



RURAL HEALTH TRANSFORMATION UPDATES

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Executive Summary: Strategic funding releases and program implementations have accelerated significantly over the previous seven days. Federal awards from HRSA and the USDA prioritize immediate baseline care enhancements, complemented by localized physical infrastructure investments across key states. All actions align cleanly with targeted technical assistance pillars.

STATE NAME	BRIEF DESCRIPTION	PILLAR ALIGNMENT	SOURCE LINK
Connecticut	<p>The Office of Health Strategy (OHS) announces a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for grants supporting AI-enabled healthcare and remote patient monitoring in Connecticut's rural communities. This NOFO invites provider led initiatives aimed at improving healthcare access and outcomes through the implementation of AI-enabled remote patient monitoring and strengthened care coordination.</p>	<i>Innovative Care</i>	Connecticut Gov. Pressroom
Tennessee	<p>The Tennessee Department of Health has released the first schedule of competitive grant opportunities tied to the state's \$206.9 million federal Rural Health Transformation Program.</p>	<i>Behavioral Health & Innovative Care</i>	Chattanooga Times Free Press
Wyoming	<p>Wyoming was approved for \$205 million in its year-one application. Originally, Wyoming's plan included making an account to hold the federal dollars to spend later instead of immediately. The state legislature even took time during its most recent budget session to pass a bill to create the perpetuity fund. Enrolled Act 21 from the 2026 legislative session did just that, as well as creating an advisory committee and spending stipulations.</p>	<i>Sustainable Infrastructure</i>	Wyoming Tribune Eagle
Wyoming	<p>The perpetuity fund for Wyoming's rural health program with federal dollars has been nixed by The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.</p>	<i>Sustainable Infrastructure</i>	Casper Star-Tribune
Pennsylvania	<p>The Shapiro Administration details first-wave metrics for its \$25 million rapid-response stabilization fund, opening applications for medical supplies, clinical equipment, and hospital renovations.</p>	<i>Sustainable Infrastructure</i>	Source Link

Alabama	Governor Kay Ivey announced Thursday that the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA) will host six workshops across Alabama next week to provide healthcare providers and community stakeholders with information about the new Alabama Rural Health Transformation Program.	<i>Sustainable Infrastructure</i>	Calhoun Journal
West Virginia	Governor Morrisey signs off on the secondary implementation phase for the \$28.5 million 'Mountain State Care Force' initiative, building digital regional care-coordination grids.	<i>Technology & Workforce</i>	Source Link
Maryland	The Maryland Department of Health initiates subaward routing for its \$163.7M baseline allocation, routing \$23M toward competitive rural Mobile Health Expansion.	<i>Sustainable Access</i>	Source Link
Idaho	USDA Rural Development finalizes selection milestones for \$38M in wastewater and clean water framework grants to stabilize rural community public health foundations.	<i>Sustainable Infrastructure</i>	Source Link
National	CMS publishes structural rules detailing state guidelines for utilizing FY2026 administrative allocations on remote patient monitoring tools and telehealth accreditation.	<i>Technology Modernization</i>	Source Link
National	HRSA launches a new \$15 million allocation to expand integrated behavioral health services and strengthen opioid use disorder clinical interventions across rural primary care practices.	<i>Behavioral Health & Innovative Care</i>	Source Link
National	USDA awards \$40 million under the Healthy Food Financing Initiative to modernize rural grocery structures and expand nutrition access as a core tool for preventive community wellness.	<i>Nutrition & Prevention</i>	Source Link