

RURAL HEALTH TRANSFORMATION TIMELINE

Early 2026 (January-March)

- Launch of foundational RFPs and planning efforts
- Focus areas: technology and data modernization, Medicaid transformation, chronic disease planning, behavioral health frameworks
- Workforce and EMS initiatives center on planning and stakeholder engagement

Spring 2026 (March-May)

- Major release of programmatic RFPs and RFAs
- Focus areas: chronic disease, maternal and infant health, behavioral health, Medicaid providers, rural training and resources
- Proposal review and awards begin

Early Summer 2026 (June)

- Transition from planning to program launch
- Initial awards for digital modernization, chronic disease, and behavioral health programs

Mid to Late 2026 (Summer-Fall)

- Additional funding rounds and technical assistance
- Expanded behavioral health funding, Medicaid PACT support, and remote patient monitoring initiatives

