



# Rural Health Transformation Program Grant Application

Working Group Session #4



Indiana  
Department  
of  
Health

October 21, 2025

# Meeting Agenda

**Meeting Goal:** Review Indiana's draft initiatives for the Rural Health Transformation Grant.

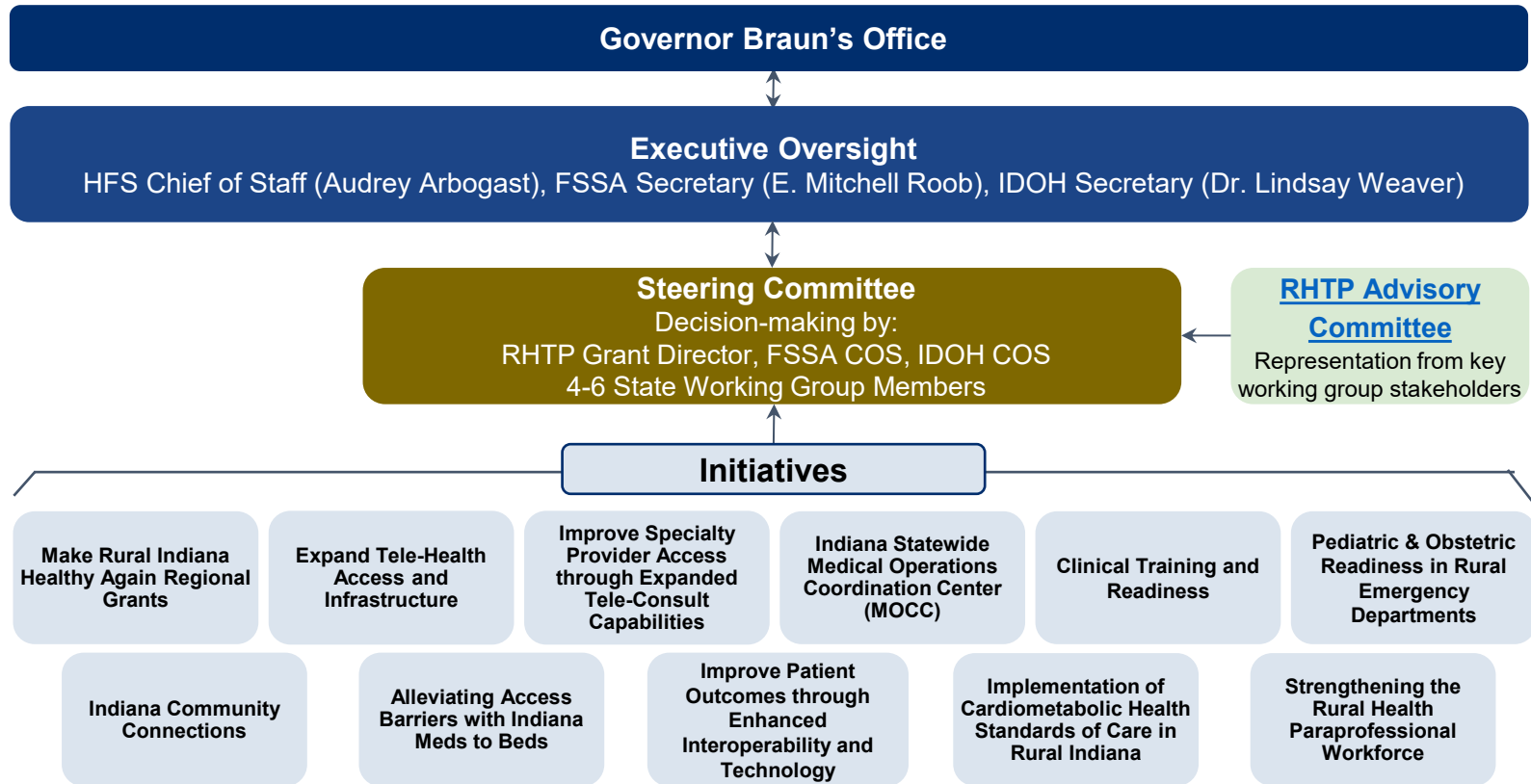
1. Timeline Review
2. Preview Ongoing Stakeholder Engagement Model
3. Discuss Initiatives and Provide Feedback

**Please note that the initiatives being shared in the Working Group meeting are not final and are still being contemplated. We appreciate your thoughts and feedback.**

# Timeline

- September 30th – Letter of Intent Deadline to CMS (Complete)
- October 5th – All Initiative Submissions Due (Complete)
- October 7th – Review the initiative alignment to CMS Goals with Governor Braun's Office (Complete)
- October 7th – Indiana Workgroup Meeting #3 (Complete)
- October 21st – Target Date for Draft Reviews to begin
- October 21st – Indiana Workgroup Meeting #4
- **November 3rd – Indiana Submission Date**
- November 5th – Application Submission Deadline to CMS
- November 13th – Indiana Workgroup Meeting #5
- **December 31st – CMS Expected Award Date & Earliest Funding Start Date**

