

OFFICE OF RURAL HEALTH / RURAL HEALTH CENTERS / OPERATIONAL GRANT PROGRAM

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N. C. DHHS Confirmation Reports:

SFY 2020 audit confirmation reports for payments made to Counties, Local Management Entities (LMEs), Managed Care Organizations (MCOs), Boards of Education, Councils of Government, District Health Departments and DHSR Grant Subrecipients will be available by mid-October at <https://www.ncdhhs.gov/about/administrative-offices/office-controller/audit-confirmation-reports>. At this site, click on the link entitled "Audit Confirmation Reports (State Fiscal Year 2019-2020)". Additionally, audit confirmation reports for Nongovernmental entities receiving financial assistance from the DHHS are found at the same website except select "Non-Governmental Audit Confirmation Reports (State Fiscal Years 2018-2020)

Brief Description of Program:

This program is designed to assist local leaders with the development and implementation of strategies for improving health care access for rural residents. Technical assistance and limited financial resources are provided to underserved communities in developing and maintaining rural health centers. The objective of the Rural Health Centers Operational Grant Program is to make primary health care services available and accessible to residents of rural and underserved areas that have previously experienced an insufficiency of such services. Operational funding is provided through the Medical Access Plan (MAP) to help offset the cost of providing primary care medical services and limited integrated behavioral health services to underserved residents in the rural health care center's service area. In addition, it provides funds for planning and implementation as well as innovation projects to move rural health centers towards triple aim and practice transformation which improves access, quality, and cost effectiveness of health care.

Organizations Funded: Private Local Government Both

Source of Funds: State 100% Federal 0%