

Georgia Rural Health Association

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Member Update



GRHA News

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GRHA would like for you to take a few minutes to complete this survey. Your opinions matter to GRHA and your feedback will be most helpful. Please click the link to take the survey. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/MTQ9DFX>

REMINDER

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.

MEMBERS, PLEASE GO TO OUR WEBSITE, [HTTP://WWW.GRHAINFO.ORG](http://www.grhainfo.org) AND LOG IN. PLEASE REPORT ANY PROBLEMS

HIT \$ for rural facilities; learn how at Policy Institute

David Blumenthal, MD, Department of Health and Human Services national coordinator for health information technology, will share his plan to implement a nationwide, privacy-protected health information technology infrastructure on Jan. 25 at the NRHA Rural Health Policy Institute in Washington, D.C. The economic stimulus package has allotted \$17.2 billion to reward Medicare and Medicaid providers who can prove they are using certified health care IT in a meaningful way.

"Widespread adoption of electronic health records holds great promise for improving health care quality, efficiency, and patient safety," Blumenthal says.

To register for the Rural Health Policy Institute Conference, please visit the NRHA website, <http://www.nrharural.org>

2010 Rural Health Awards Nominations

Each year the National Rural Health Association honors outstanding individuals and organizations in the field of rural health at its Annual Conference, and 2010 will be no exception. To nominate your favorite rural health professional or student in hope that they might be known and honored nationally for dedicating their time and talents to improving the health and well-being of others please visit the NRHA website listed below. Entry deadline is Jan.15.

Information on this article can be found on the NRHA website, <http://www.nrharural.org>

EVENT REMINDERS:

Please visit our website at <http://www.grhainfo.org> to view full details of the events listed below under Events and News.

January 15, 2010

Friday

**The Fiscal Crisis: Solutions That
Move Georgia Forward**

**Loudermilk Conference Center
Atlanta, Georgia**

8:30a.m.—3:00p.m.



21st Annual NRHA and Partners Rural Health Policy Institute Jan. 25-27 in Washington, D.C.

Change has come to Washington, but our work goes on. Join us for the 21st Annual NRHA and Partners Rural Health Policy Institute Jan. 25-27 in Washington, D.C. Don't miss this opportunity to meet with key congressional members, members of the Obama Administration and national health care experts to learn how you will be impacted by health reform and how to help ensure health reform works for rural patients and providers. Click the link for information and registration details: <http://www.ruralhealthweb.org/pi>

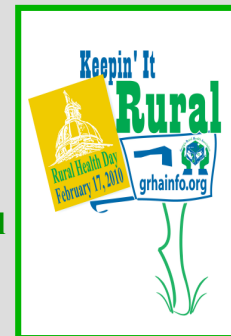


February 17, 2010

Wednesday

Rural Health Day at the Capitol

**Make your reservations at the Wyndham Garden Hotel by
February 2, 2010 and come join us for breakfast at the capitol
at 8:00 a.m.**



**EMORY UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE SOUTHEAST AIDS
TRAINING AND EDUCATION
CENTER and HIVDENT
PRESENT:**

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

Dentists, dental hygienists, dental assistants, other dental health care workers, including front office staff, and other clinicians in the Southeast who provide or plan to provide medical care to HIV-infected patients.

TOPICS TO BE ADDRESSED

This workshop will include HIPAA and confidentiality, safety measures with blood-borne pathogens, diagnosis and treatment of oral manifestations of HIV, and current HIV trends in Georgia. Presenters include Helene Bednarsh BS, RDH, MPH, David A. Reznik DDS, and Carla M. Johnson RN, BSN, ACRN.

WHERE AND WHEN

Friday, February 19, 2010 in Atlanta, Georgia. Detailed directions will be emailed to confirmed registrants.

HOW TO APPLY

This full-day workshop is free and includes lunch, training materials, and dental continuing education credit. Registration will be open after January 8 at http://www.seatec.emory.edu/trainingactivities/forthcoming_conferences.cfm.

**Oral Health Care and HIV in 2010
Friday, February 19, 2010
Atlanta, Georgia**