

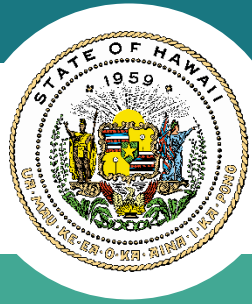
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EMS, Trauma, and Acute Care Hawaii Rural Healthcare Transformation Program (RHTP) Proposals

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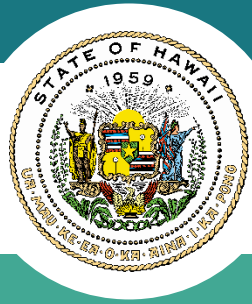
Hawaii RHTP Meeting Agenda



- Introduction to Hawaii Rural Healthcare Transformation Program (RHTP) Proposals for EMS, Trauma, and Acute Care
- Focus areas from the Hawaii Trauma, EMS, and Preparedness Modernization Strategic Planning Conference
- Overview of RHTP Proposals in Progress
- RHTP Proposal Submission Worksheets
- Submission Proposals

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Introduction to RHTP



Legislative & Program Basics

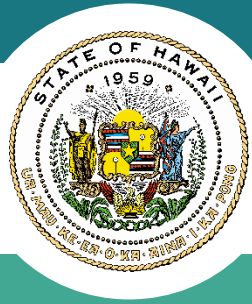
- Authorized by **Section 71401** of the *One Big Beautiful Bill* (H.R. 1)
- Creates the **Rural Health Transformation (RHT) Program** (often called Rural Health Transformation Fund)
- Total funding: **\$50 billion** over FY 2026–2030 (\approx \$10 billion/year)

Purpose & Objectives

- Offset revenue losses caused by Medicaid changes in legislation
- Promote health system transformation in rural areas:
 - Infrastructure & capital investments
 - Workforce development & training
 - Innovation, technology, telehealth, care models
 - Strategic partnerships across providers and communities

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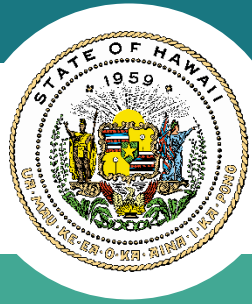


Distribution & Application

- States must submit a one-time application to CMS to receive funding for the program's full term (once approved, no repeated applications per year)
- Half of the funds are divided equally among states that apply; the other half is distributed per a CMS-determined formula considering rural population, need, etc.
- States may allocate up to **10%** of funding for administrative costs.
- Restrictions: Cannot use funds to supplant existing clinical service payments/reimbursement (i.e. can't just replace fee schedule payments)
- States have discretion in how to deploy funds—variation in impact likely

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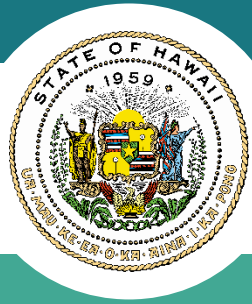


2026 EMS / Trauma Strategic Planning Focus Areas

- Modernization of State Statutes HRS 321 to Emergency Medical Services Systems of Care
- Statewide Trauma / Emergency Transfer & Communications Centers
 - Air Medical Emergency and Trauma Transfer Center / Centralized Call Center
 - Telehealth Rural Trauma / Acute Care Follow Up
 - Load balancing telehealth services
- Post Acute Care Rehabilitation, Specialty Centers, Nursing Homes, Rural Acute Care
- Workforce Development and Retention
 - EMS Academies in High Schools
 - Volunteer EMS
- Injury Prevention and Prevention to reduce burden on systems of care

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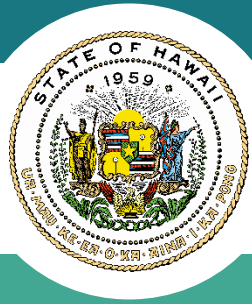
State of Hawaii Seven Priority Areas



- Workforce
- Electronic Health Records (EHR)
- Medical Respite
- **Community Mobile Primary Care Teams**
- **Transportation**
- Innovative Care
- Telehealth

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Overview of RHTP Proposals in Progress



Transportation: MEDICOM Center, ambulances, mobile units, rapid response vehicles, HIWIN upgrades.

Community Mobile Primary Care Teams: Paramedicine: falls, repeated 911 calls, maternal health, CHF, behavioral health, recovery, post-surgical, and acute illness care.

Telehealth: Rural trauma specialty consults, support for critical access/trauma centers, post-acute care.

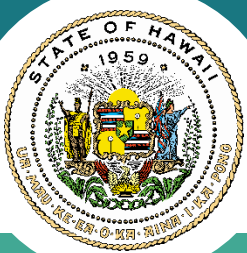
Innovative Care: Mobile dialysis integrated into community paramedicine.

Workforce: EMT training academies (DOH, UH, high school partnerships).

EHR Systems: Real-time prehospital/hospital data integration; Epic standard statewide.

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RHTP Proposals Worksheets



Proposed Program Worksheet

Please complete this worksheet for each proposed program.

This sheet does not ask for all details of the project; the Governor's team will work to identify the main strategic goal, use of funds, and technical score factors for each proposed program. Please input the full planned budget in the "Proposed Program Budget Worksheet."

More information on these asks can be found on pp. 32–40 of the [NOFO](#). Rough examples provided by CMS can be found on pp. 97–118.

- **Program:** Provide the name of the program in 10 words or less.
- **Description:** Describe what the program is, and what specific activities and actions it includes. (~150 words)
- **Key stakeholders:** Describe the main types of entities and organizations that will help carry out the program. This can be a general description of the entity types, such as FQHCs, primary care clinics, high schools, community-based organizations, rural health clinics, Critical Access Hospitals, State Office of Rural Health, or State Primary Care Association, or can include specific organization names.
- **Impacted counties:** List the counties within the State where you will carry out the program and directly affect residents or, if applicable, say that it will impact all counties within your State. Use the Federal Information Processing Series (FIPS) codes to identify counties.
- **Rural needs:** Describe the specific challenges in the current rural health landscape that the proposed program plan seeks to solve.
- **Outcomes:** Describe the measurable outcomes you will use to assess the impact of this program. Include at least four outcomes. One must be at a county or community level of granularity. Include both baseline data and targets for the measurable outcomes where

possible. Describe the expected time period to observe changes in measurable outcome data. See *example metrics* on NOFO p. 37.

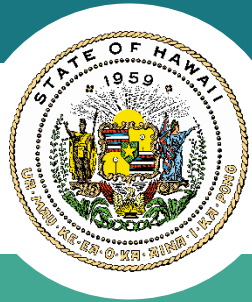
- **Implementation:** Provide a timeline of proposed activities for FY28 through FY31 (e.g., with bullet points and/or a Gantt chart). Do your best—we'll work on it and CMS will provide the opportunity to update.
 - Identify the lead agency or interagency team, key personnel by role, and any steering committees or advisory groups.
 - Describe your governance and project management structure. The plan should demonstrate that you have a capable management structure.
 - Describe how the program will be enacted and overseen from a logistics standpoint. For example: Who is administering? How are necessary resources acquired and distributed? Who will be contracted? (e.g., HELP is administered from a contract between DOH and JABSOM. JABSOM receives and reviews applications, then distributes money for loans through electronic transfer directly to loan servicers.)

- **Estimated required funding:** Provide an estimated funding range for this program. Please also *estimated funding per year for year 1–5* (more detail will be worked out in the Budget Narrative).

- **Sustainability**

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