

Rural Health Transformation Program

H.R. 1 / One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA)



Rural Health Transformation Program: Funding Summary



Rural Health Transformation Program: Plan Activities

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

- Promoting evidence-based, measurable interventions to improve prevention and chronic disease management.
- Providing payments to health care providers for the provision of health care items or services, as specified by the Administrator.
- Promoting technology-driven solutions for the prevention and management of chronic diseases.
- Providing training and technical assistance for the development and adoption of technology-enabled solutions that improve care delivery in rural hospitals, including remote monitoring, robotics, artificial intelligence, and other advanced technologies.
- Recruiting and retaining clinical workforce talent to rural areas, with commitments to serve rural communities for a minimum of 5 years.

Rural Health Transformation Program: Plan Activities

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

- Providing technical assistance, software, and hardware for significant information technology advances designed to improve efficiency, enhance cybersecurity capability development, and improve patient health outcomes.
- Assisting rural communities to right size their health care delivery systems by identifying needed preventative, ambulatory, pre-hospital, emergency, acute inpatient care, outpatient care, and post-acute care service lines.
- Supporting access to opioid use disorder treatment services (as defined in section 1861(j)(1)), other substance use disorder treatment services, and mental health services.
- Developing projects that support innovative models of care that include value-based care arrangements and alternative payment models, as appropriate.
- Additional uses designed to promote sustainable access to high quality rural health care services, as determined by the Administrator.

What's Next?

August

- August 13: Stakeholder informational webinar; release stakeholder survey
- August 14: Rural Health Transformation Program webpage go-live (dhhs.utah.gov/ruralhealth)
- August 22: Deadline for survey responses

September

- "Early September": CMS expected to release RHTP application guidance
- DHHS to organize listening sessions across Utah to gather input, including invitations to local legislators and elected officials
- Workgroups with internal and external stakeholders identify potential projects based on priority activity areas
- Start drafting application based on CMS guidance

What's Next?

October-November

- GOPB review
- Internal DHHS review
- Social Services appropriations subcommittee (if requested)
- Legislative authorization to request grant
- Applications due

December

- December 31: CMS Administrator to approve or deny applications

Questions?

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