

# Welcome!

*The meeting will begin shortly...*

# **Rural Health Transformation Program (RHTP): South Carolina Overview**

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South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services  
Sept. 24, 2025

# Meeting Recording

Today's stakeholder meeting on the RHTP is being recorded and will be posted on the agency's website at [www.scdhhs.gov/rhttp](http://www.scdhhs.gov/rhttp).

Please use the Q&A function to submit any questions you may have.

# About the Cooperative Agreement

**Established by the One Big Beautiful Bill Act**, also known as the Working Families Tax Cuts Act, on July 4, 2025

**Funding spans a five-year period**  
*Federal Fiscal Years 2026-2030*

**"Supporting rural communities to improve healthcare access, quality and outcomes through system transformation"**

[www.cms.gov/rhtprogram](https://www.cms.gov/rhtprogram)



# CMS Informational Webinar

**CMS is hosting public informational webinars to give additional information about the Notice of Funding Opportunity**

**When: Sep 25, 2025, 3 – 4:30 p.m. Eastern Time**

**Register in advance for this webinar:**

[https://cms.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN\\_HNoxXBFwQSmIbT-FQ7CExQ](https://cms.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_HNoxXBFwQSmIbT-FQ7CExQ)

# CMS Strategic Goals



## Make Rural America Healthy Again



prevention, chronic disease, behavioral health, prenatal care

## Sustainable Access



ensure rural providers remain long-term access points

## Workforce Development



attract, retain, and expand provider capacity

## Innovative Care



value-based arrangements, flexible care delivery

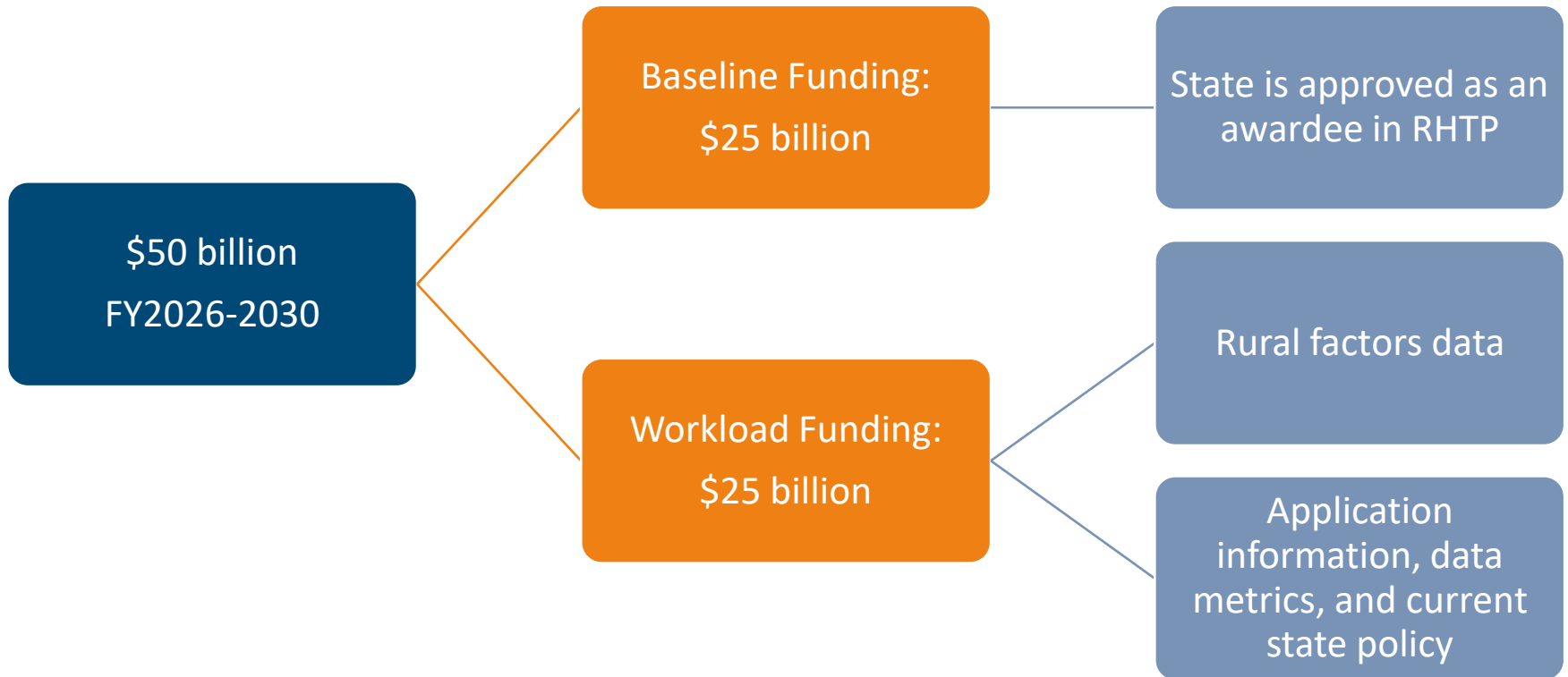
## Tech Innovation



telehealth, data systems, cybersecurity, emerging tech



# Funding Details



# Allowable Uses of Funds



IT advances



Prevention and chronic disease



Appropriate care availability



Provider payments



Behavioral health



Consumer tech solutions



Innovative care



Training and technical assistance



Capital expenditures and infrastructure



Workforce



Fostering collaboration

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# Unallowable Costs & Funding Limitations

