

Webinar - Insuring Rural America: Health Insurance Challenges and Opportunities

Date: Monday, September 17, 2018

Time: 10:00 a.m. Pacific; 11:00 a.m. Mountain; 12:00 p.m. Central; 1:00 p.m. Eastern

Duration: Approximately 60 minutes

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Description: Current U.S. policy utilizes various market-based models within Medicare, Medicaid, and Health Insurance Marketplaces to ensure access to health insurance coverage, but access is increasingly uneven and unaffordable, especially in some rural areas. After giving an overview of some of the relevant economic theory, this webinar will take participants through a series of policy considerations in three main categories: policies related to **rural insurance risk**, policies related to **provider networks**, and policies related to **rural payment rates and structures**. The discussion will focus on the real-world challenges in these areas and what the suggested policies can do to address them.

ZOOM Connection Information

- **Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android:** <https://uiowa.zoom.us/j/100784136>
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