



Oklahoma Rural Health

Transformation Program





Objectives for Today

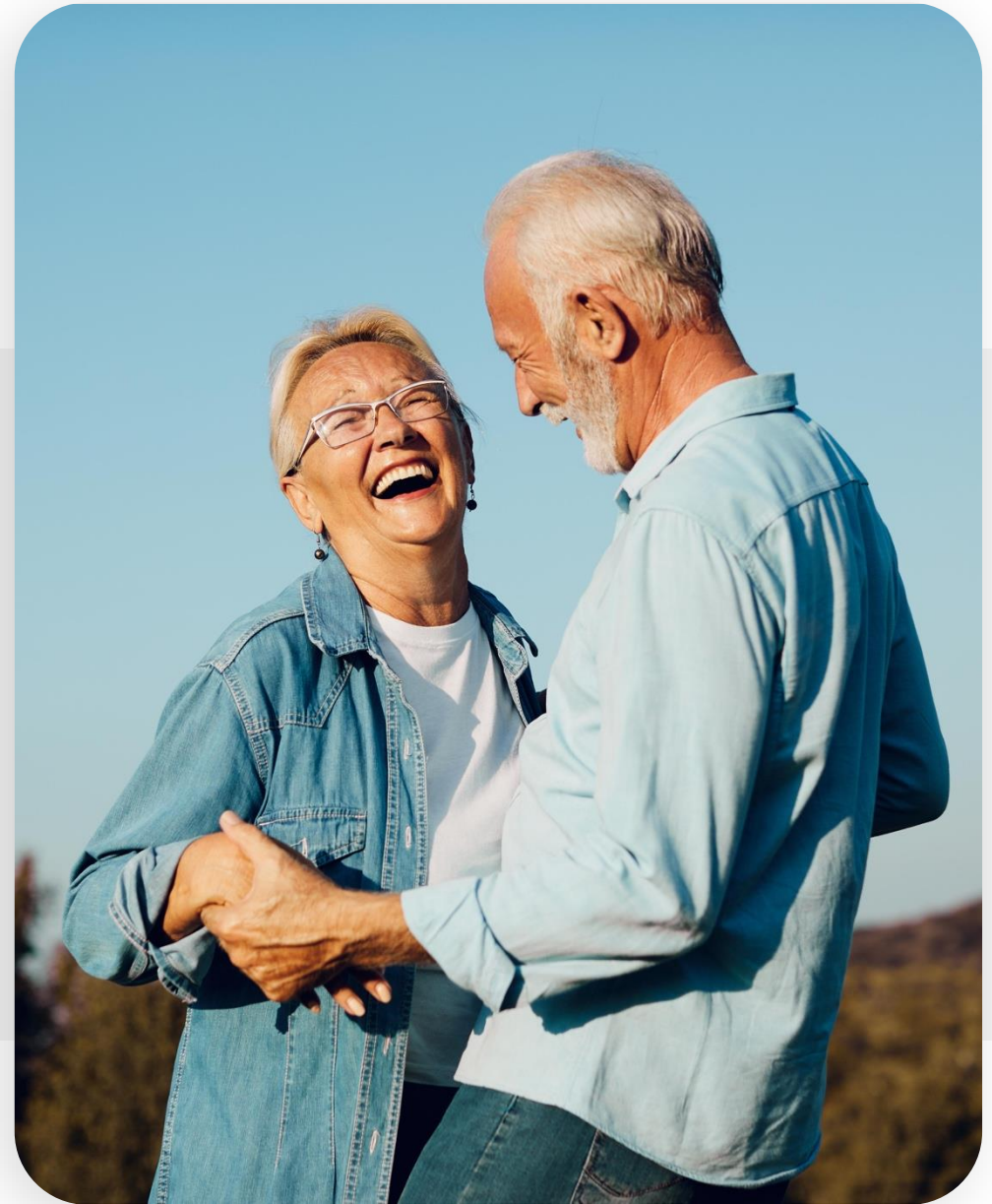
- Overview of Oklahoma's RHT Program and timeline
- Outline Oklahoma's RHT Programs and budget
- Share opportunities for involvement and engagement

Please use the Q&A feature to ask questions throughout our presentation. We will answer as many as possible, time permitting.

