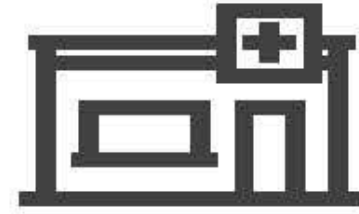


HHS agencies work together to protect Americans' health and prevent disease. CHF advocates for increased funding across HHS agencies and asks that Congress robustly fund LHHS priorities that protect the health of all Americans.



Rural communities face unique challenges accessing care. HHS agencies collaborate to protect health and prevent disease nationwide. Congress must robustly fund these programs to ensure all Americans receive essential health services.

CDC **CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL & PREVENTION**

The CDC Office of Rural Public Health coordinates efforts to improve rural health, addressing leading causes of death like cancer and overdoses while promoting disease prevention and well-being in rural communities.

NIH **NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH**

NIH integrates rural health priorities into research through its Institutes and Centers. The Rural Health Interest Group coordinates efforts, while institutes like the National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences (NCATS) address rural-urban disparities and the unique needs of rural patients.

AHRQ **AGENCY FOR HEALTHCARE RESEARCH AND QUALITY**

AHRQ seeks to improve health care and enhance health services, including for all who

live in rural settings. Through its Effective Health Care Program, AHRQ has conducted systematic reviews and developed research protocol to help improve rural health through telehealth.

HRSA **HEALTH RESOURCES AND SERVICES ADMINISTRATION**

The Federal Office of Rural Health Policy (FORHP) administers grants to strengthen rural health care, support hospitals, and address substance use disorders while coordinating rural health efforts across HHS and analyzing policy impacts.

SAMHSA **SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATION**

SAMHSA leads public health efforts to advance the behavioral health of the nation. SAMHSA recognizes the urgent need for emergency services in America's rural areas and the critical role emergency medical service (EMS) personnel serve throughout the nation. Through its Rural EMS Training grant

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program, SAMHSA encourages rural entities to recruit and train EMS personnel in rural areas and strengthen access to care.

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FDA

THE FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION

The FDA has hosted workshops and other events focused on rural health, including a Rural Health Symposium that included rural and tribal communities. These discussions have included how the FDA can help advance telemedicine in rural settings, and how the agency can help these communities tackle the ongoing opioid crisis by developing stronger label warnings and supporting better treatments.

IHS

INDIAN HEALTH SERVICES

IHS' Rural Health Care Program supports providers with reduced telecommunication costs, enabling telehealth services and modern care for rural clinics and hospitals.

CMS

CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES

CMS' Office of Minority Health advances rural and tribal health equity by amplifying community voices in policy and improving care quality, outcomes, and access.

Connect for Care: Rural Telehealth

In 2020, the FCC, HHS, and USDA launched an interagency effort to address health disparities, support providers, and expand rural broadband. This led to the creation of the Rural Telehealth Initiative Task Force.

Enhancing Connectivity for Rural Cancer Care

The NIH's National Cancer Institutes, the FCC, the University of Kentucky Markey Cancer Center, and other stakeholders partnered to study how increased connectivity in Appalachia can help address the burden of symptom management for cancer patients in rural and underserved areas.

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