

An Examination of the Healthcare Workforce Issues in Rural America

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

Overview

Insight worked with the Health Resources and Services Administration's Advisory Committee on Interdisciplinary, Community-Based Linkages (ACICBL) to develop a congressional report on the supply, access, quality of care, and demographic issues that affect the healthcare 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; and allied health, chiropractic, podiatry, psychology, and rural interdisciplinary programs. The organization provides advice to Congress and the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services on issues under the domain of Title VII, Section 756 programs.

ACICBL's Report to Congress addressed specific healthcare issues for rural populations and the status of the rural healthcare workforce and offered recommendations to address issues of concern. Through expert testimony, white papers, and direct research, the report analyzed rural health financing, workforce supply, access to care, quality of care, healthcare disparities and population demographics, challenges and opportunities, and the role of Title VII in overcoming those challenges.



ACICBL's recommendations aimed to expand access to services, promote better collaboration and coordination, implement and test innovative practice models, and develop programmatic and policy changes. The focus of the recommendations was to reduce health disparities and improve health outcomes for rural populations.

Products

Final report, *Rural Health Issues and the Need for Title VII Health Professions Support* (September 2008)