Rural Health Transformation (RHT) Program Program Overview

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AGENDA

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What is the Rural Health Transformation Program?

\$50 Billion

Over 5 years

Established by OBBB

to transform care and improve outcomes in rural communities

50% to Approved States

50% Based on Ruralness, State Policies & Quality of Application





What are the Use of Fund Requirements?



Additional uses designed to promote sustainable access to high quality rural health care services, as determined by the Administrator

Note: Additional details available in the statute

*Cannot supplant or modify fee schedule payments for insurance reimbursable clinical services. Justify why provider payments are not already reimbursable or how the payment will fill a gap in care coverage



What is in the Application?



Statutory Requirements

Detailed transformation plan and initiatives that align against at least 3 of the statutorily approved use of funds categories

Use of funds on prior page

Initiatives have measurable outcomes, plan to engage key stakeholders, highlights impacted counties across a State, is sustainable, and directly impacts health care of rural residents







Budget & Operations

Workplan and timeline for implementation including: budget, milestones, data tracking and commitment to State policy changes (if committed to in a State's submitted plan) within 2 years



What is the Expected Timeline?











Application Released

By Mid September: Application released

Late September: Intro webinars

Application Formation

All October: Channels to receive and respond to questions from States

Submission Deadline

Early November: Application due

Awardee Decisions

By December 31: Awardee decisions Monitoring Begins

2026+: Continuous monitoring & support from CMS



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