



# RURAL HEALTH TRANSFORMATION UPDATES

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**Weekly Executive Summary:** This reporting period highlights a significant shift towards state-level implementation. West Virginia's recent announcement regarding the "Mountain State Care Force" marks a milestone in regional workforce integration. National efforts continue to prioritize infrastructure and telehealth modernization.

STATE	DESCRIPTION	PILLAR ALIGNMENT	SOURCE
<b>West Virginia</b>	<b>Mountain State Care Force:</b> Gov. Morrisey announced \$28.5M for the first wave of projects focusing on "Connected Care Grids" and healthcare technology innovation.	<i>Technology &amp; Innovative Care</i>	<a href="#">WV News</a>
<b>Maryland</b>	\$163.7M Subaward Rollout: Maryland Department of Health launched competitive bids for Mobile Health Expansion and Primary Care Practice Creation.	<i>Sustainable Access</i>	<a href="#">MD Health</a>
<b>National</b>	HRSA Workforce Expansion: Implementation of \$135M initiative, including \$11.25M specifically for new Rural Residency Planning and Development (RRPD) grants.	<i>Workforce Development</i>	<a href="#">HRSA News</a>
<b>National</b>	USDA RHSE Grant: New \$3M competitive grant cycle opened to support health safety education in rural agricultural communities.	<i>Workforce &amp; Education</i>	<a href="#">Grants.gov</a>
<b>Idaho</b>	Water & Health Infrastructure: USDA finalized \$38M in wastewater and clean water grants across six rural counties to improve community health foundations.	<i>Sustainable Infrastructure</i>	<a href="#">USDA ID</a>
<b>Maryland</b>	Post-Harvest Infrastructure: Application window opened for \$3.7M in cold storage grants to increase local food aggregation.	<i>Nutrition &amp; Prevention</i>	<a href="#">MD Portal</a>
<b>National</b>	CMS Implementation Briefing: Guidance released for states on utilizing \$10B FY2026 allocation for virtual care and behavioral health.	<i>Technology Modernization</i>	<a href="#">NCQA Policy</a>