



NARHC Membership: YOUR VOICE IN WASHINGTON

Representing our Members in Washington is NARHC's main effort as we work to keep Rural Health Clinics part of the picture of health care reform! The more RHCs that are members of the National Association, the more weight we bring to the table. Here are just a few positive changes NARHC has brought about for RHCs in 2013...

- NARHC has discouraged State Medicaid Waivers, which stand to hurt RHCs. To date, no State Waivers have been allowed.
- In one southern state, an RHC was terminated without cause. NARHC approached CMS and others, with the result that that State came back and did reinstate that RHC's license
- NARHC went to bat for RHCs on the issue of enhanced payments provided by physicians. If physicians are providing non-RHC services (i.e. vaccines for children & visits to the hospital), those services should be eligible for enhanced payments. The State did an about face after NARHC approached them. This resulted in thousands of dollars of increased revenue to the provider based organization.
- CMS asked NARHC to preview the changes they intended to make to the RHC manual. We made multiple suggestions for improvement and the result was a much better RHC manual.

With your help we can do even more!

If your system has more than one RHC, it costs less to add the affiliated clinics than it does to register each one separately. NARHC has also created joint memberships with some state RHC associations, making memberships in both the national and state associations less expensive. We keep adding new membership benefits, including the Members Only section of our website, free benchmarking, reduced conference costs, and various discounts offered by our sponsors. Without a voice at the national level, RHCs would likely not be part of the health care world conversation. We encourage you to become members and maintain your membership on an ongoing basis. You can help us and we can help you!

If you've not done so already for 2014, it's time to purchase or renew your NARHC membership, which runs Jan. through Dec. Questions: Call 866-306-1961 or email rdavis@narhc.org.

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