

Rural Provider Sustainability Communities of Practice

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History

- American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) 1.10 Rural Sustainability & Investments
 - Phase I: Heatmap Dashboard
 - Phase II: Recommendations Report
 - Stakeholder Engagement surrounding barriers to Rural Provider Sustainability
 - Research into **shared resource systems** in rural communities

Phase I: Heatmap Dashboard

- Currently LIVE - [Rural Sustainability Heatmap page](#)
- Inputs include Calendar Year (2019-2024), Benefit Type, HCBS Waiver or State Plan Waiver, Service Type
- Map is updated each year with previous year's **claims data** (usually available April)
 - Next update will start in April 2026
- Should be used in tandem with Find a Doctor and other waiver amenity tools

Phase II: Shared Resource Systems

Definition & Purpose:

- Collaborative approach where rural providers share essential resources.
- Aims to improve access to healthcare services in rural areas.

Examples of Shared Resources:

- **Workforce:** Coordinated staffing solutions.
- **Training Programs:** Shared education and skill development.
- **Administrative Support:** Joint management of overhead costs and duties.
- **Supplies & Equipment:** Shared access to PPE and other essential materials.

Key Benefits:

- Strengthens partnerships between hospitals, clinics, and Long Term Services and Supports (LTSS) providers.
- Optimizes resource use, reducing financial and operational strain.
- Frees up resources that can be reinvested in improving service delivery.



Post- ARPA Work

- Hosted Listening Sessions in May with Rural Providers
 - Share the information from the report
 - Get feedback on what made sense, what barriers might be, etc.
 - Barriers included **travel, workforce, waiting lists, and knowing who to outreach & when**
 - Wanted to continue the conversation in Communities of Practice



Communities of Practice

Quarterly

- Next Meeting is Monday, December 8th at 1:00 pm.

Topic Request Form

- Stakeholder-Led Agendas

December

- HCPF Case Management Team Q&A

Other Opportunities to Engage

Direct Care Workforce Collaborative

- Quarterly Stakeholder Meeting
 - Bi-Monthly Action Groups
- Information around workforce initiatives from state partners, available resources, etc.

Direct Care Workforce Page

- HCPF initiatives related to Direct Care



Upcoming Dates

Rural Provider Sustainability Communities of Practice

- Monday, December 8th at 1:00 p.m.

Direct Care Workforce Collaborative

- Wednesday, December 11th at 10:00 a.m.



Questions?

Thank You!

Reach out to HCPF_RuralSustainaility@state.co.us

