



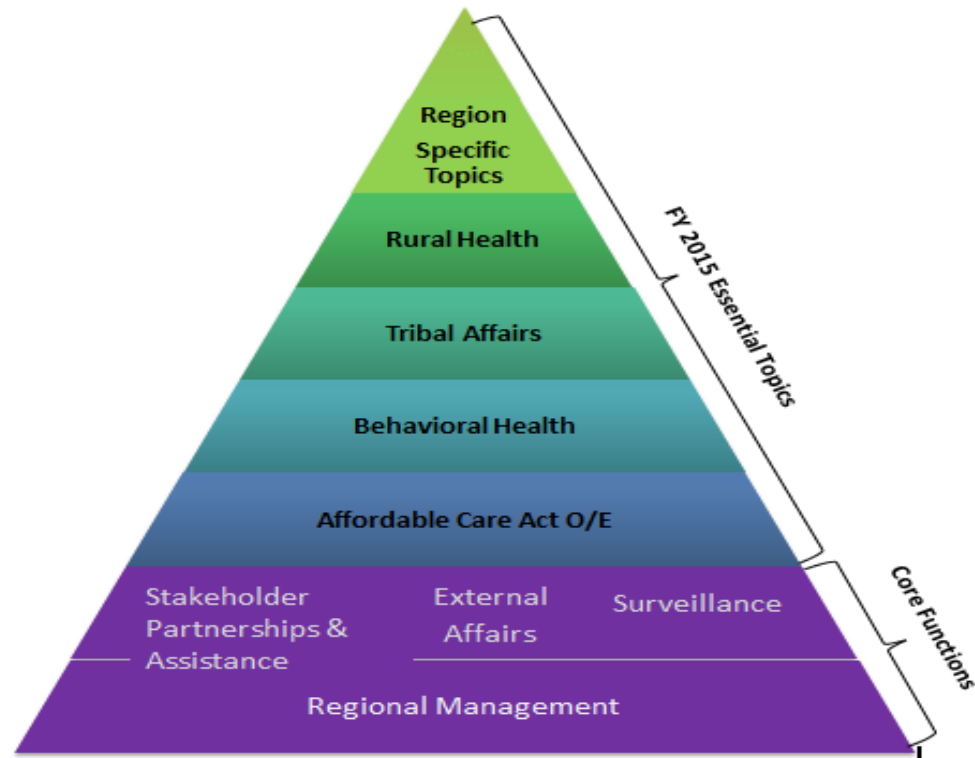
# HRSA Update

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# Common Foci

## OFFICE OF REGIONAL OPERATIONS CORE FUNCTIONS & FY 15 ESSENTIAL TOPICS





# Regional Offices and Rural Health

- **Goal:** To improve the access to quality health care services in rural areas, enhance information exchange, and support rural HRSA grantees and stakeholders.

# Common Service Offerings

- **Service Offering #1:** ORO will establish, renew and strengthen strategic partnerships with HRSA's Office of Rural Health Policy, Federal partners and rural health organizations to identify and optimize opportunities for rural engagement.
- **Service Offering #2:** ORO will engage rural health organizations in each region to assess needs, share resources, and provide technical assistance to address disparities, access to care, and improve their ability to successfully apply for HRSA funding.
- **Service Offering #3:** ORO will identify and report critical ground-level communications and information learned through rural activities to inform agency operations, decision-making, and allocation of resources.



## Region VIII Activities to Meet Goals

- Maintain periodic contact with the State Offices of Rural Health via ORO-Denver State Partner Calls, ORHP “Region E” bi-monthly calls and the Annual Region E Meeting
- Partner with State Departments of Health, State Offices of Rural Health, regional health systems, USDA, HUD, and other rural health stakeholders to address the needs of the uninsured, underserved, and vulnerable rural populations.



## Region VIII Continued

- Facilitate dialogue, information sharing, technical assistance, and the formation of partnerships within and between Region VIII states to strengthen Emergency Medical Services (EMS) infrastructure and local EMS capacity.
- Strengthen working relationships between Telehealth Resource Centers, major distance technology providers in Region VIII, and HRSA's state and community-based partners, facilitate the sharing and adoption of models that work within states and across the Region, and reach out to public agencies and private foundations to promote increased support of distance technologies



# Region X Activities to Meet Goals

## Office of Rural Health Policy Engagement

- Coordinate with HRSA's Office of Rural Health Policy to offer one (1) technical assistance event in the region. In doing so, ORO R10 will work with ORHP to identify common areas of interest, and advance ORHP's goals to increase access to care and decrease health disparities in rural areas.

## ORO Rural Health Workgroup

- Serve as a lead in rural health and provide guidance and leadership for the ORO Rural Health Workgroup. Nick Zucconi is Co-Lead.



## Region X Continued

### State Offices of Rural Health Engagement

- Engage State Offices of Rural Health and rural health organizations in each state in the region and assess needs with regard to access to care and ability to successfully apply for HRSA funds.
  - Participate in quarterly call with each State's Office of Rural Health
  - As materials become available, disseminate information to State Offices of Rural Health

### Rural Health Organization Engagement

- Serve as a Subject Matter Expert to rural groups as requested.
- Attend State and Regional Rural Health Meetings





# ORO Rural Health Work Group

- Defined the Rural Health Goal and Service Offerings for all Regions
- Membership from each Region
- Activities:
  - Rural Hospital Closures
  - ACA O&E Rural Best Practices Webinar
  - Working with FORHP on joint support areas
  - Delivery System Reform in Rural

# Your Needs

- ACA implementation
  - Effects
  - Outreach, education and enrollment needs
- Rural Hospital Closures
  - What are the state of affairs in your state?
  - What are you doing?
- Delivery System Reform in Rural
  - What is happening
  - What is your role?
  - What do you need?



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