

## NRHA Members Policy Perspectives Papers

Members are invited to submit perspectives paper topics by emailing a NRHA GA team staff point of contact with their proposal. The steps are as follows:

- *Step 1: Think of an issue or concept you want to share on NRHA's advocacy press center and reach out to NRHA staff to express your interest.*
- *Step 2: Submit your draft paper to [advocacy@ruralhealth.us](mailto:advocacy@ruralhealth.us), with a cc to Carrie Cochran-McClain.*
- *Step 3: A member of the NRHA team will respond to discuss a timeline for publication and any proposed feedback.*
- *Step 4: Submitter review edits and provide additional edits or final approval.*
- *Step 5: NRHA Chief Policy Officer review and approval.*
- *Step 6: Final copy edit.*
- *Step 7: NRHA publishes perspectives paper on the NRHA website and promotes on social media.*

NRHA guidelines for submissions include:

- All posts should be kept to 700- 1,000 words.
- Tone can be first-person and aims to be knowledgeable but not overly formal.
- All posts must have a clear connection to rural health. Posts do not have to be specifically about rural health care but should make an attempt to make a tie back into the larger rural health landscape.
- NRHA leadership may provide feedback on issues where the association doesn't have clearly established policy and/or if the content is perceived as extremely adversarial or politically biased.
- We will do our best to meet requested timelines for publishing when they do not conflict with previously scheduled perspectives papers and/or staffing availability.
- Initial drafts must be submitted for review at least 1 week before agreed upon publishing date and finalized at least 2 days in advance.

Criteria for Prioritizing Paper Scheduling

- **Timeliness:** If there is an event that coincides with the members' perspectives paper, we will weigh it in decisions about timing.
- **Availability:** The Coalition will aim to post no more than 1 paper per week or more than 1 paper per month including those by Board Members and staff focused on the bigger themes in rural health care.

*If you have any questions, please contact Sabrina Ho at [sho@ruralhealth.us](mailto:sho@ruralhealth.us)*