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Why Do Rural Primary-Care Physicians Sell Their Practices? August 2000. The University of Minnesota Rural Health Research Center

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The Proximity of Rural African American and Hispanic/Latino Communities to Physicians and Hospital Services. No. 72. June 26, 2001. (With an Associated Policy Brief). North Carolina Rural Health Research and Policy Analysis Center.

Race and Place Series: *Urban-Rural Differences in Health for Racial and Ethnic Minorities.* No. 66. March 2000. (With an Associated Policy Brief) North Carolina Rural Health Research and Policy Analysis Center

Perinatal and Infant Health Among Rural and Urban American Indians/Alaska Natives. June 1999. WWAMI Rural Health Research Center.

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Models for Integrating and Managing Acute and Long Term Care Services in Rural Areas. June 2000. University of Southern Maine Rural Health Research Center, Institute for Health Policy

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Rural Home Health Users: Vulnerability to Recent Reforms. The Project HOPE Walsh Center for Rural Health Analysis.

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Quality Oversight: Why Are Rural Hospitals Less Likely to Be JCAHO Accredited? November, 1999. The University Of Minnesota Rural Health Research Center.

Telemedicine: A New Framework for Quality Assessment. June, 1999. The University of Minnesota Rural Health Research Center

Quality of Care Challenges for Rural Health. January, 1999. University of Minnesota Rural Health Research Center and the WWAMI Rural Health Research Center.

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HMOs Serving Rural Areas: Experiences with HMO accreditation and HEDIS Reporting - working paper #29. May 1999. The University of Minnesota Rural Health Research Center

Rural Primary Care Practices and Managed Care Organizations: Relationships and Risk Sharing - Working Paper Series. April 1999. The University of Minnesota Rural Health Research Center

State HMO Accreditation and External Quality Review Requirements: Implications for HMOs Serving Rural Areas. January 1999. The University of Minnesota Rural Health Research Center

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***Medicaid Managed Behavioral Health in Rural Areas.* February 2001. University of Southern Maine Rural Health Research Center**

***Best Practices in Rural Medicaid Managed Behavioral Health.* January 1999. University of Southern Maine Rural Health Research Center**

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At Risk Hospitals: The Role of CAH Status In Mitigating the Effects of New Prospective Payment Systems Under Medicare (With Associated Policy Brief). February 2000. North Carolina Rural Health Research and Policy Analysis Center

The Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility Program: Rapid Progress Toward Full Implementation. A report on the first two years of implementation of the Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility Program. September 1999. North Carolina Rural Health Research and Policy Analysis Center.

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The Effects of Market Reform on Rural Public Health Departments. January 2000. (With Associated Policy Brief). North Carolina Rural Health Research and Policy Analysis Center

Domestic Violence is a Rural Health Issue. July 1999. University of Southern Maine Rural Health Research Center.

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The Influence of Rural Residence on the Use of Preventive Health Care Services. December 2000. The University of Minnesota Rural Health Research Center

15. **Uninsured**

Is the Rural Safety Net at Risk? Analysis of Charity and Uncompensated Care Provided by Rural Hospitals in Washington, West Virginia, Texas, Iowa, and Vermont. January 2001. (With an Associated Policy Brief). The Project HOPE Walsh Center for Rural Health Analysis.

Health Insurance in Rural America (Rural Policy Brief, October 2000, RUPRI Center for Rural Health Policy Analysis

Data Sources to Study Uncompensated Care Provided by Rural Hospitals. May 2000. (With an Associated Policy Brief). The Project HOPE Walsh Center for Rural Health Analysis.

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Conference Report - The National Rural Health Research Agenda Setting Conference.
November 2000, RUPRI Center for Rural Health Policy Analysis.

Linking Rural Health Services Research with Health Policy. October 2000. RUPRI Center for Rural Health Policy Analysis.

HOW TO OBTAIN REPORTS

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Project HOPE: www.projecthope.org

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