

We Must ADVOCATE to Improve Rural Health Clinics

- Do you like the way distant site was brought to RHCs?
- What are the long-term implications of \$92.00 payment for all telehealth services?
- How can we improve G0071 payment?
- Virtual Check-Ins, Digital E-visits what is next for healthcare? How will the next thing be brought to rural health clinics?



We can make changes!

- Legislation approved by the Senate and expected to be approved by the House includes \$225 million for RHCs!
- We have been able to make progress on some regulatory items
- COVID-19 has pushed Medicare policy towards telehealth by leaps and bounds



We have more work to do

- As the PHE emergency unwinds, Congress and CMS will have to decide what policies they keep, what policies they tweak, and what policies go back.
- We have major underlying issues with reimbursement
- Capped and uncapped dynamic is unsustainable
- We must proactively solve this issue before someone else solves it for us



What can you do?

- Advocate!
- If you are in a system or are provider-based, make sure that the RHC perspective is properly represented by your C-suite or Government Affairs Team
- “It would go a long way if just one or two RHCs contacted our office about this issue”
-Hill staffer to me
- Advocacy is like anything in life the more you put in the more you will get out.

