

Rural Health Transformation Program

- \$50 billion over 5 years
- \$5 billion for all states equally divided so \$100 million to each state for each of 5 years
- Another \$5 billion at discretion of Dr. Oz for at least ¼ of States
- States must submit “Rural Transformation Plan” and Dr. Oz must approve no later than Dec 31, 2025 that will be in effect for 5 years
- HUGE opportunity for EMS to change the health care paradigm in rural America and get better funded for transporting patients from rural America to definitive care in urban America

EMS Opportunity in State Rural Transformation Plans

State Plan Must Specify

- Improve access to hospitals and other health care providers furnished to rural residents of the State;
- Improve health care outcomes for rural residents;
- Enhance economic opportunity for and supply of clinicians via recruitment and training in rural areas;
- Prioritize data and technology driven solutions that help rural hospitals and other rural providers furnish high-quality health care as close to home as possible;
- Outline strategies to manage long-term solvency of rural hospitals.

Uses of Funds

- Providing payments to health care providers for the provision of health care items and services, as specified by the Administrator;
- Recruiting and retaining clinical workforce to rural areas, with commitments to serve rural communities for at least 5 years;
- Assisting rural communities to right size their delivery systems by identifying needed preventative, ambulatory, pre-hospital, emergency, acute inpatient care, outpatient care and post-acute service lines;
- Developing projects that support innovative models of care that include value-based care arrangements and alternative payment models;