

## **NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF STATE OFFICES OF RURAL HEALTH (NOSORH)**

The National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health (NOSORH) was established in 1995 to assist State Offices of Rural Health in their efforts to improve access to, and the quality of, health care for America's rural citizens. All 50 states maintain a State Office of Rural Health (SORH). Although each office varies in terms of size, scope, organization and services/resources provided, each SORH exists to help rural communities in their state build effective healthcare delivery systems. Funding levels and sources also vary; however, each SORH receives a portion of its funding through the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy. With this funding, SORHs are expected to:

- Collect and disseminate health-related information
- Coordinate state rural health resources and activities
- Provide technical assistance
- Encourage the recruitment and retention of health professionals
- Strengthen state, local and federal partnerships.

### **Mission Statement**

The National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health (NOSORH) promotes the capacity of state offices of rural health to improve health care in rural America through leadership development, advocacy, education and partnerships.

### **Purpose**

- Support the development of state and community rural health leaders
- Create and facilitate national, regional and state partnerships that foster information sharing and spur rural health-related programs and activities
- Help communities promote a healthy rural America through enhanced access to quality health care services

### **What NOSORH Does**

- Strengthen the leadership and technical assistance capacity of State Offices of Rural Health
- Provide a forum for the exchange and distribution of rural health information

- Promote the development and maintenance of State Rural Health Associations
- Provide leadership for state and community-based rural health activities