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On November 21, 2024, NDHA is proud to support National Rural Health Day. Join us in recognizing and honoring the incredible efforts of rural healthcare providers, communities, organizations, State Offices of Rural Health, and other stakeholders dedicated to addressing the unique healthcare needs of rural America.

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## HRSA's National Rural Health Day 2024 Agenda

Take part in a dynamic series of events to celebrate National Rural Health Day on November 21. This year's theme is "Advancing Maternal Health in Rural Communities" as we highlight how federal agencies,rural health care providers and state and community-based organizations work to enhance maternal health services through workforce training, hospital technical assistance, telehealth initiatives, and flexible and innovative care coordination. <u>Visit HRSA's National Rural Health Day Agenda</u> page to view the full schedule of events and join discussions with rural researchers, federal and community leaders, and health professionals dedicated to making a difference for rural mothers and families.

# **USDA Celebrates National Rural Health Day!**

As part of the NRHD celebration, USDA-RD has developed new tools and resources for rural communities. Join us for a webinar to learn more about these resources during the week of NRHD!

- **USDA-RD USDA Rural Health Webinar**: Finding Your Way Through USDA Rural Health's New Resources
- Event Description: USDA Rural Health Liaison, Kellie Kubena, will highlight the USDA rural health website, where to find resources, and introduce the USDA Rural Health Program Index tool. In addition, Kasey Martin, RD Innovation Center's Branch Chief of Research and Program Evaluation, will share howto take advantage of the Rural Data Gateway to find relevant USDA-RD data for your rural community and opportunities for how to use it.

- When: Tuesday, November 19, 2024, at 2:00 pm 3:30 pm EST
- Register today: <a href="https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1606236417">https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1606236417</a>
   pwd=fosuLEUJVQqCEuoY5rbkkSHeLzRTRF.1



# Mark Your Calendars for the 2025 Hospital Day at the Capitol

### Tuesday, February 4, 2025

The event will be a joint venture with ND Medical Association (Physician Day), ND Academy of Family Physicians, ND Emergency Medical Services Association, the ND Academy of Physician Assistants and the North Dakota Academy of Pediatrics.

This is a great opportunity to connect with lawmakers on issues or specific healthcare bills, and to connect and become better acquainted with your lawmakers.

### Watch for more information to come!

# BSC Offering Spanish Language Course Designed Specifically for Healthcare Professionals

Starting in January, Bismarck State College (BSC) will offer Spanish 101 for healthcare during the spring semester. The beginner-level course is designed specifically for current healthcare professionals who want to enhance their ability to communicate with Spanish-speaking patients, and for students seeking healthcare degrees.

Read more here.

# SAMHSA Releases DAWN Network Watch: Monitoring Drug Street Names Added to DAWN

SAMHSA's Drug Abuse Warning Network (DAWN) has released the DAWN Network Watch. When drug names are identified in DAWN's substance related emergency department visit data, they are checked against DAWN's drug database(Drug Reference Vocabulary). Any drug name or street name not currently listed in the database is added. This Network Watch presents drug street names that appeared in DAWN data for the first time from January 2023 to August 2024. Understanding drug slang improves communication and awareness, helps identify substance abuse, and can avoid misunderstandings of the substances involved in street drugs.

View resources.

# Re-imagining Rural Health: The CMS Innovation Center "Hackathon" Series

In August of this year, the Centers for Medicare &Medicaid Services (CMS) Center for Medicare and Medication Innovation ("Innovation Center") borrowed <u>an idea-generating concept</u> from the tech industry to come up with actionable steps for tough challenges in rural health care. A new report describes what CMS learned from three sessions - Bozeman, MT; Dallas, TX; and Wilson, NC- and how they might use this input for current and future programs. The Innovation Center at CMS was <u>created to develop and test alternative payment models</u> that improve quality while reducing costs in Medicare, Medicaid, and Children's Health Insurance Programs(CHIP) – public health insurance programs that play a critical role in <u>providing coverage in rural areas</u> where people are more likely to face challenges accessing health care.

# **Upcoming 2024 ND Cardiac and Stroke Conference**

The 2024 North Dakota Cardiac and Stroke Conference is one week away, on November 21, 2024. Please see the save the date flyer linked below with the registration link. If you haven't already done so, register to attend today!

Registration Flyer.

### **NDHA Education Calendar**

All times listed are Central time.

Keep in mind that if you register and are unable to attend a live webinar, you will receive a link of the recording as soon as it becomes available from the host.

**NDHA Members:** Starting October 1, 2024, your vouchers reset, and all member hospitals have 3 vouchers to use towards NDHA education until the end of September 2025. Each voucher has a value of \$225. Let me know if you have any questions.

### December, 2024

### **EMTALA 2024: Two-part Series**

Dates: Part 1 - 12/3/24; Part 2 - 12/10/24

From: 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.View description

### January, 2025

### **Mastering Metamorphosis - Championing Change that Lasts**

Dates: 1/15/25 | From: 11:00 a.m. - Noon

• <u>View description</u>

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