# Ongoing Governance Structure & Stakeholder Engagement



# Indiana Overarching Goals

## State-Level Initiatives

- Statewide investments in data and technology to improve access to services and information (Freedom and Opportunity Agenda)
- Allows economies of scale for large budget projects
- Workforce initiatives that are not unique to the region
- Necessary statewide quality improvement
- Able to move fast to invest first year dollars

## Regional Grants

- Mirrors concept of RHTP
- Must demonstrate collaboration among hospitals and systems, FQHCs, CBOs, CHCs, mental health providers etc.
- Must demonstrate that they are minimizing duplication of services and filling gaps.
- Required component to provide services to community agnostic to the provider
- Leads to innovation in addressing non-medical drivers of health
- Does not force unnecessary state initiatives for local problems

# Indiana Initiatives Aligned with CMS Goals

## Make Rural America Healthy Again

- Make Rural Indiana Healthy Again Regional Grants
- Pediatric & Obstetric Readiness in Rural Emergency Departments
- Implementation of Cardiometabolic Health Standards of Care in Rural Indiana

## Sustainable Access

- Indiana Statewide Medical Operations Coordination Center (MOCC)
- Indiana Community Connections

## Workforce Development

- Strengthening the Rural Health Paraprofessional Workforce
- Clinical Training and Readiness
- Grow Indiana Behavioral Health Workforce

## Innovative Care

- Alleviating Access Barriers with Indiana Meds to Beds
- Improve Specialty Provider Access through Expanded Tele-Consult Capabilities

## Tech Innovation

- Improve Patient Outcomes through Enhanced Interoperability and Technology
- Expand Tele-Health Access and Infrastructure

# Indiana Goals and CMS Alignment

Indiana's Goals	Indiana's Initiatives	CMS Strategic Goals
<b>1. Empower Rural Indiana Regions to Drive Community-Specific Solutions</b>	Make Rural Indiana Healthy Again Regional Grants	<b>Make RAHA</b>
<b>2. Meet Indiana Rural Families Where They Are</b>	Pediatric & Obstetric Readiness in Rural Emergency Departments	<b>Make RAHA</b>
	Implementation of Cardiometabolic Health Standards of Care in Rural Indiana	<b>Make RAHA</b>
	Alleviating Access Barriers with Indiana Meds to Beds	<b>Innovative Care</b>
	Improve Specialty Provider Access through Expanded Tele-Consult Capabilities	<b>Innovative Care</b>
	Expand Tele-Health Access and Infrastructure	<b>Tech Innovation</b>
<b>3. Connect Disparate Systems to Centralize Care Coordination</b>	Indiana Statewide Medical Operations Coordination Center (MOCC)	<b>Sustainable Access</b>
	Indiana Community Connections	<b>Sustainable Access</b>
	Improve Patient Outcomes Through Enhanced Interoperability and Technology	<b>Tech Innovation</b>
<b>4. Grow Indiana Rural Workforce</b>	Strengthening the Rural Health Paraprofessional Workforce	<b>Workforce Development</b>
	Clinical Training and Readiness	<b>Workforce Development</b>
	Grow Our Behavioral Health Workforce	<b>Workforce Development</b>

# Make Rural America Healthy Again

Improving rural health through prevention, prenatal care, and hospital support

## IN Goal: Empower Rural Indiana Regions to Drive Community-Specific Solutions

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### **Make Rural Indiana Healthy Again Regional Grants**

Plan to award competitive, regional grants for each of our 8 rural regions, targeting: rural health innovations, new access points to promote preventive health, outcomes-driven chronic disease prevention and management, a trained and ready rural workforce, and tech innovations. Regional organizations will be required to collaborate and form consortiums to qualify.

## IN Goal: Meet Indiana Rural Families Where They Are

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### **Pediatric & Obstetric Readiness in Rural Emergency Departments**

Require statewide pediatric and OB readiness across Indiana's emergency departments, with targeted grants for rural facilities to achieve readiness designation, including EMS readiness.

### **Implementation of Cardiometabolic Health Standards of Care in Rural Indiana**

Require all 8 rural regions, with one implementation site per region, to participate in implementation of rural collaborative cardiometabolic care model focused on metabolic risk factors.



# Sustainable Access

Improving rural health access through equipment, training, and care coordination.

## IN Goal: Connect Disparate Systems to Centralize Care Coordination

### **Statewide MOCC**

Establish a statewide Medical Operations Coordination Center (MOCC) as a centralized 24/7 hub for day-to-day hospital operational reporting, patient transfer coordination, and EMS resource alignment.