What is the Oklahoma Rural Health Transformation (RHT) Program?

- RHT Program is a five-year federal investment to strengthen rural health care access, quality, and outcomes
- Oklahoma received ~\$223.5 million for the first budget period of the grant
- Focus is on helping people get the care they need where they live

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The Need for Rural Health Care Transformation

- One of the most rural states — rural communities cover 90% of state
- Long travel for basic and specialty care (20-50+ miles)
- Limited broadband, cell service, and transportation
- Higher chronic disease, maternal/infant, and behavioral health risks
- Hospitals and providers face staffing and financial strain

How Oklahoma Built the Plan

- Over 400 responses to statewide Request for Information
- Four regional listening sessions
- Input from provider and professional associations and Tribal consultations
- Over 40 interviews with rural providers, educators, community groups and experts
- A cross-agency State Steering Committee that guided strategy and alignment

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Who Will Benefit From the Funding?

Oklahoma envisions bringing better care to ALL rural Oklahomans — where they live, work, and play — by filling funding gaps across the state's rural counties.

Even counties with urban centers will benefit through regional collaborative initiatives that strengthen the health care system and improve access across the full-service area.

Some direct benefits include:

- Expand access to obstetrics care for mothers and children
- Strengthen long-term care options for seniors
- Improve care coordination for Tribal and rural communities
- Provide more consistent support for chronic conditions, including diabetes and behavioral health
- Enhance resources and collaboration among hospitals, clinics, and providers across rural Oklahoma



Which areas will Oklahoma consider rural?

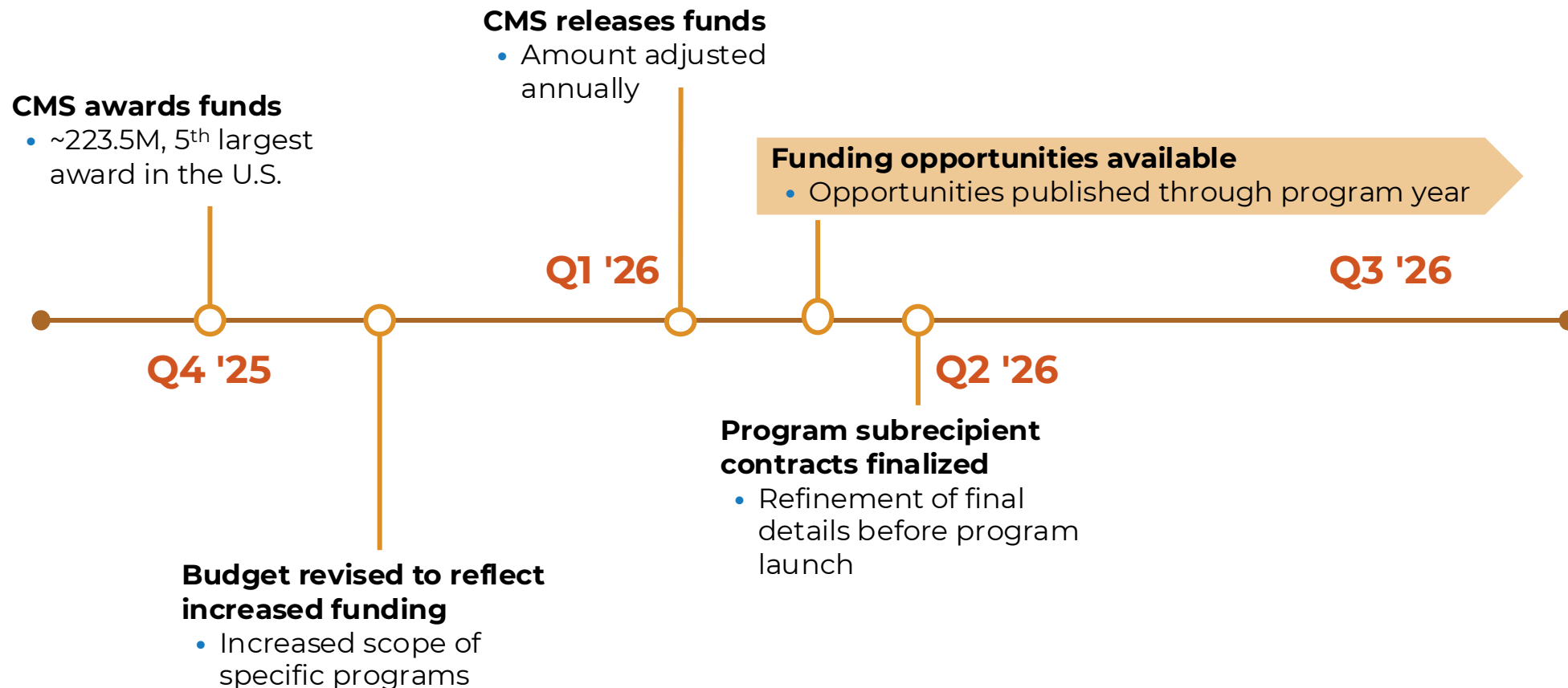
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Why the RHT Program Matters for Oklahoma

