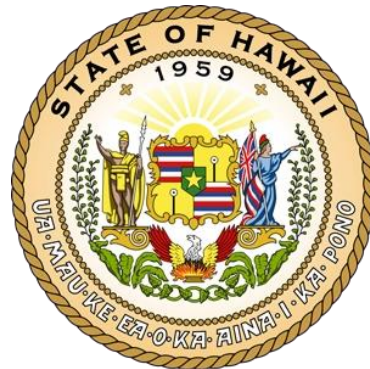


# Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee

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# Agenda

**Rural Health Transformation Program**

Presenter: Jack Lewin, MD SHPDA

**AHEAD General updates, Milestones, and Timeline**

# Presentation:

Rural Health, AHEAD, and the Future of Hawai'i Healthcare



# Rural Health Transformation Program

## What is RHTP?

- A CMS program designed to support rural communities transform the healthcare delivery ecosystem.
- \$189 Million Dollars (per year) awarded to the State of Hawai'i
- Divided into 6 initiatives (**RHIN**, RICA, Pili Ola, Home Run, Rural Respite, **RVBI**)

## Why it Matters for AHEAD

- Rural providers often lack the scale, infrastructure, and financial flexibility needed to participate successfully in value-based payment arrangements such as AHEAD without additional support.

## What Hawai'i Requested

- **Initiative 6, RVBI** – This competitive fund will enable rural providers to adopt care models and succeed under the AHEAD model by financing local value-based innovations. This may include support for quality reporting, advanced analytics, practice transformation coaching, hiring staff.

## Status

- SHPDA was awarded RHTP funding. Collaborating with Med-QUEST and DOH on planning and procurements.
- Working closely with the Governors office to coordinate with other initiatives

# Initiative 1: **Rural Health Information Network**

- Electronic Health Records Upgrades
- Last Mile Network Infrastructure Solutions
- Care Quality Information Exchange
- Statewide Analytics & Technical Assistance Hub
- Closed Loop Referral System and Care Coordination Hub
- Dual Eligible Data Dashboard Hub

