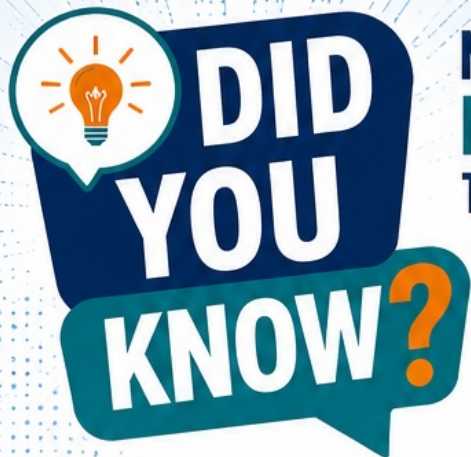




MISSISSIPPI'S RURAL HEALTHCARE TRANSFORMATION PROGRAM



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More than just Prop

Mississippi has an opportunity to fundamentally change the way healthcare is delivered in rural communities.



DID YOU KNOW... there's a bigger question emerging?

For decades, the debate over rural healthcare has largely focused on a simple question: How do we keep rural hospitals open?

That question is still important. But Mississippi's new Rural Health Transformation Program suggests a much bigger question may be emerging:

What if the future of rural healthcare does not look like the healthcare system we have today?

RURAL HEALTH TRANSFORMATION FUNDS ARE DRIVEN BY CMS



The Rural Health Transformation Program is a five-year initiative created by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to strengthen and modernize healthcare in rural America.



Mississippi has received nearly **\$206 MILLION** in initial federal funding through this program.

Mississippi's plan could ultimately bring approximately **\$1 BILLION** in investment to the state over five years.

DID YOU KNOW THE PROGRAM IS FOCUSED ON...

1 BUILDING INTEGRATED REGIONAL NETWORKS



Connecting hospitals, clinics, EMS, behavioral health, public health and community organizations to create a more coordinated system of care.

- ✓ Stronger regional centers for specialty and emergency care
- ✓ Focused local providers for outpatient, behavioral health and chronic care
- ✓ Telehealth connecting patients to specialists hundreds of miles away

2 ADDRESSING THE WORKFORCE CRISIS



Expanding training, creating rural career pathways and recruiting and retaining healthcare professionals.

- ✓ Residency and preceptor programs
- ✓ New training opportunities
- ✓ Building a pipeline of Mississippians entering—and staying in—healthcare

3 LEVERAGING TECHNOLOGY FOR BETTER CARE



Investing in telehealth, data sharing, health information technology and cybersecurity to make geography less of a barrier.

- ✓ Local care with virtual access to specialists
- ✓ Better access to patient information
- ✓ Stronger coordination between providers

CMS PURPOSE: BETTER CARE. HEALTHIER PEOPLE. STRONGER SYSTEMS.



CMS designed the Rural Health Transformation Program to drive measurable improvements in rural health by supporting states to:

- Improve access to care and health outcomes
- Strengthen quality and patient safety
- Increase efficiency and reduce unnecessary costs
- Advance equity and address health disparities



Mississippi's plan is built around these goals—with strategies and investments that will be measured, reported, and evaluated by CMS to ensure accountability and maximize impact for rural communities.

DID YOU KNOW... TRANSFORMATION MEANS BOTH OPPORTUNITY AND CHANGE



- Some rural healthcare institutions will find new opportunities as regional hubs, integrated providers, telehealth organizations, behavioral-health providers, EMS systems and training institutions.
- Some hospitals and communities may need to rethink which services they can realistically provide. Difficult conversations may be necessary.
- Avoiding difficult conversations has not solved Mississippi's rural healthcare problems.

DID YOU KNOW... THIS IS THE REAL TEST



Will Mississippi use this money to preserve the past—or build the future?

That is the real test of the Rural Health Transformation Program.

The choices we make today will shape access, quality and opportunities for generations to come.



DID YOU KNOW THE FUTURE OF RURAL HEALTHCARE IS BEING SHAPED NOW?

By working together, embracing innovation and making strategic investments, Mississippi can build a stronger, more sustainable health system for generations to come.



**A stronger, more connected Mississippi starts with a bold vision for the future.
TOGETHER, WE CAN TRANSFORM RURAL HEALTHCARE.**