Announcements from the
Federal Office of Rural Health Policy

March 19, 2020

What's New

HHS Expands Telehealth Access to Combat COVID-19. On Tuesday, the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS) announced new measures to allow patients and health care providers greater access to telehealth technologies. See the **Events section below for a webinar from the National Consortium of Telehealth Resource Centers.**

DEA Telehealth Guidance. The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) issued new guidance to allow DEA-registered telehealth practitioners to issue prescriptions for controlled substances to patients for whom they have not conducted an in-person medical evaluation, for the duration of the public health emergency. All of the following conditions must be met: (1) The prescription is issued for a legitimate medical purpose by a practitioner acting in the usual course of his/her professional practice (2) The telemedicine communication is conducted using an audio-visual, real-time, two-way interactive communication system and (3) The practitioner is acting in accordance with applicable Federal and State law.

Rural Response to Coronavirus Disease 2019. The Rural Health Information Hub has created a guide to help you learn about activities underway to address COVID-19.

CDC Updates on the Coronavirus. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) provides daily updates on the Coronavirus with guidance for health providers and local public health officials. **See the Events section below for a CDC webinar on Coronavirus response in rural communities.**

FAQs for Rural Communities Opioid Response Program-Implementation Funding. The deadline for applications for the Rural Communities Opioid Response Program-Implementation is April 24. The Health Resources and Services Administration has provided answers to frequently asked questions (FAQs) on eligibility and application requirements (under the tab "Related Documents"). Additionally, you can view a recording of the technical assistance webinar for applicants. For questions beyond those in the link above, email ruralopioidresponse@hrsa.gov.

Funding and Opportunities

Innovations in Accessible Mobility – **April 8.** The National Aging and Disability Transportation Center invites applications for "ready-to-launch" program innovations that increase accessible transportation options for older adults and people living with disabilities. Grants of up to $30,000 each will be awarded to as many as ten communities for a six-month period.

ACL Grants for Alzheimer's Disease Programs – **April 22.** The Administration for Community Living (ACL) will make 24 awards with a total investment of more than $19 million. Grants to states and communities will support development and expansion of dementia-capable home and community-based service systems.

Nurse Corps Scholarship Program – **April 30.** Students accepted or enrolled in nursing degree programs may qualify to receive funding through the Health Resources and Services Administration's Nurse Corps Scholarship Program. In exchange for tuition, fees, and other educational costs,

its original date of March 17.

Tele-Dentistry in the Northeast – **Wednesday, March 25 at 10:00 am ET.** Region 1 of the Health Resources and Services Administration's Office of Regional Operations (ORO) will hold a one-hour webinar to provide an overview of tele-dentistry across the northeast states and identify regional resources, including the Northeast Telehealth Resource Center. For more information about the webinar, contact Veronica Roa at vroa@hrsa.gov. To learn more about which states across the country allow the practice of tele-dentistry services, the National Conference of State Legislatures created an interactive map.

Rural PREP Grand Rounds: Why Do I Teach in Rural Practice? – **Thursday, March 26 at 1:00 pm ET.** In this one-hour webinar from Rural PREP – the Collaborative for Rural Primary care, Research, Education and Practice – experts will discuss one-on-one teaching and mentorship in rural clinical practice.

SAMHSA Treatment and Recovery for Older Adults – **Thursday, March 26 at 2:00 pm ET.** The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)'s Bringing Recovery Supports to Scale Technical Assistance Center Strategy (BRSS TACS) invites you to join national experts in a conversation about treatment and recovery services that can best meet the needs of older adults.

Register for National Drug and Alcohol Facts Week, **March 30 - April 5.** This week-long event is aimed at raising teenagers' awareness and knowledge of facts about drug and alcohol. Launched in 2010 by scientists at the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA), the annual observance relies on locally-planned school and community events that present scientific facts about drug and alcohol use, what causes addiction, and evidence-based strategies for helping friends or family. NIDA provides an online guide for planning and promoting events, as well as free booklets and other resources for teens. Research from 2016 showed that roughly 10% of rural teens meet criteria for alcohol use disorder.

NIH Linking Research to Rural Communities – **Tuesday, March 31 at 1:00 pm ET.** The National Institutes of Health (NIH) National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences was established to transform the translational science process so that patients with illness and disease can receive new treatments, no matter where they live. In this one-hour session, speakers will describe their efforts to tackle rural health disparities by including rural communities in clinical and public health research.

