

39th Annual Oregon Rural Health Conference



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Rural Health Clinic (RHC) Workshop 2022

Wednesday, October 12, 2022
7:30 am to 2:45 pm

7:30 am – 8 am

RHC Networking Breakfast, Independent and Provider Based Clinics

8 am – 9 am

Washington Update

Nathan Baugh, BA, Executive Director, National Association of Rural Health Clinics (NARHC)

Please join Nathan Baugh from the National Association of Rural Health Clinics for an overview and discussion of federal RHC policy developments. The Washington Update will cover the latest changes to Medicare policies including telehealth, RHC reimbursement, and regulatory actions such as the Good Faith Estimate policy. Nathan will also review some of federal covid initiatives for RHCs and the corresponding reporting requirements. Finally, the presentation will take a step back for a broader discussion on overall health care policy trends and how they fit (or perhaps do not fit) with the RHC program.

9 am – 10 am

Preparing for Your RHC Survey

Janis McDowell, RN, BSN, MA, Patient Safety Surveyor, Oregon Health Authority

Do you remember the last time your RHC had a recertification survey? Recertification surveys for non-deemed RHCs are required to be completed so that no more than seven years elapse between surveys. This presentation will address the current regulatory requirements and how your clinic can prepare for an upcoming recertification survey. Janis will also answer FAQs and the not-so-frequently asked questions that have come up over the last two years.

10 am – 10:45 am

Understanding Commingling in an RHC

Charles A. James, Jr., President and CEO, North American HMS

Commingling is a frightening but misunderstood topic for Rural Health Clinics. This session will help sort through commingling and how Medicare defines it. We will discuss several aspects of possible commingling scenarios and how to avoid them. Our conversation will distinguish the difference between billing defined non-RHC services during RHC hours versus doing so with professional services. Several floorplans and building scenarios will be reviewed, as well as those scenarios which are more likely to be allowed. Topics will include:

- Commingling definitions;
- Cost reporting considerations;
- Duplicate reimbursement;
- Non-RHC hours vs non-Rural Health Clinic services;
- Patient treatment areas; and
- Specialty clinics.

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10:45 am – 11 am Break

11 am – 12 pm

Value-Based Care in the RHC

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Learn what "value-based" care is, and how "quality" initiatives will impact RHCs, specifically, including the various types of value-based care organizations. Importantly, we will review the spectrum of risks involved and describe how RHCs fit into this new model. The presentation will also include discussion on:

- Transition/transformation from fee-for-service to value-based by 2026;
- Spectrum of risk;
- MIPS vs. Medicare shared savings/accountable care organizations;
- ACO REACH and direct contracting;
- Medicare Advantage vs. traditional Medicare; and
- PCMH, commercial payers, and quality incentives.

12 pm – 12:45 pm

Working Lunch: Getting Back to Normal: What to Expect After the PHE Ends

Jeff Harper, inQuiseek, LLC Consulting

This presentation will look at how compliance and provision of services will change for RHCs including the end of waivers, transitions in telehealth, productivity, strategies for the rate caps, clinic culture, and rebuilding patient volumes and staff.

12:45 pm – 1:45 pm

Strategizing with New RHC Payment Regulations

Katie Jo Raebel, CPA, Partner-Health Care Practice, Wipfli LLP

With new RHC payment rates in effect for freestanding, newly certified, and grandfathered RHCs, does the RHC program make sense for your organization? What option is best when aiming to expand care in the community that you serve? In this session, we will discuss different scenarios and Medicare reimbursement opportunities in the post-RHC Modernization Act era.

1:45 pm – 2:45 pm

2022 RHC Medicare Billing Update

Patty Harper, RHIA, CHTS-IM, CHT-PW, CHC, CEO inQuiseek, LLC Consulting

This presentation will focus on RHC Medicare coding and billing changes with a look at the proposed MPFS Rule for 2023 including telemedicine, hospice, care management, mental health.

3:00 pm: Annual Oregon Rural Health Conference Begins

This workshop has been approved for 6.75 AAPC credits.

