

Proposed IPPS Rule Strategy & Comments

Rural Health Transformation Funds



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Why This Matters Now



Rural hospitals face financial and workforce pressures



Mississippi received major federal transformation funding



Opportunity to modernize rural healthcare delivery

What Is the Rural Health Transformation Program?



FEDERALLY FUNDED,
STATE-ADMINISTERED
INITIATIVE



FOCUS ON
MEASURABLE
TRANSFORMATION



SUPPORTS
COLLABORATION AND
ACCESS EXPANSION

Mississippi Strategic Priorities



COORDINATED
REGIONAL INTEGRATED
SYSTEMS (CRIS)



WORKFORCE
EXPANSION INITIATIVE
(WEI)



HEALTH TECHNOLOGY
ADVANCEMENT AND
MODERNIZATION
(HFAM)



TELEHEALTH ADOPTION
AND PROVIDER
SUPPORT (TAPS)



BUILDING RURAL
INFRASTRUCTURE FOR
DELIVERY, GROWTH,
AND EFFICIENCY
(BRIDGE)

The Financial Opportunity

Funding extends through FY2030

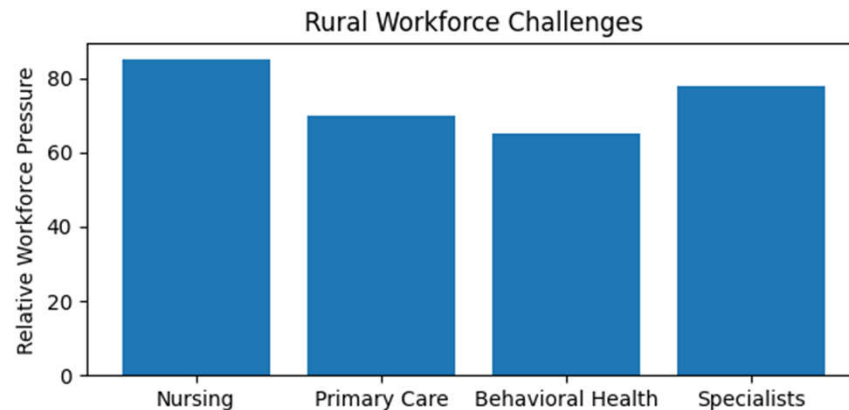
Approximately \$205M initial allocation

Funding tied to measurable outcomes

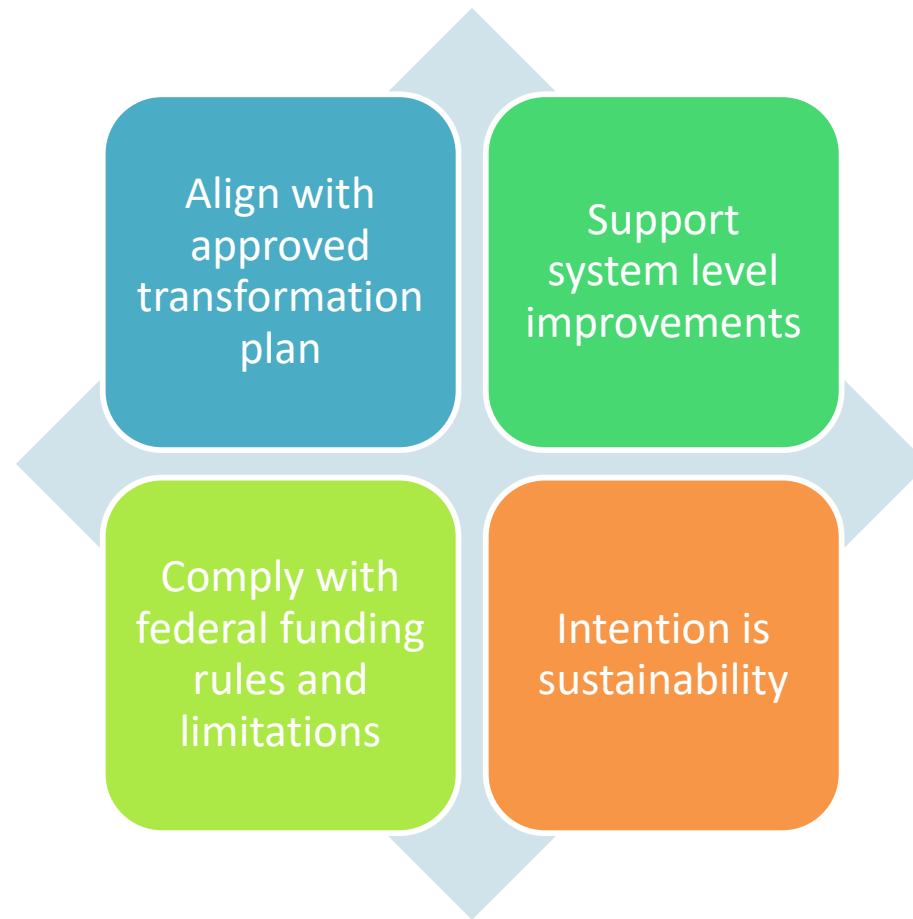
Timely distribution of funding

Workforce: The Critical Issue

- Nursing shortages remain severe
- Recruitment and retention challenges
- Opportunity for training and pipeline programs



CRIS Funding



Workforce Expansion (WEI)

Recruiting new
providers in rural
communities

Training and
developing next
gen workforce

Retention of
access in rural
communities

Residency
program
expansion

Preceptor
expansion

Career pathways

Earn while you
learn

HTAM



EHR REPLACEMENTS,
TECHNOLOGY GRANTS
FOR MODERN DELIVERY



CYBERSECURITY
ENHANCEMENTS



DIGITAL PATIENT
ENGAGEMENT



STATEWIDE HEALTH
INFORMATION
EXCHANGE

TAPS

Expansion of virtual care

Sustainable telehealth

Improving connectivity

Education for patient use

Bridge



Expanding Access to
Critical and Specialized
Services



Closing access gaps in
Rural Communities



Innovative pilot
programs on how care is
delivered

Executive Action Plan



Assess organizational
readiness



Prioritize
transformational
projects



Identify strategic
partners



Establish governance
structure

Use the website for
guidance

[Mississippi Rural Health Transformation
Program - Mississippi RHT Program](#)

Project Director

- Richard Grimes, CPA
- Extensive knowledge of Mississippi landscape
- Worked in both public accounting and industry
- Masters from MSU in Accounting



Long-Term Vision

- Build sustainable rural healthcare ecosystems
- Improve statewide patient outcomes
- Position Mississippi as a rural innovation leader



- Today's Presenter -

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