

Georgia Rural Health Association

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Member Update



GRHA News

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Georgia Rural Health Association Legislative Agenda 2010 will be posted on our web site within the next few weeks. Information on hotels rooms and other scheduled events will also be available.

It is Membership Renewal Time! We look forward to serving our members in the next year. If you or your organization is interested in joining **GRHA**, please visit our website: <http://www.grhainfo.org> and click on the membership tab and then click join **GRHA**. **GRHA** promotes rural health needs as a specific concern in our state, advocates for rural healthcare issues, and encourages the development of appropriate healthcare for the citizens of rural Georgia.

Center for Rural Health - Funding for Rural Physician Loan Repayment

The State Medical Education Board now has access to additional funding to expand its rural physician loan repayment program. The deadline for the application is February 5, 2010. Members of **GRHA** may go to <http://www.grhainfo.org/grants.php> for full details and go to http://smeb.georgia.gov/00/article/0,2086,48528807_49371114_153566973,00.html to download application.

HHS Announces Plans to Make \$80 Million Available to Support Health IT Workforce

Grants Will Support Community College Training Programs, Curriculum Development, Additional Programs to be Announced in Coming Weeks

Dr. David Blumenthal, HHS' National Coordinator for Health Information Technology, today announced plans to make available \$80 million in grants to help develop and strengthen the health information technology workforce.

Authorized by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), the grants are the first in a series of programs to help strengthen and support the health IT workforce. Additional details regarding the grant programs for these and other key resource and training areas will be announced over the next several weeks.

Read full story: http://www.raconline.org/news/news_details.php?news_id=12612

State Regulations for Child-Care Centers Fall Short in Preventing Childhood Obesity

Most states would get a failing grade if ranked according to model obesity-prevention regulations governing child-care centers, according to a report released today. However, improving such grades should be straightforward for most states because there is strong expert agreement on the model regulations that can best help child-care centers provide healthier foods and more opportunities for physical activity. Read more: <http://www.rwjf.org/newsroom/product.jsp?id=52968>



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