



ABOUT NOSORH

The **National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health (NOSORH)** was established in 1995 to assist State Offices of Rural Health in their efforts to improve access to, and the quality of, health care for America's 61 million rural citizens.

All 50 states maintain a State Office of Rural Health (SORH). Although each office varies in terms of size, scope, organization and services/resources provided, each SORH exists to help rural communities in their state build effective healthcare delivery systems. Funding levels and sources also vary; however, each SORH receives a portion of its funding through the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy. With this funding, SORHs are expected to:

- Collect and disseminate health-related information;
- Coordinate state rural health resources and activities;
- Provide technical assistance;
- Encourage the recruitment and retention of health professionals; and
- Strengthen state, local, and federal partnerships.

NOSORH enhances the capacity of SORHs to fulfill these objectives by supporting the development of state and community rural health leaders; creating and facilitating state, regional and national partnerships that foster information sharing and spur rural health-related programs and activities; and helping communities create a healthy rural America by enhancing access to quality healthcare services. NOSORH is especially interested in efforts that strengthen each state's ability to:

- Expand the rural healthcare workforce;
- Offer easily accessible, quality health care to the uninsured;
- Reduce oral and behavioral health disparities in rural communities;
- Enhance the delivery of rural emergency medical services;
- Improve the status of small rural hospitals; and
- Invest in, and expand the reach of, health information technology.

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