

NERHRT Policy Committee - Issue Submission Form

Issue Title (brief description of the policy issue):

Issue Champion's Contact Information: *(The champion is the individual that will serve as the primary contact for the NERHRT Policy Board regarding this issue.)*

Name:

Organizational Affiliation (optional):

Address:

Phone:

Fax:

Email:

Nature of Issue:

1) Check all that apply:

Legislative Action	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pending	<input type="checkbox"/>	Passed	<input type="checkbox"/>	Needed	<input type="checkbox"/>
Regulatory Action	<input type="checkbox"/>	Proposed	<input type="checkbox"/>	Implemented	<input type="checkbox"/>	Needed	<input type="checkbox"/>
Provider/Organizational Action	<input type="checkbox"/>	Proposed	<input type="checkbox"/>	Implemented	<input type="checkbox"/>	Needed	<input type="checkbox"/>

2) Issue is a: Threat to rural health Opportunity for rural health Both Neither

3) Is this a matter that requires immediate action or action by a specific date? No Yes (see below)

What date is action needed by? ____/____/____

What happens on that date? _____

Description of Issue: *Briefly describe the nature of the issue you would like the NERHRT Policy Committee to address. Be as concise and narrow as possible in describing the policy relevance.*

Implications of Issue: *Briefly describe how this policy issue will impact rural health in the New England states, with a particular focus on the threats and opportunities noted above.*

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Other Activities Being Undertaken: *Please describe any actions that you are aware of that are being undertaken to address the issue by individuals or organizations other than the NERHRT:*

Action Requested: *There are a number of ways in which the NERHRT Policy Committee can address an issue. Please review the following actions and describe how you feel the NERHRT could best assist in addressing this issue:*

- 1) Letter of Support - Specific endorsement of an initiative being undertaken by an organization external to the NERHRT with clear implications for rural health in New England.
- 2) Newsletter Highlight - Inclusion of a factual statement of an issue in the NERHRT newsletter, to raise awareness amongst the NERHRT membership.
- 3) Policy Brief - A short paper summarizing a specific rural health policy issue that does not require extensive research or background information. (1-2 pages)
- 4) Policy Paper - A more extensive paper requiring research into the issue and understanding of the history, current status, and long-range policy implications.
- 5) Conference Topic / Legislative Panel - A topic of great significance for rural health in New England that is worthy of consideration as a topic for broad discussion by the membership at the annual conference.
- 6) Position Statement - A public statement on behalf of the NERHRT which sets forth policy priorities or endorses action for, or against, a particular piece of legislation, regulatory action, or initiative by an external organization.

Please describe requested action:

Other interested parties: *Please list the names and contact information of other individuals or organizations that might be interested in assisting the NERHRT Policy Committee in addressing this issue:*