- Direct patient care services (except as specifically permitted)
- Construction of new buildings or major renovations
- Land or real estate purchases
- Lobbying or political activities
- Incentive payments, promotional giveaways, or cash prizes
- Costs reimbursed by other federal programs (no double dipping)
- Entertainment, alcohol, or personal expenses
- Renovations limited to minor alterations only
- Equipment purchases must be directly tied to program goals
- Administrative/indirect costs capped at federally negotiated rates
- Workforce payments allowed only for recruitment, retention, and training, not ongoing salaries outside scope
- Technology investments must align with healthcare delivery, telehealth, data security, or interoperability
- States must avoid duplication with existing federal/state programs and demonstrate complementarity

# Level Up Rural Health in South Carolina



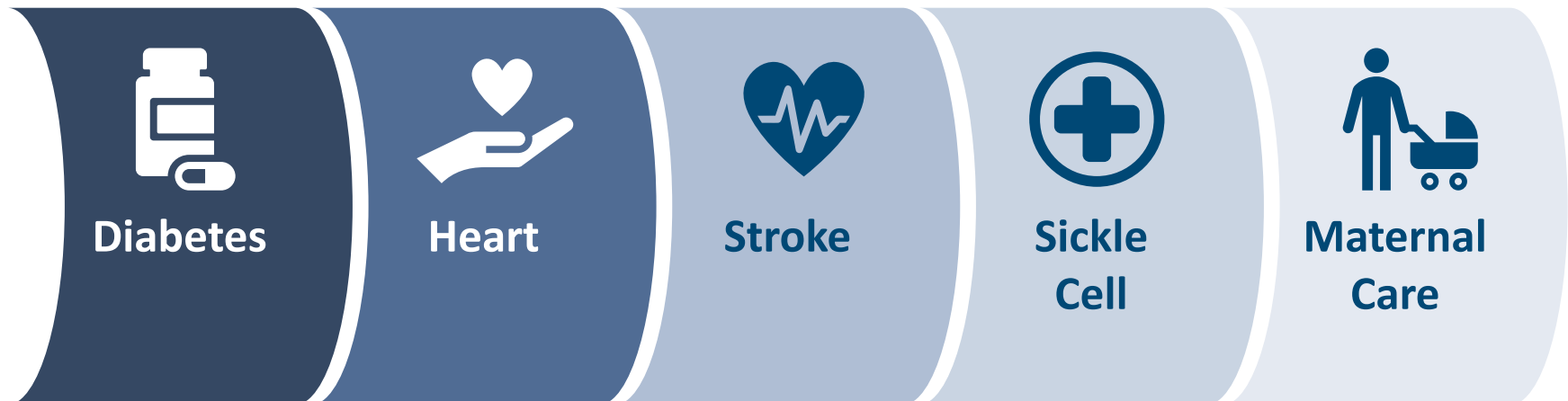
**South Carolina intends to utilize the RHTP to scale established and successful models**

*prioritizing chronic care, maximizing utilization of technology and building durable infrastructure that fits population needs for long-term community health*



# Expanding Access, Quality, and Outcomes

We will inject needed resources into rural communities centering our efforts around improving access, quality and outcomes for:



