

CCAM-TAC Rural Health Transformation Program

Daily News Update | April 24, 2026

Historic National Rollout: Mobilizing the \$50 Billion Federal Investment

The Rural Health Transformation Program (RHTP), established under the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA), has officially entered its most intensive phase of implementation. This historic **\$50 Billion** investment (\$10 Billion annually through 2030) represents the cornerstone of the national strategy to modernize rural healthcare infrastructure, bolster clinical workforces, and ensure technological equity between urban and rural systems.

As of late April 2026, the **Center for Coordination and Advancement of Medical Transformation & Assistance Centers (CCAM-TAC)** is providing technical oversight to states and lead agencies as they deploy first-year funds toward high-impact clinical and community goals.

FY2026 RHTP State Award Distribution & Project Updates

STATE / REGION	PROJECT STATUS & FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENTS (PAST 24 HOURS)	FOCUS AREA	SOURCE & RESOURCES
Texas	Finalized first-year allocation of \$281.3 Million . Implementation focuses on "Rural Texas Strong" facility modernization and AI-driven clinical workflow tools.	Infrastructure	CMS Newsroom
New Jersey	Authorized release of RFPs for its initial \$147.2 Million award. Priority sub-awards include Preventive Health (\$8M) and Remote Patient Monitoring (\$9M).	Innovation	SHVS Implementation Tracker
North Dakota	HHS North Dakota announced \$3.6 Million in school and community-based grant opportunities specifically for RHT-aligned fitness and lifestyle interventions.	Prevention	ND HHS Official Release
South Dakota	Issued a \$24.3 Million RFP for FQHC Value-Based Care transformation and maternal health clinical coordination.	Payment Models	NACHC State Dashboard
Iowa	Confirmed \$12.6 Million in workforce recruitment bonuses and relocation housing stipends for new rural providers.	Workforce	Iowa Health Update

CRITICAL ACTION NOTICE FOR LEAD AGENCIES:

Lead Agencies listed in the FY2026 distribution are reminded that the initial "Transformation Progress Report" is due by **May 15, 2026**. Failure to align local spending with the approved CCAM-TAC strategy framework may result in a hold on Q3 discretionary funds.

National Oversight & Compliance

- **FFATA Compliance:** CMS has reinforced the \$30,000 reporting threshold for all sub-awards to ensure granular transparency of the \$50B national investment.
- **The MAHA Initiative:** New "Food-as-Medicine" pilots were confirmed this week in Nebraska and Maryland, aligning with "Make Rural America Healthy Again" prevention goals.
- **Workforce Guardrails:** ORHT reiterates that all clinical staff receiving RHTP salary subsidies must fulfill a mandatory 5-year service commitment in a designated rural area.

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Rural Health Transformation Program CCAM-TAC

Daily News Update | April 23, 2026

National Funding Rollout: Mobilizing The \$50 Billion Federal Investment

The Rural Health Transformation Program (RHTP) has accelerated its field deployment across the United States. Authorized under Public Law 119-21, this \$50 Billion investment (\$10 Billion annually through 2030) serves as the cornerstone for rural healthcare infrastructure, aimed at reducing the historical mortality gap and ensuring technological equity between urban and rural health systems.

RHTP State Award Distribution & Project Implementation (Past 24 Hours)

STATE / REGION	FY26 AWARD	PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION & FOCUS	SOURCE & RESOURCES
Florida	\$209.9 Million	The AHCA announced \$188M in new RFA opportunities to strengthen rural delivery through innovative models and technology.	South FL Hospital News
North Dakota	\$199 Million	HHS North Dakota announced \$3.6M in school and community-based grant opportunities for lifestyle change initiatives.	ND HHS News
Oklahoma	\$191.1 Million	The OSDH is leveraging GROW region grants to redesign care delivery in "obstetrical deserts" via mobile units.	Milbank Memorial Fund
New Jersey	\$147.2 Million	First round of RFPs active for Preventive Health (\$8M), Telehealth (\$9M), and Workforce Retention (\$10M).	SHVS Tracker
South Dakota	\$189.4 Million	Active RFP (\$24.3M) for FQHC Value-Based Care transformation and sustainable food-is-medicine initiatives (\$1.6M).	NACHC Dashboard

National Oversight & Compliance Update

- **FFATA Reporting:** CMS reinforced the \$30,000 reporting threshold for all sub-awards to ensure federal transparency.
- **The MAHA Initiative:** Rapid alignment with "Make Rural America Healthy Again" goals, including lifestyle medicine and preventative nutrition.
- **Workforce Guardrails:** Reiteration of the mandatory 5-year service commitment for clinicians receiving RHTP salary subsidies.

CRITICAL ACTION NOTICE FOR LEAD AGENCIES:

All Lead Agencies listed in the FY2026 distribution must submit their initial "Transformation Progress Report" by May 15, 2026. Failure to align spending with the CCAM-TAC framework may result in a temporary hold on Q3 funds.

