
Washington Rural Health Grants

**Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility (H54)**
*Washington State Department Of Health*
Grant No: H54RH00002
FY 2010 Amount: $587,100

**Rural Access to Emergency Devices (H3D)**
*Whidbey General Hospital*
Grant No: H3DRH17215
FY 2010 Amount: $82,000

**Rural Health Care Services Outreach Grant Program (D04)**
*Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic*
Grant No: D04RH12750
FY 2010 Amount: $125,000

**Rural Health Network Development Planning Grant Program (P10)**
*Public Hospital, District 2, Skagit County, (dba) Island Hospital*
Grant No: P10RH17231
FY 2010 Amount: $85,000

**Rural Health Network Development Program (D06)**
*Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic*
Grant No: D06RH09548
FY 2010 Amount: $179,395

**Rural Health Outreach Special Initiative (D1A)**
*Choice Regional Health Network*
Grant No: D1ARH20198
FY 2010 Amount: $113,850

**Rural Health Research Grant Program Cooperative Agreement (U1C)**
*University Of Washington*
Grant No: U1CRH03712
FY 2010 Amount: $659,998

**Rural Health Workforce Development Program (G98)**
*Columbia Basin Health Association*
Grant No: G98RH19718
FY 2010 Amount: $200,000

**Small Health Care Provider Quality Improvement (G20)**
*Family Health Centers*
Grant No: G20RH19285
FY 2010 Amount: $100,000

*Garfield County Public Hospital*
Grant No: G20RH19282
FY 2010 Amount: $99,750

*Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic*
Grant No: G20RH19286
FY 2010 Amount: $100,000

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*Washington State Department Of Health*
Grant No: H3HRH00005
FY 2010 Amount: $376,465

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Mission:
Champion the highest quality of health care for rural and underserved populations by providing collaborative leadership and a wealth of resources to healthcare and community organizations

Services:
Discovery, creation and distribution of resources for rural healthcare providers; recruitment of physicians and dentists; discovery, research/creation and distribution of rural health information for the state; provision of technical assistance to rural healthcare providers; convener of coalitions to create programming and/or policy around rural health

2009 Impact Example:

Additional Information:
Number of FTE Employees: 8.5
Total Annual Budget: $2,745,000
Primary Funding Sources: Federal – 60% State – 27% Other – 13%
Types of Federal Grant Support Received: ✨ SORH ✨ FLEX ✨ PCO ✨ SHIP Other

State at a Glance:
State Population: 5,654,774
% of Population Considered Rural: 27%
Number of:

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Department Of Regulation And Licensing, State Of Wisconsin
Grant No: H1NRH17208
FY 2010 Amount: $498,000

Congressionally-Mandated Health Information Technology Grants (D1B)
Bay Area Medical Center
Grant No: D1BRH20424
FY 2010 Amount: $891,000

Chippewa Valley Health Clinic, Inc.
Grant No: D1BRH20421
FY 2010 Amount: $49,500

Chippewa Valley Hospital/oakview Care Center
Grant No: D1BRH20426
FY 2010 Amount: $396,000

Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility (H54)
Univ Of Wisconsin -Madison
Grant No: H54RH00054
FY 2010 Amount: $677,203

Rural Access to Emergency Devices (H3D)
The College Of Menominee Nation
Grant No: H3DRH17216
FY 2010 Amount: $100,000

Rural Health Care Services Outreach Grant Program (D04)
Marshfield Clinic Research Foundation
Grant No: D04RH12696
FY 2010 Amount: $125,000

Northwest Wisconsin Concentrated Employment Program, Inc
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FY 2010 Amount: $125,000

Western Dairyland Econ. Oppor. Council
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FY 2010 Amount: $125,000

Rural Health Outreach Special Initiative (D1A)
Marquette University
Grant No: D1ARH20072
FY 2010 Amount: $841,500

Small Rural Hospital Improvement Program (H3H)
Univ Of Wisconsin -Madison
Grant No: H3HRH00007
FY 2010 Amount: $507,790

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Mission:
The Wyoming Office of Rural Health seeks to enhance access to healthcare services, support the development of an adequate healthcare workforce and promote collaboration in expanding comprehensive, community-based health care in rural Wyoming.

Services:
Administer SORH, Flex, SHIP, and PCO grants; administer Wyoming Healthcare Provider Loan Repayment Program; administer Wyoming Physician Recruitment Grant Program; contract with 3RNet member for physician, nurse practitioner and physician assistant recruitment and retention; administer state-funded grant programs (Magnet Designation, Small Hospital Improvement, Community Assessment)

2009 Impact Example:
The Wyoming ORH worked closely with the Governor and his staff on creating a Governor’s HPSA designation. The Office identified whole and partial counties that would benefit from the designation; developed a survey of all clinics within these areas; and conducted a fiscal impact study of the increase in the state’s Medicaid budget if the interested clinics chose to convert. The Governor was pleased with the results and formally requested a Governor’s HPSA designation that was granted in 2009. The Wyoming ORH is working with eligible clinics to help them explore what RHC status would mean and how to apply.

Additional Information:
Number of FTE Employees: 2.9
Total Annual Budget: $2,527,427
Primary Funding Sources: Federal – 35%  State – 65%  Other – 0%
Types of Federal Grant Support Received: ✅ SORH  ✅ FLEX  ✅ PCO  ✅ SHIP  □ Other

State at a Glance:
State Population: 544,270
% of Population Considered Rural: 80%
Number of:
Critical Access Hospitals: 15  Rural Hospitals: 24
Rural Health Clinics: 16  Rural FQHC/CHS Sites: 8
Local Public Health Units: 33
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