

# *Georgia Rural Health Association*

Join Us for the 2011 Annual Meeting & Conference  
September 19-21, 2011 • Callaway Gardens Lodge & Spa



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## **Keepin' It Rural – 30 Years & Counting!**

This year's conference will address a variety of issues including access to care, success stories, and ways your organization can be an innovator in rural healthcare. Evening entertainment includes a reception honoring our annual Awards of Excellence Recipients.



Conference participants will include healthcare CEOs and CFOs, a variety of providers, educators, students, and health advocates, in addition to community leaders and elected officials.

GRHA has a block of rooms at the Lodge & Spa reserved for attendees. Reservations are made on an individual basis and can be made by calling 706-489-3300. Be sure to advise the reservation agent that you are attending Georgia Rural Health Association meeting to receive your discounted rate.

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## 2011 Annual Conference at Callaway Gardens

### Program Highlights

#### Monday, September 19

- National Issues and Initiatives Impacting Rural Health
- Political Impact of Redistricting on Rural Georgia
- Update on Rural Health Initiatives and Grants
- GRHA Board Meeting
- GRHA Awards Dinner & Reception Honoring Past Presidents, Celebrating 30 Years

#### Tuesday, September 20

- Health Status & Economic Vitality: Rediscovering and Reestablishing the Connection
- Concurrent Sessions: Clinical Issues in Rural Health Care, Rural Workforce Programs with Results, Management/ Administration, Supporting the Rural Health Workforce/Innovative Programs, Immunization, Implementing Electronic Medical Records, Medicaid Incentive Program, Georgia Early Childhood System of Care and Georgia Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Visiting program; Rural Health Clinics
- Georgia Insurance Commissioner **Ralph T. Hudgens**: Implications of the Affordable Care Act on Rural Georgia
- Student Poster Sessions

#### Wednesday, September 21

- Panel Discussion, State Agency Visions for Rural Health: **Dr. Brenda Fitzgerald**, Commissioner, Georgia Department of Public Health; **Tony L. Brown**, Deputy Director, Georgia Department of Community Health; State Office of Rural Health; **Dr. Frank Shelp**, Commissioner, Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities
- Effective Grassroots Advocacy for Rural Constituents
- Who Calls a 1-800 Number for Healthcare?
- Call to Action, What to Do When You Get Home

See the Complete Agenda at [www.grhainfo.org](http://www.grhainfo.org)



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