

Please join AHA President & CEO Rick Pollack & special guests for the

AHA Rural Hospital Policy Forum

Immediately followed by AHA Advocacy Day on Health Reform

July 19-20, 2017

Wednesday, July 19, 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM – Welcome Reception

Thursday, July 20, 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM – Rural Hospital Policy Forum on Capitol Hill

Featured Speakers:



Sen. Chuck Grassley
(R-Iowa)



George Sigounas,
M.S., Ph.D.
Administrator, HRSA



Tom Morris,
M.P.A., Associate
Administrator for Rural
Health Policy, HRSA



Rick Pollack
AHA President & CEO



Tom Nickels
AHA Executive Vice
President

Please join us in Washington, D.C. to advocate for critical rural payment programs, which are set to expire this year if Congress does not act. Hear firsthand from Sen. Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa) and HRSA Administrator George Sigounas, M.S., Ph.D., about federal action to ensure access to care in vulnerable communities. Please stay to participate in the AHA Advocacy Day on Senate consideration of the Better Care Reconciliation Act, which would repeal and replace parts of the Affordable Care Act. Rick Pollack and AHA Executive Vice President Tom Nickels will provide an update on the latest Senate action and discuss key messages on the devastating impact BCRA will have on your hospitals and the communities and patients they serve. **Please register for the event at www.aha.org/RuralForum2.**

Hill Visits

We urge you to schedule time to meet with your legislators on Capitol Hill following this AHA event. Please coordinate your visits with your state hospital association.

Hotel Information

Hotel rooms are available at the **Liaison Washington**, 415 New Jersey Avenue N.W., Washington, D.C., for \$259 per night on July 19 and 20 (Room block expires on June 30). Call **888-513-7445** and mention the “American Hospital Association” when booking. Please contact AHA if the hotel is full.

Contact

For more information about the AHA Rural Hospital Policy Forum, please contact Michael McCue at mmccue@aha.org or **312-422-3319**. This event is open to AHA members and their state hospital associations only. This program is designed to comply with the requirements for a widely attended event.



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RURAL HEALTH
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Washington, D.C.

Reception

Please join AHA President & CEO Rick Pollack and Cara James, Co-Chair, CMS Rural Health Council, as well as your rural hospital colleagues
Wednesday, July 19 at 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Art & Soul Restaurant, Liaison Hotel (415 New Jersey Avenue, N.W.)

Rural Hospital Policy Forum

Thursday, July 20 at 8:30 a.m. – 10 a.m. (breakfast available at 8 a.m.)
Reserve Officers Association (One Constitution Avenue, N.E. – near Dirksen Senate Bldg.)

Agenda

Breakfast Available

Rural Priorities & Key Messages

- **Rick Pollack, AHA President & CEO**
- **Tom Nickels, AHA Executive Vice President**

Rural Legislative Priorities & the Future of Rural Health Care

- **Sen. Chuck Grassley (R-IA)**

Administration Perspectives & Priorities

- **George Sigounas, M.S., Ph.D., Administrator, Health Resources and Services Administration**
- **Tom Morris, M.P.A., Associate Administrator for Rural Health Policy, HRSA**

AHA Advocacy Day to immediately follow.