

Bridging a Care Gap: Policy opportunities for improving access to home-based primary care for rural populations

Tuesday, December 5, 2023 | 11:00AM -12:00 PM ET

Webinar Draft Agenda

Background and Webinar Objectives

- Home-based primary care is important for addressing health needs and advancing health equity, particularly for older adults and those with complex health and social needs who struggle to access care in traditional clinical settings. Yet there remains unmet demand for home-based primary care, which is exacerbated in rural areas with rural adults [78 percent less likely](#) than those in the largest metropolitan counties to receive home-based medical care.
- This webinar will discuss the unique challenges of supporting rural home-based primary care and evidence-based policy and reforms to scale home-based primary care in rural areas to enhance equitable access to comprehensive, longitudinal care.

11:00 AM Welcome, Introductions, and Overview

Mark McClellan, MD, PhD; Director, Duke-Margolis Center for Health Policy
Rani Snyder, MPA; Vice President, Program, The John A. Hartford Foundation

11:10 AM Panel Discussion: Lessons from the field and opportunities to increase access to home-based primary care for rural communities

Robert Saunders, PhD; (Moderator) Senior Research Director, Duke-Margolis Center for Health Policy
Carrie Cochran-McClain, DrPH; Chief Policy Officer, National Rural Health Association
Kristen Dillon, MD, FAAFP; Chief Medical Officer, Federal Office of Rural Health Policy
Elizabeth Foster, MD; Lead Clinician, Connected Care for Older Adults
Amar Kendale, MS; President, Homeward Health

Objectives:

- Discuss the landscape of rural home-based primary care and the unique challenges of implementing home-based primary care in rural areas;
- Explore care delivery considerations for supporting rural home-based primary care; and
- Identify policy opportunities to support rural home-based primary care providers and the communities they serve.

11:55 PM Synthesize Key Areas for Action and Next Steps

Jonathan Gonzalez-Smith, MPAff; Assistant Research Director, Duke-Margolis Center for Health Policy

12:00 PM Adjourn