



Alliance for Health Care Reform Briefing “Access to Health Care in Rural America”

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- Eight Affordable Care Act Policy Briefs Available Online
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Rural Challenges for HRSA in Implementing the Community-Based Care Transformation Program (CCBP) 2010-2014

Editorial Note: In 2012, the National Advisory Committee on Rural Health and Human Services will focus on the rural implementation of the program from the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act through a series of three issues on public reimbursement that will be sent to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Introduction:

Section 1024 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act requires HRSA to provide grant funding for the Community-Based Care Transformation Program (CCBP). This program offers the promise of expanding care delivery and reducing costs for Medicare through more effective management of health-care providers and care settings, and providing a more integrated approach to health-care delivery. HRSA will be responsible for implementing the program in rural areas through the use of a competitive grant process. In providing a competitive grant process, HRSA will be responsible for the following activities for the program: identify and recruit eligible providers; develop and implement a competitive grant process; and provide technical assistance to eligible providers.

Recommendations:

1. The Commission recommends that HRSA develop a competitive grant process that includes the program goals, a clear definition of eligible providers, a clear definition of eligible care settings, and a clear definition of eligible services.
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<http://www.hrsa.gov/advisorycommittees/rural/publications/index.html>



Rural Health Realities

- Tends to be ...
 - Older, Sicker
 - Different provider and case mix
 - More dependent on public payers
- Common Misconceptions
 - Not just a smaller version of urban



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Key Rural Initiatives: Access

- ACA Insurance Expansion
- Community Health Centers and Rural Health Clinics
- Rural Health Outreach Program
 - Community Health Gateway
- Strengthening Rural Hospitals
 - Flex and SHIP Programs
- Telehealth



Key Rural Initiatives: Workforce

- Rural Training Tracks
- Teaching Health Centers
- National Health Service Corps
- Nurse Corps
- State Conrad 30 and HHS J1 Visa Waiver Program
- State Loan Repayment Program
- Rural Recruitment and Retention Network



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- President Barack Obama



<http://www.whitehouse.gov/administration/eop/rural-council>



Our Goal.... Helping Rural Providers Make the Transition



Thank You!

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