# SC Highlighted Use of Funds Categories



Prevention  
and chronic  
disease



Consumer  
tech solutions



Training and  
technical  
solutions



IT advances



Appropriate  
care  
availability



Workforce



Behavioral  
health

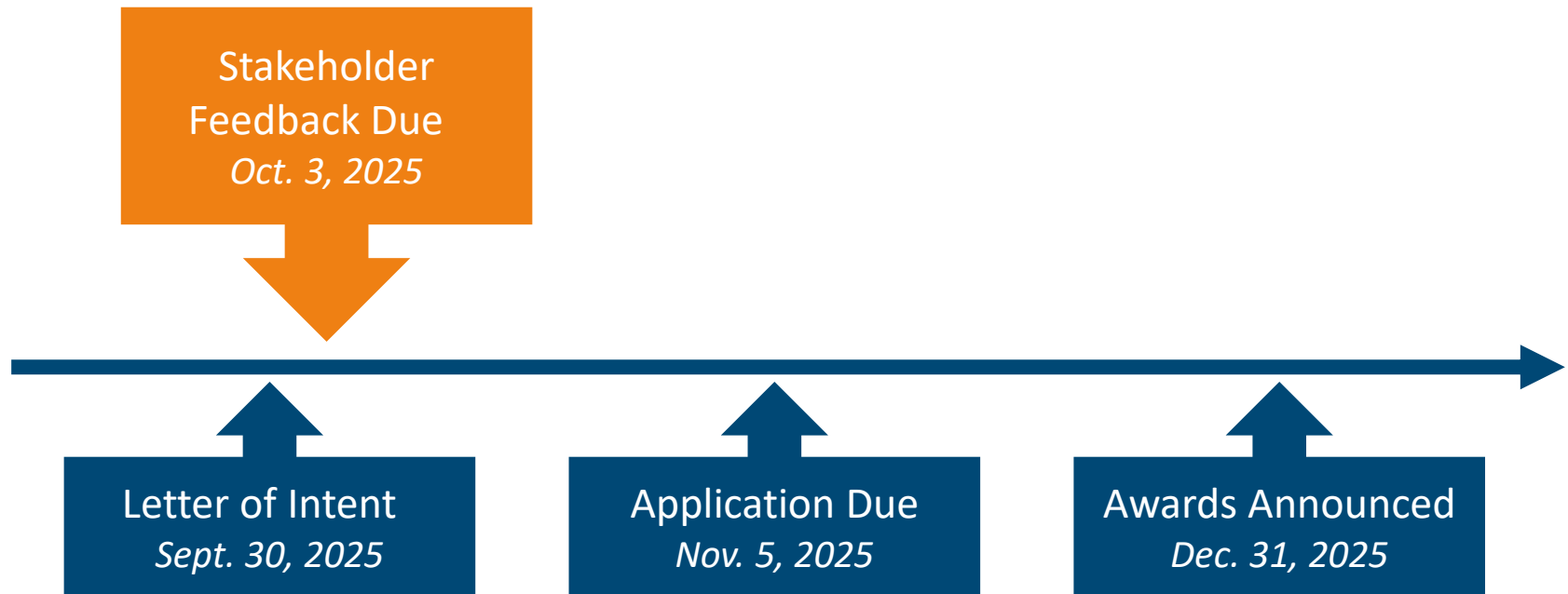


Capital expenditures and  
infrastructure



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# Application Timeline



# SCDHHS Website: RHTP

[www.scdhhs.gov/rhtp](http://www.scdhhs.gov/rhtp)

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## Grants

### Grant Opportunities

Rural Health Transformation Program (RHTP)

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Rural & Medically Underserved Area Grant

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Behavioral Health Crisis Stabilization Services Grant

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### RESOURCES

Contract Library

Notification Forms

Programs and Initiatives

BabyNet (IDEA Part C)

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# SCDHHS Website: RHTP

[www.scdhhs.gov/rhtp](http://www.scdhhs.gov/rhtp)

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- Sustainable access
- Workforce development
- Innovative care
- Tech innovation

The South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) will host a virtual webinar on the RHTP, which will provide an overview of the RHTP and provide stakeholders with the opportunity to ask questions.

[RHTP Webinar Slides »](#)

[Stakeholder Input Form »](#)



# Stakeholder Input Form

## Rural Health Transformation Program – SC Stakeholder Input Form

**Please note:** This form is **not an application** to fund specific, individual projects. Do not include sensitive, proprietary, confidential, or health-related information. All information submitted through this portal will be considered public information.

South Carolina is preparing its application for the **Rural Health Transformation Program (RHTP)**, authorized under the *One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA)*. Stakeholders are invited to use this form to share suggestions on priorities, strategies, and opportunities that can strengthen rural health care in our state.

When you submit this form, it will not automatically collect your details like name and email address unless you provide it yourself.

\* Required

1. First Name \*

Rural Health Transformation  
Program – SC Stakeholder Input  
Form





# Register for SCDHHS Bulletins

[www.scdhhs.gov](http://www.scdhhs.gov)

*Scroll down*

The screenshot shows the SCDHHS website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for CLAIMS, COMMUNICATIONS, APPEALS, FRAUD, and CONTACT. Below this is the 'Healthy Connections MEDICAID' logo and a search bar with the text 'Enter Search Terms' and a 'SEARCH' button. The main content area features a dark blue banner with the text 'Get all the information you need to become a Medicaid provider.' and a green button labeled 'Provider Enrollment »'. Below the banner is a light blue section titled 'Updates'. Inside this section, there is a text input field labeled 'Enter Email Address' and a green 'SUBSCRIBE' button. A large orange arrow points to the 'SUBSCRIBE' button.

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Website: [www.scdhhs.gov/rhttp](http://www.scdhhs.gov/rhttp)

Proposals and comments can be  
submitted through the above website