NACo Addressing Youth Substance Use at the County Level – **Tuesday, March 31 at 3:00 pm ET.** The National Association of Counties (NACo) will discuss how counties are implementing local-level policy and practice to lower substance-use rates among young people.

AgriSafe: What Ag Producers Need to Know About COVID190 pm W-b9dS0 cs 0.137 scs 0.137 7 0 Td2226 Tuesda

[Department of Treasury Support for Native Community Development](#) – **April 21**

[Department of Treasury Support for Rural Community Development](#) – **April 21**

[ACL Grants for Alzheimer's Disease Programs](#) – **April 22**

[National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Programs](#) – **April 23**

[National Health Service Corps Scholarship Program](#) – **April 23**

[CDC National Center of Excellence for Prevention of Childhood Agricultural Injury](#) – **April 24**

[Rural Communities Opioid Response Program-Implementation](#) – **April 24**

[Comments Requested: DEA Proposes Registration Changes for Mobile Narcotic Treatment Programs](#) – **April 27**

[DOJ Reentry, Education and Employment for Incarcerated Adults](#) – **April 27**

[DOJ Improving Reentry for Adults with Substance Use Disorders](#) – **April 27**

[DOJ Strategies to Support Children Exposed to Violence](#) – **April 27**

[Application Filing Window for FCC Rural Telecommunications and Healthcare Connect Programs](#) – **April 30**

[CDC Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention](#) – **April 30**

[Nurse Corps Scholarship Program](#) – **April 30**

[USDA Community Facilities Technical Assistance and Training Grants](#) – **April 30**

[HRSA Telehealth-Focused Rural Health Research Center Program](#) – **May 1**

[Johns Hopkins Center for American Indian Health Scholarship](#) – **May 1**

[DOJ Support for Children of Addiction-Related Crime](#) – **May 4**

[DOT Helping Obtain Prosperity for Everyone Program](#) – **May 4**

[SAMHSA Tribal Opioid Response Grants](#) – **May 4**

[CDC Research to Prevent Firearm-Related Violence and Injuries](#) – **May 5**

[PCORI Grants for Research Addressing Disparities](#) – **May 5**

[AmeriCorps Grants for Indian Tribes](#) – **May 6**

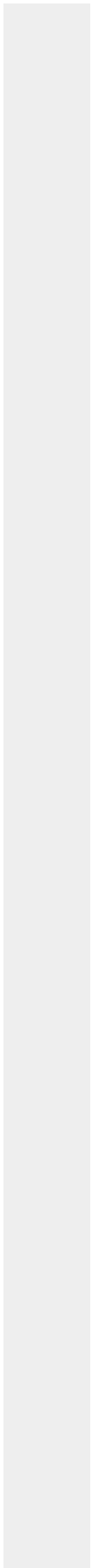[NIH: Research for Disparities Among Minority/Underserved Children](#) – **May 7**

[Nominations: HRSA Tribal Advisory Council](#) – **May 7**

[Bureau of Indian Affairs National Tribal Broadband Grant](#) – **May 8**

[USDA Local Food Promotion Program](#) – **May 11**

[USDA Rural Community Development Initiative](#) – **May 13**

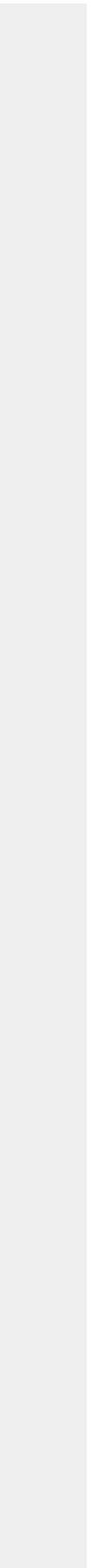[DOJ Adult Drug Court and Veterans Treatment Court Program](#) – **May 14**

To learn more about our agency, visit www.HRSA.gov

Sign up for **eNews**

Follow Us:

Subscriber Services: **Manage Preferences / Unsubscribe** | **Help**
Health Resources and Services Administration
5600 Fishers Lane Rockville, MD 20857

HRSA
Health Resources & Services Administration

This email was sent to **awards@usouthal.edu**