



ALASKA

RURAL HEALTH TRANSFORMATION



Advisory Council Meeting

August 17, 2026

Year 1 Progress



Dec

Engaged partners across Alaska to inform strategic, high-impact RHTP investments

Jan

Hosted a statewide RHTP kickoff convening, bringing together providers, partners, and technology leaders

Feb

Launched RHTP request for proposals, resulting in nearly 1,800 Letters of Interest

Mar

Developed an RHTP learning series that engaged hundreds of stakeholders through 11 statewide webinars

Apr

Initiated regional planning to identify rural health needs and inform regional care delivery strategies

May

Passed key state legislation, establishing five State Policy Actions supporting Alaska's RHTP

Jun

Opened the implementation application period and advanced planning pathway review

July

Began evaluation and portfolio review process, final budget and CMS review

Aug

Began issuing rolling awards, continue finalizing project reviews

Notice of Intent to Award Snapshot



Implementation Application Components



Building on LOIs

- Project summary (expanded)
- Specific funding request
- Communities / populations served
- Statement of need
- Alignment with RHTP initiatives
- Sustainability approach

New or Expanded Information

- Implementation approach
- Workplan
- Monitoring and evaluation plan
- Anticipated risks and mitigation strategies
- Key personnel (including new positions)
- Project outcomes and rationale
- Transformative potential
- Partnerships and coordination
- Procurement policies

Attachments*

- Workplan
- Budget spreadsheet
- Budget narrative
- Partnership matrix and documentation
- Applicant-specific documentation (consistent with applicable Alaska regulations)
 - Tribal sovereignty waiver (for Alaska Native entities)

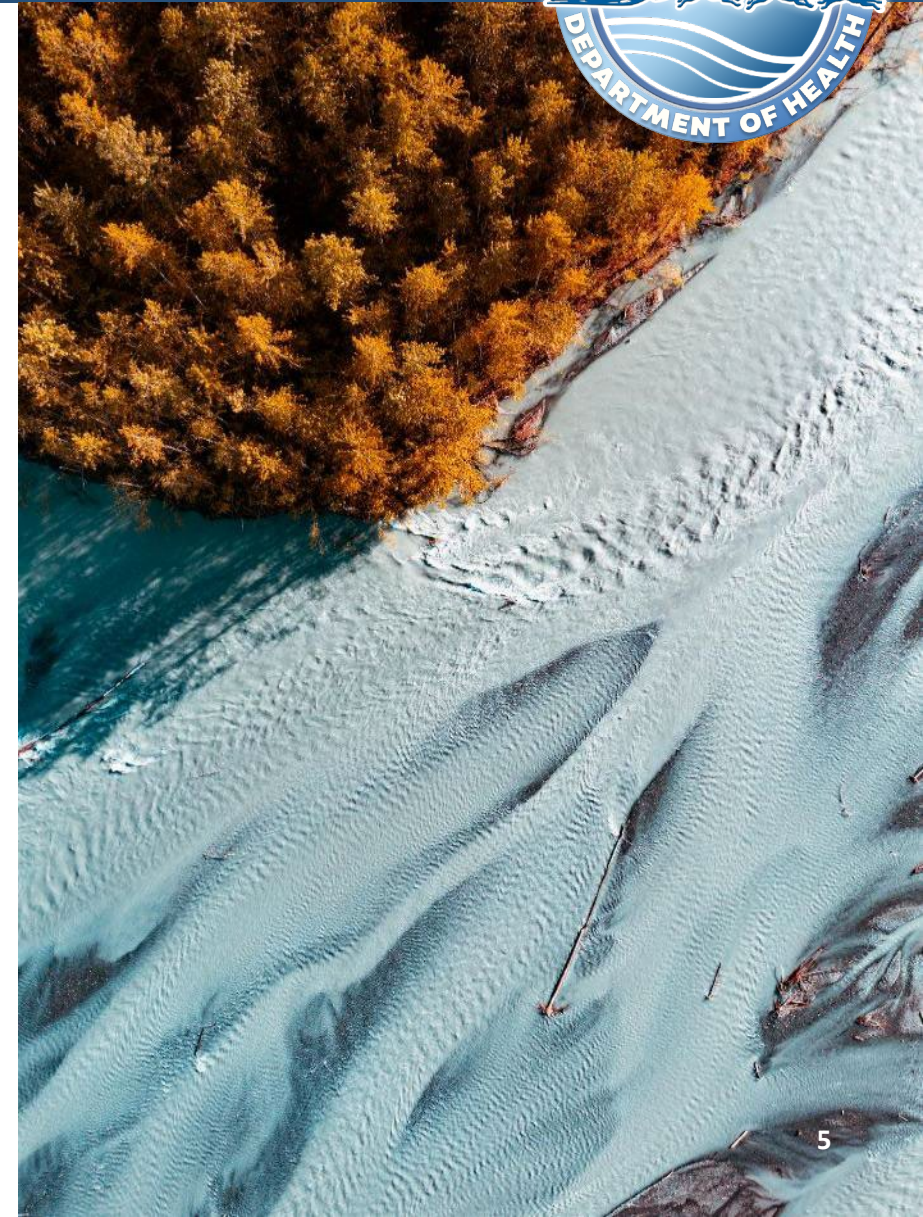
**Templates will be available in the application portal.*

Federally Limited and Unallowable Costs



Examples of CMS-defined unallowable uses of RHTP funding include:

- Construction of new facilities or building expansions
- Purchasing land and/or buildings
- Funding clinical services already covered by insurance
- Supplanting existing funding
- Broadband infrastructure, internet installation costs, and certain telecommunications equipment
- Provider loan repayments
- Direct payments to individuals (e.g., cash assistance, gift cards)
- Supplanting state contribution to Medicaid match
- Food
- 5-year service commitments





Implementation Award Timing

Weekly roll out Challenges

- Required documentation
- Additional information needed prior to notice of intent to award
- CMS review and approval
 - Ongoing guidance updates
- Budget accuracy and clarity

Regional and Community Planning



Regional and community planning is how Alaska's RHTP moves from statewide goals to actionable change on the ground. It enables regions to define priorities and shape solutions rooted in local context and inform future funding priorities.

Regional meetings held:

- Seward April 29
- Kenai Peninsula April 30
- Fairbanks May 5
- Mat-Su June 4
- Copper River Basin June 25
- Cordova June 30
- Dillingham July 8
- Ketchikan August 10

Regional meetings planned:

- Valdez September 3
- Greater Anchorage Area September 22
- Juneau November 12
- Utqiagvik/Northslope

Reports from each meeting will be released to communities.
Takeaways will be integrated into Year 2 planning.





Thank You!

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