



**Arizona Rural Health Association**

# RURAL HEALTH ADVOCACY

ARIZONA RURAL & PUBLIC POLICY FORUM

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# LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



*I would like to recognize the O’Odham and Piipaash peoples and their ancestors on whose traditional land we are gathering today. We acknowledge them as the past, present and future caretakers of this land.*

*Additionally, AzRHA also acknowledges indigenous culture of Arizona. The 22 Tribal nations whose traditional lands that we all live and work on.*

*This acknowledgment demonstrates the commitment to foster understanding, appreciation, and respect for this heritage.*

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## OUR MISSION



- The mission of the Arizona Rural Health Association is to be a leader in **partnerships, education** and **policy** for improving the health status of rural communities in Arizona.



## PURPOSE & ACTIVITY AIMS

To preserve and enhance rural health in Arizona

Engage AzRHA members and partners in activities that promote justice in rural health care by providing an organized structure that enables seamless communication and actions.

Conduct educational programs and further the professional knowledge of its members

Serve as a resource for affiliated rural healthcare organizations

Advocate for rural health & wellbeing

Promote and advocate for equality in healthcare, education, employment and social justice for people with limited English Proficiency, diverse cultural and ethnic backgrounds and disabilities, regardless of gender, sexual orientation and gender identity.

# ARIZONA PRIORITIES



- Medicare Advantage
- Rural Maternal Health
- 340B Drug Pricing Program
- Telehealth & Broadband
- Suicide Prevention
- Rural Health Equity
- Social Determinants of Health
- Transportation
- Rural Healthcare Workforce
- Rural Hospital Viability

# COLLABORATION PROJECTS



- Connecting Arizona Campaign
- Yavapai Health Department Youth Suicide Collaboration - *Pending*
- Substance Use Disorder Grant

# UPCOMING EDUCATION



## Medicare Advantage's Growing Impact on Rural Health

This webinar will cover the growth of Medicare Advantage enrollment in rural areas and the effects that this trend has on both patients and providers, including payment issues, prior authorization and delayed care, and administrative burdens.

**When:** Wednesday, February 28, 2024

**Time:** 2pm – 3pm MST

**Registration:** <https://azrhassociation.org/event-5598333>

- Member Price is for members of the AzRHA. If you are a member, please login before registering.
- Non-Member – \$25.00 For non-members of AzRHA. This includes a 1-year membership.

### Presenter: Alexa McKinley

Alexa McKinley is the Government Affairs and Policy Director at the National Rural Health Association (NRHA). Alexa leads NRHA's executive branch advocacy and provides policy and technical assistance to Capitol Hill. Her portfolio includes Medicare payment, Medicare Advantage, rural hospital policy, Graduate Medical Education, 340B, and oral health. She received a J.D. from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law in 2021 and a B.A. in political science from Michigan State University in 2018.







# Thank You

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