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# **Rural Health Transformation Program**

With Medicaid changes ahead, the Rural Health Transformation Program (RHTP) offers a rare funding opportunity to strengthen care, modernize systems, and address workforce challenges. Now is the time for providers to work with their state governments and rural health associations to influence how funds are allocated.

#### **Program Overview**

The RHTP provides \$50 billion in funding over five years (2026 to 2030). Administered by CMS, the program will fund improvements to access quality care, strengthens services, and supports the financial stability of rural hospitals and providers.

## **Funding Breakdown**

- 50% of annual funds split equally among states with approved applications/plans
- 50% distributed based on rural population, facility counts, and CMS-determined criteria
- States approved could receive up to \$200M/year

## **Eligible Uses of Funds**

States must use funds for at least three of the following:

- Provider payments and workforce development
- Technology solutions
- Training and technical assistance
- Community health services
- Innovative care models

## **How to Prepare for RHTP Funding**

- Know your Medicaid payer mix to forecast potential financial impacts.
- Connect with your governor's office to have your needs heard and be included in your state's plan.
- Focus on eligible projects that align with at least three RHTP funding categories.

#### WHAT TO KNOW NOW

- \$50B in Funding
  - To transform rural healthcare over the next 5 years.
- Your State Decides

  Engage now to ensure inclusion.
- Act Fast

  Proposals could open as early as next month.

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