

MISSISSIPPI RURAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION



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31 Woodgreen Place
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Membership category: _____ Student (\$10) _____ Individual (\$25) _____ Organization (\$100)

Rural health interests _____ MRHA committee interests _____

Other gifts and donations are acceptable as charitable contributions and may be tax deductible under our 501(c)3 designation.

Membership is renewed on an annual basis. Please make checks payable to **Mississippi Rural Health Association** and mail to

31 Woodgreen Place, Madison, MS 39110 Telephone: (601) 898-3001 FAX: (601) 898-4666



What is the Mississippi Rural Health Association?

A forum for all aspects of rural health care.

The Mississippi Rural Health Association is a 501(c)3 non-profit grassroots organization working to improve the health of rural Mississippians. MRHA is one of the few organizations in the state that offers a forum to bring together all aspects of health care.

What is MRHA's mission?

The mission of the association is to provide leadership for improvement in the health status of rural Mississippians through education, communication, and collaboration.

What are MRHA's goals?

- Improve basic and preventive health services for rural Mississippians, including issues of access.
- Raise awareness of rural health issues in the public, legislative, and professional realms.
- Promote partnerships and the efforts of other health organizations working to enhance rural health care.
- Coordinate rural health emphasis in federal, state, and local policy development and implementation.
- Promote pursuit of health careers in rural areas.
- Provide continuing education opportunities for rural health professionals.

Who should be a member of MRHA?

MRHA's membership is composed of a variety of stakeholders interested in the health of rural Mississippians. Each stakeholder brings to the membership the unique and special concerns he or she has for rural Mississippi. This diversity of membership serves to broaden the base of the organization as we work together to make positive lasting changes in the health of our rural regions.

What are the benefits of membership?

MRHA members have the opportunity to do the following:

- Participate in a statewide network of rural health professionals and interested stakeholders.
- Help shape MRHA strategies.
- Receive timely updates about both state and national rural health issues through
 - Participation in the MRHA list-serve.
 - Receipt of a quarterly MRHA newsletter.
 - Participation in rural health conferences and forums.
- Collaborate with others interested in rural health issues.
- Become an effective voice in shaping Mississippi's rural health care system.
- Receive discounts on conferences and other educational workshops.
- Receive news alerts from the National Rural Health Association.
- Participate in conferences, symposiums, and forums to further the understanding of significant rural health issues.

How do I become a member?

MRHA has three membership categories:

- **Individual Member.** Any individual not holding membership in another membership category. Individual members have full voting rights within the organization. Annual dues are \$25/person.
- **Student Member.** Persons who are enrolled as full-time students in institutions of higher education. Full-time is defined as twelve (12) or more undergraduate learning hours or nine (9) or more graduate hours. Student members have full voting rights. Annual dues are \$10/person.
- **Organizational Member.** Any legally constituted organization or corporation can become a member. The organization can then designate up to five (5) members of their organization as representatives. The organization can designate one person to be the voting member. Annual dues are \$100/organization.

Whom do I contact for more information?

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