### **Indiana Community Connections**

Implement a statewide coordinated referral network, building upon Indiana 211 statewide community resources to bring clinicians and CBOs into a closed-referral loop.

# Workforce Development

Expanding rural health workforce through training, recruitment, and community support.

## IN Goal: Grow Indiana Rural Workforce

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### **Strengthening the Rural Health Paraprofessional Workforce**

Centralize coordination of statewide Community Health Worker certification and training curriculum, including lifestyle health coaching.

### **Clinical Training and Readiness**

Expand the rural clinical workforce through preceptorships, Graduate Medical Education programs, and student loan repayment.

### **Grow Our Behavioral Health Workforce**

Enhance the rural behavioral and mental health workforce through targeted trainings, and college and university high school partnerships.

# Innovative Care

Expanding rural health access through innovative, coordinated care solutions.

## IN Goal: Meet Indiana Rural Families Where They Are

### **Alleviating Access Barriers with Indiana Meds to Beds**

Implement predischARGE medication delivery programs to prevent delay in prescription pick-up.

### **Improve Specialty Provider Access through Expanded Tele-Consult Capabilities**

Expand provider-to-provider consultation availability to Indiana's rural inpatient providers to grow rural access to specialty care.

# Tech Innovation

Empowering Hoosiers with digital access to better health.

## IN Goal: Meet Indiana Rural Families Where They Are

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### Tele-Health

Expand patient-to-provider remote consultation, including targeted expansion of telehealth for women and pregnant mothers.

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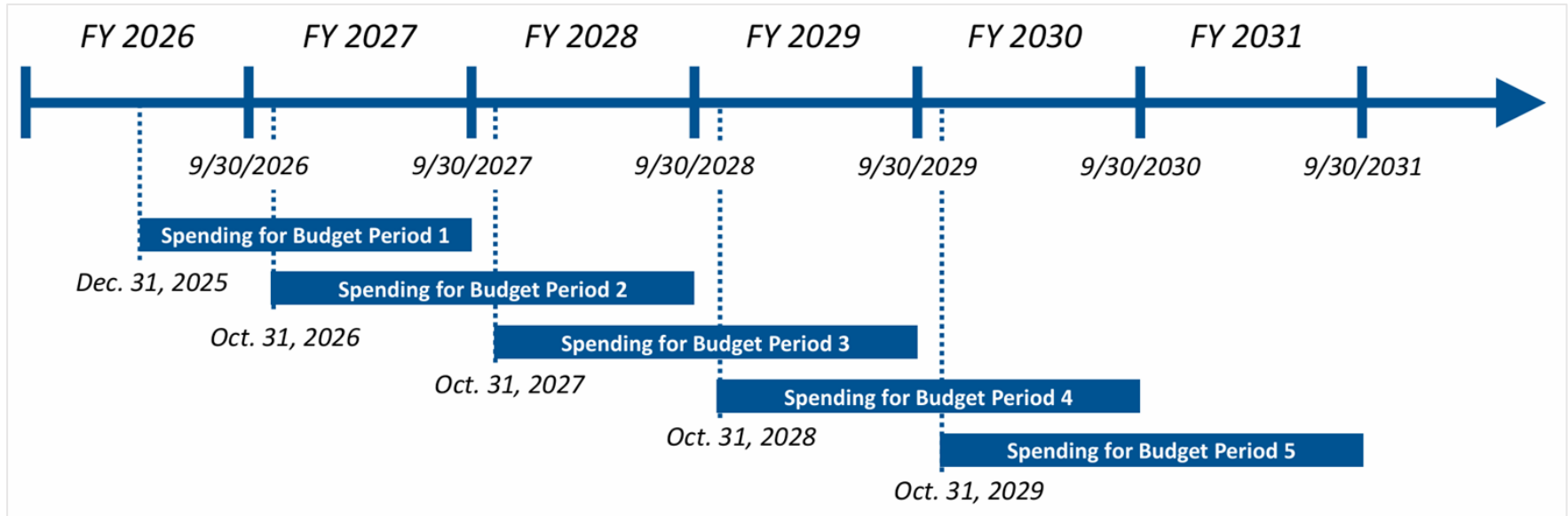
### Medical Interoperability

Improve the current landscape of rural health IT infrastructure, targeting interoperability of rural health information exchange, behavioral health data, and mobile integrated health. Integrate nutrition incentives directly onto SNAP EBT and improve cybersecurity.

# APPENDIX

# Funds Distribution and Use Deadlines

For each budget period, recipients will have until the end of the following fiscal year (September 30) to spend awarded funding



Source: Rural Health Transformation Program Notice of Funding Opportunity