- Easier access to care closer to home
- Better coordination of care and faster response to emergencies
- Focus on preventative care for early detection of health issues and reduction of avoidable hospitalizations
- More services in communities like behavioral health and high-risk pregnancy support
- Stronger health care workforce
- Healthier schools and students with better access to school-based health services

Timeline View from Fund Award to Disbursement



Note: Application uses federal fiscal years; this presentation converts to calendar years

How was the additional ~\$23M allotted across programs?

Additional ~\$23 Million in funding allowed for expanded impact and reach of programs in Program Year 1

Changes included:

- Increasing rural residency sites
- Selecting more Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) centers
- Adding Community Health Workers (CHW) in Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC)
- Increasing number of community paramedicine vehicles for providers
- Expanding Maternal-Fetal Medicine subrecipients
- Adding a value-based payment program for maternal health

Six Core Initiatives

- 1 Innovating the Care Model
- 2 Moving Upstream
- 3 Facilitating Regional Collaboration
- 4 Shifting to Value
- 5 Growing Next-Gen Rural Talent
- 6 Building Health Data Utility



Innovating the Care Model

Focused on bringing care closer to home.

Program	Admin ¹	Description	FY21 (\$M)
Tech Cooperative	OSDH	Establishing a tech cooperative to lower costs of tech implementation for rural PCPs and BH providers	\$13.8M
Expanding Care: Community Paramedicine	OSDH	Expanding paramedicine capabilities through partnership with OSU's EMT training program, buying additional vehicles for EMT application, and creating an uncompensated care fund to reimburse for services	\$8.2M
Maternal Fetal Medicine Telemedicine Expansion	OSDH	Expanding the reach of MFM specialists through partnership with OU & OSU's tele-MFM network connecting rural hospitals, clinics, and county health departments	\$6.6M
Behavioral Health Integration	OSDH	Training PCPs in SUD treatment (e.g., medication-assisted treatment) and standing up hub and spoke medication-assisted treatment centers	\$3.2M
School-Based Health Services	OSDE	Funding schools to expand health services offered, including provider recruitment and developing necessary administrative and technological functions like Medicaid billing	\$3.0M
Transportation Expansion	OARC	Making transportation to care more accessible by extending current Southwest OK pilots (volunteer drivers and central dispatch) to rest of state	\$2.7M
Expanding Care: Doulas	OSDH	Training new doulas to serve rural OK, while creating an uncompensated care fund to reimburse for services	\$1.2M
Remote Patient Monitoring: Maternal Health	OHCA	Partnering with hospitals to expand coverage of blood pressure cuffs for women with high-risk pregnancies in rural communities	\$0.8M
Telestroke Expansion	OSDH	Increasing rural access to stroke assessment and treatment by leveraging telemedicine	\$0.5M

