



Colorado Rural Health Transformation Program Process

Communication Purpose

This communication is intended to answer questions on the process being undertaken to: (a) complete and submit the Rural Health Transformation Program (RHTP) application to the federal government for funding, and (b) manage the dissemination of federally awarded grant dollars. It is also intended to clarify that a Rural Health Transformation Advisory Committee will be established, when, and for what purpose.

RHTP Application Completion & Submission

Clearly, this federal grant opportunity is very important to many rural providers, their associations and representatives, as well as other stakeholders. This RHTP Application Completion & Submission process is intended to ensure flexible and targeted stakeholder engagement that allows the Department of Health Care Policy & Financing (HCPF) to reach a broad array of voices who want to be heard, and to be responsive to those voices, while operating agilely, with fewer bottlenecks and transparency. It further enables the state to meet the application completion and submission deadline of early November, as currently targeted by CMS. CMS is indicating that notice of grant awards will be public by December 31, 2025.

Stakeholder Engagement

Initial stakeholder engagement began in August 2025. The application was released by CMS on September 15, 2025. HCPF will continue to work with stakeholders to create and aggregate the application content through an Application Core Working Group and additional stakeholder meetings and opportunities for input and feedback.

The RHTP Application Core Working Group has begun and includes those who wish to participate from within the following categories:

- Colorado Rural Health Center
- State Tribal Affairs Office and representatives
- Colorado Hospital Association
- Colorado Behavioral Healthcare Council
- Colorado Community Health Network (Federally Qualified Health Centers [FQHCs])
- FQHC CEOs
- Colorado Rural Futures Group
- Colorado Health Initiative
- Western Healthcare Alliance
- Eastern Plains Healthcare Consortium
- Rural Hospital CEOs
- Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment
- Office of eHealth Innovation, the State-Designated Entity for all Health IT strategy, policy, and funding coordination
- All 4 Regional Accountable Entity CEOs
- The Emergency Medical Services Association
- Consumer Advocate representatives



- Other key stakeholders

To ensure active stakeholder engagement, project completion, and transparent communications, HCPF is also committed to:

- Regular updates via email and newsletters each week
- Targeted check-ins and working sessions with key individuals and groups (The last working session was October 2, 2025, from 9-11 am and 1-3 pm)
- Weekly working sessions internally so we continue moving forward

Following Colorado's RHTP application submission to CMS, HCPF will convene a formal RHTP Advisory Committee to:

- Develop requests for applications for grantees
- Recommend potential grant programs
- Support ongoing program administration, such as grantee monitoring, federal reporting, and award revisions

We thank you for your engagement to date and for your partnership in securing and investing these important federal grant dollars to the betterment of Colorado's eligible rural providers and those they serve. For more information, please visit HCPF's RHTP website: [Rural Health Transformation Program | Department of Health Care Policy and Financing](#). For questions, or to voice your thoughts on this approach, please contact HCPF's dedicated RHTP email: hcpf_RHTP@state.co.us