

Rural Health Transformation Plan – Public Comments

For any questions, please contact MDH by email at rural.transformation.mdh@state.mn.us

Background

Minnesota is seeking ideas to transform rural health and strengthen rural health care delivery. Identified focus areas include emergency services, primary care, care for people with complex and chronic conditions, mental and behavioral health care, maternal health care, and other at-risk services or unmet needs.

We are particularly interested in ideas that support sustainability of critical at-risk services through implementation or expansion of effective and innovative care delivery models, workforce recruitment and retention strategies, and establishment or expansion of technology-driven solutions that expand access to prevention services and care.

We welcome input from all voices and perspectives. If you care about rural health or have ideas about how to improve health and health care in rural areas, we want to hear from you.

Contact Information

Please provide your contact information, this will allow us to contact you if we have questions about your response. *Please note that responses to the survey will be government data under the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act (Minnesota Statutes, chapter 13) and may be subject to public access if not protected by federal or state law. If you are an employee, volunteer, or independent contractor of a “government entity” as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 13.02, please only provide your name, title, work telephone, work email, and county where you work.*

Name (First and Last) _____

Title _____

Phone _____

Email _____

County _____

Which of the following best describes you? (Check all that apply.)

- ☐ Clinician/provider
- ☐ Leader or administrator within a hospital or other provider organization
- ☐ Local or state policymaker
- ☐ Local or state government employee
- ☐ Tribal government leader
- ☐ Member of a Minnesota Tribe
- ☐ Rural community member
- ☐ Higher education or school district employee (administrator, professor, researcher)
- ☐ State or local public health
- ☐ Representative of a professional association

Other (please specify): _____

Are you responding on behalf of an organization, or as an individual that lives in a rural community?

- ☐ On behalf of an organization (please share your organization’s name):

- ☐ As an individual

Provide Input

Provide a high-level summary of the greatest needs related to rural health care delivery, especially for emergency services, primary care, care for people with complex and chronic conditions, mental and behavioral health care, maternal health care, and other at-risk services or unmet needs. (500 words)

Please select the topic areas you wish to provide input on. Requested input includes ideas to improve the following topic areas, suggested stakeholders/partners, estimated time for implementation, and the intended impact of the idea. (Select all that apply.)

- ☐ Evidence-based interventions to address disease prevention, chronic disease management, behavioral health, and maternal care
- ☐ Innovative health care delivery and payment models to improve health outcomes, promote community-based models or regional collaboration among providers, and/or incentivize providers to improve quality and reduce costs
- ☐ Strategies to recruit and retain health care providers in rural areas
- ☐ Use of technology solutions to promote efficient care delivery, improve data security, and/or maintain and increase access to care for rural residents

Please share ideas that will improve health outcomes using evidence-based interventions to address disease prevention, chronic disease management, behavioral health, and maternal health care. (500 words)

Who are the stakeholders and partners needed to implement the proposal? (250 words)

How long would it take to implement?

- ☐ 1-2 years
- ☐ 2-5 years
- ☐ More than 5 years

What is the intended impact or outcomes of the proposed ideas? How will we know it is successful? (250 words)

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Who are the stakeholders and partners needed to implement the proposal? (250 words)

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What is the intended impact or outcomes of the proposed ideas? How will we know it is successful? (250 words)

Please share ideas about strategies to recruit and retain health care providers in rural areas.
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What is the intended impact or outcomes of the proposed ideas? How will we know it is successful? (250 words)

Please share ideas about the use of technology solutions to promote efficient care delivery, improve data security, and/or maintain and increase access to care for rural residents. (500 words)

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