

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES****Health Resources and Services Administration****Notice of Supplemental Funding, Appalachian Region Healthcare Support Program**

**AGENCY:** Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Department of Health and Human Services.

**ACTION:** Notice of supplemental funding.

**SUMMARY:** HRSA is providing additional funding under the Appalachian Region Healthcare Support Program to one award recipient in fiscal year (FY) 2026. This supplemental funding will support additional technical assistance (TA) to help rural healthcare organizations located in the rural counties served by the Appalachian Regional Commission to strengthen healthcare delivery in the region.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sheena Johnson, Deputy Division Director, Hospital State Division, Federal Office of Rural Health Policy,

HRSA, at [sjohnson@hrsa.gov](mailto:sjohnson@hrsa.gov) and 872–271–6370.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Intended Recipient of the Award:* Rural Health Redesign Center Organization, Inc.

*Amount of Non-Competitive Award:* One supplemental award for \$1,000,000.

*Project Period:* September 30, 2026, to September 29, 2027.

*Assistance Listing Number:* 93.619.

*Award Instrument:* Cooperative Agreement.

*Authority:* Section 711(b) of the Social Security Act.

TABLE 1—RECIPIENT AND AWARD AMOUNT

| Grant No.        | Award recipient name                                 | City, state          | Award amount |
|------------------|------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------|
| UZ2RH53800 ..... | Rural Health Redesign Center Organization, Inc ..... | Harrisburg, PA ..... | \$1,000,000  |

*Justification:* HRSA received additional funding for the Appalachian Region Healthcare Support Program in FY 2026 through the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2026, (<https://www.congress.gov/119/bills/hr7148/BILLS-119hr7148enr.pdf>), H.R. 7148. This funding will provide a one-time supplement to the Rural Health Redesign Center Organization, Inc. to strengthen healthcare delivery by providing free in-depth TA to rural healthcare organizations located in the Appalachian Regional Commission region to improve financial and operational performance as well as the quality of care. The grant recipient will use funding to expand TA services, length of TA, and work with more eligible rural healthcare organizations that will benefit from TA (such as critical access hospitals, small rural hospitals, rural health clinics, tribal healthcare facilities, and other healthcare organizations) to meet the program objectives:

- (1) Provide objective analysis and assessment of healthcare organizations' financial status, market share, quality indicators, locally available human services, and gaps in services so that organizations can make actionable change;
- (2) Identify clinical areas where expansion of services would meet local need, keep health care services available locally, and improve financial and operational performance and quality of care; and
- (3) Implement best practice recommendations by providing support

for initial operating and equipment costs.

**Thomas J. Engels,**  
*Administrator.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES****Health Resources and Services Administration**

**Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection: Public Comment Request; Information Collection Request Title: Rural Health Network Development Program Performance Improvement and Measurement System, OMB No. 0906–0010—Revision**

**AGENCY:** Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Department of Health and Human Services.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the requirement for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, HRSA announces plans to submit an Information Collection Request (ICR), described below, to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Prior to submitting the ICR to OMB, HRSA seeks comments from the public regarding the burden estimate, below, or any other aspect of the ICR.

**DATES:** Comments on this ICR should be received no later than November 10, 2026.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments to [paperwork@hrsa.gov](mailto:paperwork@hrsa.gov) or mail the HRSA

Information Collection Clearance Officer, Room 13N82, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20857.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and draft instruments, email [paperwork@hrsa.gov](mailto:paperwork@hrsa.gov) or call Samantha Miller, the HRSA Information Collection Clearance Officer, at (301) 443–9094.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** When submitting comments or requesting information, please include the ICR title for reference.

*Information Collection Request Title:* Rural Health Network Development Program Performance Improvement and Measurement System, OMB No. 0906–0010—Revision.

*Abstract:* The Rural Health Network Development (RHND) program is authorized under section 330A(f) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254c(f)). The purpose of this program is to support integrated health care networks that collaborate to achieve efficiencies; expand access to, coordinate, and improve the quality of basic health care services and associated health outcomes; and strengthen the rural health care system as a whole. RHND award recipients currently collect data using an OMB approved set of performance measures.

*Need and Proposed Use of the Information:* The purpose of the data collection is for HRSA to assess RHND awardees' progress in meeting the program goals, and how well each awardee meets their community needs. These measures cover the principal topic areas of interest to HRSA, including: (1) network collaboration, (2) demographics and services, (3) health