

Utah's Rural Health Transformation Program

Securing a landmark federal investment to reshape rural healthcare

Part I: The opportunity

The **Rural Health Transformation Program (RHTP)**, created by H.R. 1 (One Big Beautiful Bill Act), represents a 5-year opportunity to catalyze system-wide change and address core health challenges in Utah's rural communities.

Utah's expected baseline share

\$500M

\$100 million per year to be distributed during
FY2026-FY2030

Utah's competitive workload share

up to \$500M

To be determined based on rural factors
and on application

Part II: Utah's application submitted to CMS November 5

Utah's comprehensive plan, built on extensive stakeholder engagement and aligned with the CMS Notice of Funding Opportunity, organizes its efforts around **four strategic goals** to improve outcomes, access, and quality while strengthening workforce in rural communities. Utah plans to drive progress on these outcomes through **seven broad initiatives** in partnership with state, local, tribal, and community stakeholders across rural Utah. To review the application and proposed activities visit:

dhhs.utah.gov/ruralhealth.



Make rural Utahns healthy

PATH supports physical and behavioral health to foster lifelong wellness.



Workforce development

RISE invests to build, recruit, and retain healthcare workforce.



Innovation and access

- SHIFT seeks to transform care through capital infrastructure investment.
- FAST furthers core financial and care delivery models.
- LIFT supports scalable and sustainable telehealth strategies.



Technology innovation

- SUPPORT advances data and administrative infrastructure.
- LINCIS facilitates interoperability and secure data exchange.

Part III: The path forward

DHHS is actively preparing in anticipation of the Notice of Award. Community readiness will position stakeholders for effective implementation. Rural partners can convene, assess capacity and gaps, identify shared priorities, establish formal collaborations, and plan for sustainability. Through coordinated efforts, this opportunity can bring critical resources to transform Utah's rural healthcare systems and support the health and well-being of rural Utahns.

2025 timeline