Note: FY21 budgets are subject to change through Program Year, as approved by Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS); 1. OSDH: Oklahoma State Department of Health; OSDE: Oklahoma State Department of Education; OARC: Oklahoma Association of Regional Councils; OHCA: Oklahoma Health Care Authority



Moving Upstream

Focused on strengthening community-led prevention and wellness.

Program	Admin	Description	FYY1 (\$M)
Chronic Disease Management	OSDH	Funding community-led chronic disease management programs to expand proven models (e.g., obesity interventions) in targeted rural geographies	\$12.8M
Community Health Worker Expansion	OSDH ¹	Partnering with OHA and OKPCA to expand the use of community health workers in rural hospitals and FQHCs to support care navigation and connect to community resources	\$4.3M
Consumer Facing Tech	OSDH	Piloting consumer-facing prevention and self-management apps (e.g., AI-enabled coaching) with a focus on behavioral health	\$3.3M
Microgrants	OSDH	Providing competitive grants to rural health entities for one-time capital investments (e.g., equipment, minor renovations) to address unmet community wellness / prevention needs	\$2.8M
Lung Cancer Screening	OSDH	Working with OHA to expand comprehensive lung cancer screening and tobacco cessation programs in rural health systems by embedding dedicated screening leads	\$2.3M
Presidential Fitness Preparation	OSDE	Reinstating the Presidential Fitness Test and expanding fitness and wellness programming in rural schools through equipment funding and student fitness apps	\$1.1M
Community Referral Platform	OHCA	Expanding a closed-loop community care platform to rural providers and local health departments to connect patients to community-based social services	\$0.4M

Note: FYY1 budgets are subject to change through Program Year, as approved by Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS); 1. Changed from OHCA to OSDH



Facilitating Regional Collaboration

Helping local partners share resources and work together on operations, technology and coordinated care.

Program	Admin	Description	FY11 (\$M)
Provider Collaborative Network	OSDH	Establishing a rural-focused provider collaborative to strengthen hospital sustainability (e.g., shared services, technology infrastructure, participation in value-based care while maintaining local control)	\$43.1M
Rural Regional Reorientation Plan	OSDH	Establishing a regional provider program to fund planning, infrastructure and service improvements that create a more sustainable, regionally coordinated system of care to improve access to prevention, primary care, and appropriately scaled services	\$26.4M
EMS Centralization	OSDH	Establishing a centrally coordinated EMS platform to improve statewide resource sharing, reduce non-emergency EMS utilization, and optimize response across providers	\$4.5M

Note: FY11 budgets are subject to change through Program Year, as approved by Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS)



Shifting to Value

Supporting the transition to value-based care through technical assistance and infrastructure development.

Program	Admin	Description	FY21 (\$M)
Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) Expansion	OHCA	Expanding the PACE model in rural Oklahoma by funding the startup of new rural PACE centers to deliver integrated, value-based care for dual-eligible seniors	\$15.2M
Value-Based Care Practice Enablement Support	OHCA	Providing capacity-building support to primary care practices to strengthen business infrastructure, enable participation in value-based payment models, and improve performance tracking and payer contracting	\$1.6M
Primary Care Provider (PCP) Clinical Extension Models	OHCA	Piloting clinical extension models that combine in-person support and consumer-facing technology to help smaller primary care practices manage risk, close care gaps, and support complex patients	\$1.6M
Maternal Health Value Based Payments Support	OHCA	Implementing value-based payment incentives for Medicaid fee-for-service perinatal providers and birthing hospitals to improve maternal health outcomes, supported by clinically integrated networks	\$1.3M

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Growing Next-Gen Rural Talent

Building a stronger workforce pipeline, bringing and retaining more providers in rural communities.

