2025 Small Rural Hospital Improvement Program (SHIP) Frequently Asked Questions

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When is the application due?

Applications are due on January 10, 2025 at 11:59pm CT.

Do hospitals need to fill out a new application?

If a hospital has a current 2023-2028 SHIP contract they should not submit a new application, they should only fill out the "Year 3: 2025-2026 Application Report" follow-up that has been assigned to them in the ORHPC grants portal. If a hospital does not currently have a 2023-2028 SHIP contract then a new application is needed.

For the Small Rural Hospital Improvement Program grant, do you recommend applying for the grant if you are uncertain if you have any activities that we are aware of at the time?

Yes.

What are some examples of ICD-11 readiness/implementation activities?

You can find some examples of ICD-11 readiness/implementation activities here ICD 11 FAQ.pdf (ruralcenter.org).

If we plan to attend the webinar related to ICD-11 Coding Readiness will this count as proof of readiness training?

ArchProCoding will be hosting a webinar on ICD-11 coding on April 1, 2025. Participation in this webinar will count towards meeting the ICD-11 funding priority requirement for SHIP. Hospitals not participating in the webinar must complete their own ICD-11 readiness/implementation activity to meet the ICD-11 funding priority requirement.

Details regarding the webinar can be found here:
https://www.archprocoding.com/index.php?option=com_jevents&task=icalrepeat.detail&evid=267&Itemid=140&year=2025&month=04&day=01&title=minnesota-icd-11-coding-readiness-overview-for-minnesota-ship-hospitals-april-1-2025&uid=ffda2d0300adf2bd32cfe4406a6ab473

Is ICD-11 a funding requirement priority for SHIP Year 3?

No, ICD-11 readiness/implementation is not a funding priority requirement for Year 3 (2025-2026) of the SHIP grant, it is still a requirement for Year 2 (2024-2025) of the SHIP grant.

Is our coder's time viewing a webinar on ICD-11 readiness an allowable expense under the SHIP Grant?

No- Hospital staff salary, benefits, incentives, and bonuses of any kind are unallowable expenses, including staff time while attending a webinar related to a SHIP allowable expense.

Our SHIP Coordinator has changed. How do I update the 2024-2025 Application?

Please reach out to us at health.ruralSHIPgrant@state.mn.us with any updates to the application.

Are surveys and assessments allowed?

No- Excluding HCAHPS, costs associated with conducting surveys and assessments are not allowable. This includes: Community Health Needs Assessments, Outpatient Surveys, EDCAHPS, Hospital Finance Assessments, and Mock Audits (including RHCs).

What supporting documentation is needed for HCAHPS expenses?

Detailed invoices should include vendor name, date, per item cost and invoice total billed to the hospital. If the hospital is part of a system or has a partnership to share expenses for HCAHPS vendor fees a breakdown by hospital or site is needed.

Our vendor for patient experience surveys is all-inclusive, so it's for inpatients and outpatients (allows for disaggregation of the survey types). Is this an allowable expenses?

Please reach out to health.ruralSHIPgrant@state.mn.us to determine what supporting documentation is required in this situation.

Would price transparency for website development be an allowable expense for ICD-11 readiness?

Price transparency software is an allowable investment for SHIP, but would not count as an ICD-11 readiness/implementation activity.

We are not an ACO but can use cyber security for an allowable expense, correct?

Yes- even if a hospital is not a part of an Accountable Care Organization (ACO) they can still spend their SHIP awards in the ACO allowable investment categories such as cybersecurity software or training.

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