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 **2020-21 Rural Health Advocacy**

These are some NYS issues that we monitor

because they are important to our Members.

2020-21 Rural Health Issues

**Adequately Fund Rural Health programs**

* Restore Rural Health Networks
* Conserve Rural Health Access Development
* Release supplemental appropriation

**Respect organizations that contract with NYS**

* Enforce prompt contracting & payment
* Improve communication

**Preserve the Rural Health Safety Net**

* Safeguard funding for Public Health
* Encourage immunization
* Maintain access to health insurance
* Protect the 340B pharmacy program
* Engage underserved populations
* Support contact tracing

**Support Rural Workforce Recruitment & Retention**

* Match federal funding for Area Health Education Centers
* Continue Doctors Across New York,

Diversity in Medicine & Rural Residency Programs

**Enhance Digital Access to Care**

* Coordinate and make permanent flexible regulations for Telehealth
* Implement plans to ensure access to Broadband in rural areas

**Empower Public Health**

* Advance the NYS Prevention Agenda
* Preserve wellness promotion and disease & accident prevention programs
* Address the primary causes of mortality and morbidity in NY

**Rethink current approaches to non-emergency medical transportation**

* Enhance rural public transportation
* Improve customer service

**Modernize rural EMS**

* Expand Volunteer engagement
* Enhance training flexibility
* Increase Medicaid reimbursement
* Support Community Paramedicine

**Build capacity for behavioral healthcare**

* Standardize licensure/certification
* Ensure fair payment to Peers
* Provide SUD & transition services in local jails
* Expand Supported Housing

**NYSARH Members are…**

Rural Health Networks

Area Health Education Centers

Medical Providers

Federally Qualified Health Centers

Behavioral Health Agencies

County Public Health Departments

Hospitals & Urgent Care Centers

Schools of Higher Education

Health Foundations

Long Term Care Providers

Disease Prevention Organizations

Veteran Organizations

Community Action Agencies

Emergency Services

**NYSARH Members …**

Administer unique programs, tailored to rural communities

Deliver prevention and education services

Develop the health professionals of the future

Engage with DSRIP Performing Provider Systems

Implement Population Health Improvement Programs

Navigate healthcare and health insurance

Offer continuing education and internships

Partner with other organizations to leverage resources and maximize impact

Prepare for value-based payment

Provide or coordinate transportation

Reduce unnecessary hospital and emergency department visits

Solve community challenges at the community level

**NYSARH …**

Advocates for the health and well-being of Rural New Yorkers

Facilitates networking and collaboration across Upstate New York

Participates in the Rural Health Policy Institute in Washington, DC

Produces the premier Rural Health Conference in New York State

Publishes a Quarterly Newsletter

Works in conjunction with the NYS Office of Rural Health

Represents New York with the National Rural Health Association

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