Program	Admin ¹	Description	FYY1 (\$M)
Rural Residency Programs	OSDH	Partnering with OSU and OU to expand residency programs in rural areas to increase the pipeline of physicians practicing in rural Oklahoma	\$22.4M
“Grow Your Own”	OSDH	Extending Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education's high school LPN training programs to additional schools and students across rural Oklahoma	\$1.1M
Rural Re-Location Incentives	HWTC	Establishing incentive programs with relocation support and multi-year service commitments to recruit behavioral health and other high-demand providers to practice in rural Oklahoma	\$0.8M

Note: FYY1 budgets are subject to change through Program Year, as approved by Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS); HWTC: Health Workforce Training Commission



Building Health Data Utility

Investing in technology that lets health care providers share patient information and coordinate care more easily.


Program	Admin ¹	Description	FY21 (\$M)
Data and Analytics Expansion	OKSHINE	Enhancing Oklahoma's HIE with advanced analytics and dashboards to enable real-time insight into rural population health, care gaps, and outcomes and better target resources statewide	\$8.2M
Health Information Exchange (HIE) Interoperability	OKSHINE	Expanding rural participation in Oklahoma's HIE by subsidizing connection and onboarding, enhancing data exchange across care settings, and enabling consumer-managed consent to reduce duplication and improve statewide data visibility	\$6.2M
Electronic Health Record (EHR) Expansion	OKSHINE	Closing the rural EHR gap by providing low-cost certified EHR solutions and technical support to connect unconnected rural providers to Oklahoma's HIE and enable statewide data sharing	\$5.5M

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How Does the State Plan to Keep Oklahomans Updated on RHT Program Progress?

- Progress updates on the RHT Program webpage – interactive dashboard
- Oversight will include quarterly and annual reports, communications and reporting to our CMS partners, and monthly visits with our CMS officer
- Legislature will also be able to view funding progress
- RHT Program Team Introduction

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Oklahoma has officially secured \$223.5 million for the first year of a five-year grant through the Rural Health Transformation (RHT) Program, part of a historic \$50 billion federal investment authorized by the One Big Beautiful Bill Act.

The five-year program focuses on helping people get the care they need where they live, leading to a healthier, thriving state.

What happens next?

With funding now awarded, Oklahoma will begin phased implementation of RHTP initiatives across the state. Updates will be shared on this page as programs launch and more information becomes available.

Read below to learn what the program means for our state as Oklahoma begins this work.

Quick Links

- > [RHTP Application Summary](#)
- > [Frequently Asked Questions](#)

Contact

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More care is available close to home.

Services like behavioral health care, high-risk pregnancy support and more are available locally through telehealth, shared staff and better technology.

What does RHTP mean for Oklahoma?

This funding brings new resources to rural communities statewide. It supports easier access to care, stronger community partnerships, more local health workers and modern technology that helps providers connect and coordinate.

If you live in rural Oklahoma, this initiative shows up in real, everyday ways:

What opportunities do Oklahomans have to further engage and share perspectives?

Coming soon...



Statewide Rural-Focused Listening Sessions

- **Purpose:** To build on RHT Program Touchpoint and gather perspectives across rural Oklahoma on RHT Program application
- **Logistics:** Public, live sessions held bi-monthly
- **First Listening Session** planned for Spring 2026; visit website for additional information as it becomes available:
[Oklahoma.gov/health/RHTP](https://oklahoma.gov/health/RHTP).

What Happens Next?

- Start sharing information in your communities/organizations
- Visit the RHT Program website — **Oklahoma.gov/health/RHTP**
 - Browse the 'Application Summary' packet for details
 - Funding updates/opportunities will be shared here soon
- Reach out if assistance is needed for regional messaging and collaboration:
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