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RURAL HEALTH TRANSFORMATION PROGRAM

Daily News Update | April 22, 2026

Historic National Rollout: Mobilizing the \$50 Billion Federal Investment

The Rural Health Transformation Program (RHTP) has officially transitioned from legislative planning to active field deployment. Authorized under the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA), this **\$50 Billion** investment represents the largest single allocation for rural healthcare infrastructure in American history, aimed at bridging the mortality gap and technological divide between urban and rural health systems.

Powered by the **CCAM-TAC Strategy Resource Guide**, states are now receiving their FY2026 award allocations, enabling local lead agencies to implement high-impact transformation strategies tailored to their unique needs.

FY2026 RHTP STATE AWARD DISTRIBUTION & STRATEGY

STATE / REGION	LATEST ANNOUNCEMENT / PROJECT STATUS	FOCUS AREA	REFERENCE / SOURCE
Tennessee	Commissioner John Dunn announced \$1 billion over 5 years; initial conference held April 21 to coordinate rural county spending.	Regional Hubs	Daily Memphian
Utah	Utah Education and Telehealth Network confirmed pillars focusing on nutrition, maternal health, and AI diagnostic integration.	Tech Innovation	Broadband Breakfast
New Jersey	DOH released RFA for "Advancing Technology, Prevention, and Workforce Capacity" to distribute initial \$147M award.	Workforce / Tech	SHVS Tracker
North Carolina	NCDHHS announced program will impact ~400 providers; focusing on broadband integration for care delivery.	Connectivity	Broadband Breakfast
Iowa		Recruitment	NACHC Dashboard

STATE / REGION	LATEST ANNOUNCEMENT / PROJECT STATUS	FOCUS AREA	REFERENCE / SOURCE
	Governor Reynolds announced first \$78.6M allocation, including \$12.6M for recruitment bonuses and relocation assistance.		

National Oversight & Compliance Update

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- **MAHA Initiative:** Rapid alignment with "Make Rural America Healthy Again" goals, including Food-as-Medicine pilots in South Dakota and Nebraska.
- **Workforce Guardrails:** Reiteration of the 5-year service commitment for all clinicians receiving RHTP-funded salary subsidies.

National Impact Analysis: Closing the Care Gap

Initial data from the April rollout suggests that the targeted \$50 Billion investment is already stabilizing rural hospital closures. In states like Texas and Georgia, the RHTP influx has allowed for the reopening of specialized emergency departments this month. By empowering agencies at the state level—supported by technical assistance from **CCAM-TAC**—the program ensures that rural patients receive dependable, high-quality care closer to home.

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RURAL HEALTH TRANSFORMATION PROGRAM

Daily Update | April 21, 2026

7-Day National Funding & Implementation Overview

The Rural Health Transformation Program (RHTP) has accelerated field deployment with **\$10 Billion** available for FY2026. As of this week, states are moving from administrative approval to the execution of multi-million dollar sub-awards to modernize infrastructure and expand clinical access.

STATE / REGION	FY2026 STATUS	PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION & FOCUS	SOURCE & RESOURCES
Kansas	\$221.8 Million	Launched Evidence-Based Practice webinars to prepare rural clinics for sustainable infrastructure development.	KDHE Portal
Maryland	\$163.7 Million	\$23M allocated for Mobile Health Expansion to reach underserved coastal and Appalachian districts.	MD Health Dept.
Alaska	\$272.1 Million	Piloting unmanned drones for medical supply delivery and remote pharmacy dispensing units for isolated villages.	Alaska DOH
Virginia	Innovation Grant	VCHA awarded Transportation Innovation Grant to Tri-Area Community Health for NEMT service expansion.	CCAM-TAC Portal
Michigan	\$173.1 Million	Launched \$12.6M Healthcare Workforce Recruitment initiative offering housing stipends for rural "care deserts."	NACHC Dashboard
North Dakota	\$212.1 Million	Announced workforce bonuses including relocation and long-distance commute assistance for rural staff.	NACHC Dashboard

CRITICAL FOCUS: TRANSPORTATION & MOBILITY ACCESS

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week's RHTP updates. CCAM-TAC analysis shows states are prioritizing "Mobile Care Deserts" reduction by shifting investments from brick-and-mortar facilities to mobile clinic units and NEMT innovation.

National Oversight & Compliance

- **FFATA Tracking:** CMS is strictly enforcing the \$30,000 reporting threshold for all sub-awards to ensure transparency.
- **MAHA ELEVATE:** CMS has transitioned the \$100M lifestyle medicine initiative to the full application phase (due May 15).
- **Workforce Guardrails:** Reiteration of the 5-year service commitment for all clinicians receiving RHTP salary subsidies.

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Maryland	\$163.7 Million	\$23M allocated for Mobile Health Expansion to reach underserved coastal and Appalachian districts.	MD Health Dept.
Iowa	\$209.0 Million	Full deployment authorized for 15 regional hubs focused on stabilizing critical access hospitals.	House Press Office
Virginia	Innovation Grant	VCHA awarded Transportation Innovation Grant to Tri-Area Community Health for NEMT service expansion.	CCAM-TAC Portal
South Dakota	\$189.4 Million	Active RFP for FQHC Value-Based Care transformation and maternal health support systems.	VMG Health
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- **The MAHA Initiative:** Growing state participation in "Make Rural America Healthy Again" pilots focusing on preventive nutrition.

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