# Initiative 6: Rural Value Based Initiative

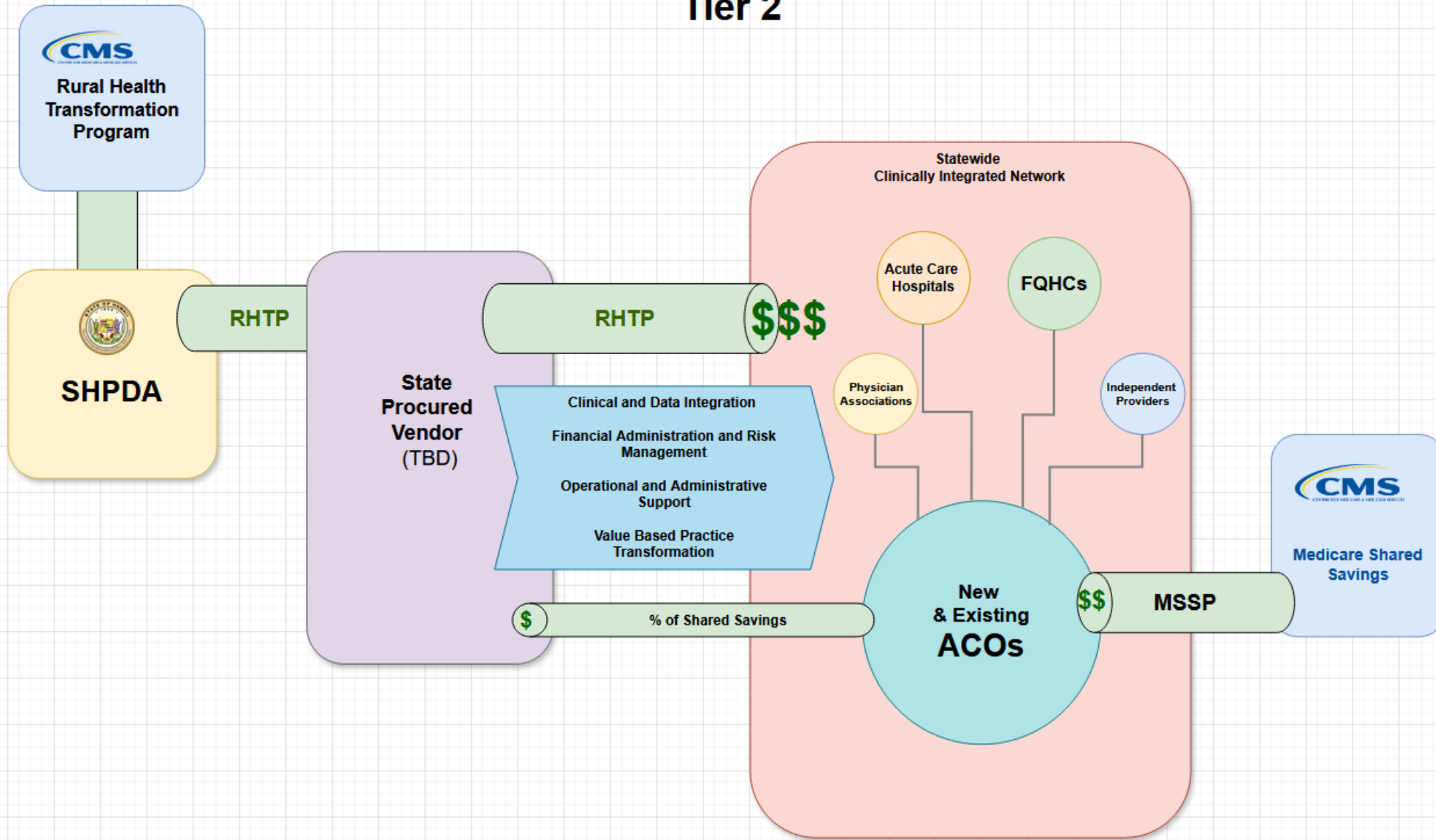
## The AHEAD Readiness Fund

**Rural Hospitals**

**Community  
Health Centers**

**Independent  
Providers**

# RVBI Provider Collaborative Tier 2



# State RHTP Application Available Online:

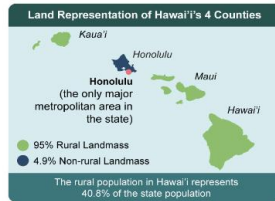
## [engage.hawaii.gov/rhttp/](https://engage.hawaii.gov/rhttp/)

### State of Hawai'i CMS Rural Health Transformation Plan Project Narrative

#### 1. Rural Health Needs and Target Population

##### A. Rural Demographics

Hawai'i, an isolated archipelago of Pacific Islands, is the most remote populated landmass on earth. Seven of the Hawaiian island are inhabited with a total population of 1.45 million. Hawai'i is a five to six-hour flight from California and a five to six-hour time zone difference from the nation's capital.<sup>1</sup> The only major metropolitan area in the state (Honolulu) is located on the island of O'ahu. All other areas of O'ahu and all other islands (known as the "neighbor islands") are rural. The state's rural areas are defined in Hawai'i Revised Statutes §1B-1<sup>2</sup>.



Hawai'i is divided into four counties, including Honolulu, Maui, Kaua'i, and Hawai'i (for this application, Kalawao County—a county of less than 90 people and administered by the Hawai'i Department of Health—is considered part of Maui County). The majority (95%) of Hawai'i's land area is considered rural, representing 5,999 square miles. The rurality of Hawai'i

#### b. Subrecipient Awardees (Initiatives) Initiative 1: Rural Health Information Network (RHIN)

Name of Subrecipient: State Health Planning and Development Agency (SHPDA)

Period of Performance: FY26 – FY31

Scope of Work: SHPDA will lead the establishment and statewide rollout of the Rural Health Information Network (RHIN) initiative, which modernizes Hawai'i's rural health data infrastructure, in coordination with the State's Medicaid office (Med-QUEST Division). SHPDA will procure and manage contracts for electronic health record (EHR) onboarding, in-facility network installations, and interoperability integration for statewide health information exchange. Deliverables include implementation of four RHIN sub-hubs: the Care Quality Information Exchange (CQIE), Community Care Coordination Hub (C-Hub), Analytics & Technical Assistance Hub, and Duals Data Dashboard & Support Hub (DDDASH). Outcomes will include increased data interoperability, expanded closed-loop referrals, and measurable improvements in dual eligible integration, telehealth usage among providers, and value-based readiness.

