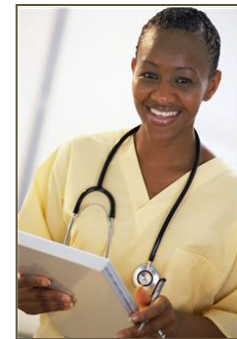


An Examination of the Healthcare Workforce Issues in Rural America

Client: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration

Project Overview

Insight worked with the Health Resources and Services Administration's (HRSA) Advisory Committee on Interdisciplinary, Community-Based Linkages (ACICBL) to develop a Congressional Report on the supply, access, quality of care, and demographic issues that impact the health care delivery system in rural America. ACICBL consists of member representatives from Area Health Education Centers, Health Education Training Centers, Geriatric Education Centers, Geriatric Training Programs for Physicians, Geriatric Academic Career Awards, Allied Health, Chiropractic, Podiatry, Psychology, and Rural Interdisciplinary Programs, and provides advice to Congress and the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) on issues under the domain of Title VII, Section 756 programs.



"An Examination of the Healthcare Workforce Issues in Rural America," ACICBL's Eighth Report, addressed specific health care issues for rural populations and the status of the rural health care workforce and offered detailed recommendations and specific steps to address these rural health concerns. Through expert testimony, white papers, and direct research, this report analyzed specific health care concerns in rural America including rural health financing, workforce supply, access to care, quality of care, health care disparities and population demographics, challenges and opportunities, and the role of Title VII in overcoming those challenges.



ACICBL provided a series of recommendations in support of its findings; these included recommendations to expand access to services, promote better collaboration and coordination, implement and test innovative practice models, and develop programmatic and policy changes. The overall focus of these recommendations was to reduce health disparities and improve health outcomes with respect to rural populations.

Core Activities

Stakeholder Engagement and Coordination of Advisory Committees and Technical Expert Panels; Literature Reviews and Environmental Scans; Policy Analysis and Assessment; Report Development and Presentation

Products

The final report is entitled "Rural Health Issues and the Need for Title VII Health Professions Support." (September 2008)