Method of Oversight: The RHTP Project Director and Oversight Team will oversee SHPDA's implementation of the initiative. RHIN initiative leaders will meet with the RHTP Project Director and relevant members of the Oversight Team monthly. The lead agency (SHPDA) will provide quarterly progress reports and expenditure documentation. RHIN initiative leaders (or their designated representative) will participate in monthly RHTP Stakeholder Advisory Committee meetings, ensuring coordination among initiatives and community leaders, transparency in conduct, and real-time stakeholder feedback on implementation.

Itemized Budget and Justification:

Initiative	Rural Health Information Network (RHIN)				
	BP 1	BP 2	BP 3	BP 4	BP 5
A. Personnel	\$249,696	\$249,696	\$249,696	\$249,696	\$249,696
B. Fringe	\$159,954	\$159,954	\$159,954	\$159,954	\$159,954
C. Travel	\$3,250	\$3,250	\$3,250	\$3,250	\$3,250

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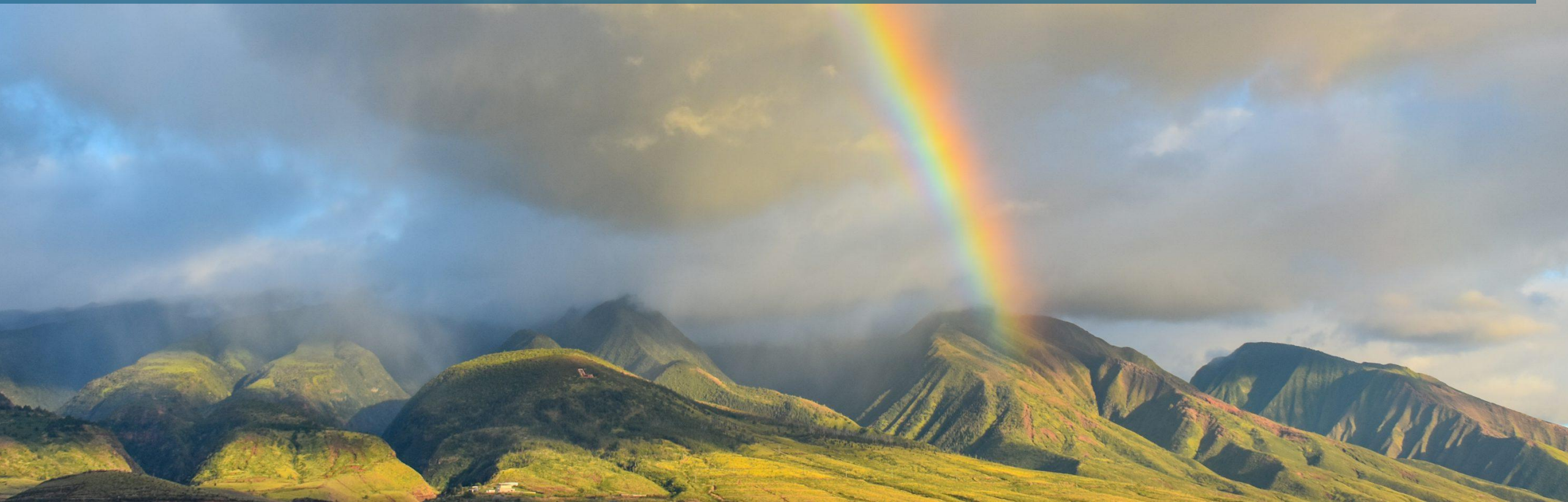
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# AHEAD Timeline

Activity	2024 - 2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031-2035
<b>AHEAD Model Period</b>	<b>Pre-Implementation/Planning Period</b>		<b>Performance Period</b>			
<b>Hospital Global Budgets</b>			<b>Medicare FFS HGBs Starts 1/1/28</b>			
			<b>Medicaid HGB Non-Risk Year Starts</b>	<b>Medicaid HGB Starts 1/1/229</b>		
				<b>Commercial HGB (at least one payer) Starts 1/1/29</b>		
<b>Primary Care AHEAD</b>			<b>Medicaid Advance Primary Care Program Starts 1/1/28</b>			
			<b>Medicare and Commercial Primary Care AHEAD Starts 1/1/28</b>			
<b>RHTP</b>		<b>2026-2031 (Year 1: 1/1/26 – 09/30/26)</b>				

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# The Future...





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