



September 30, 2025

[First Name] [Last Name]

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Re: Montana Rural Health Transformation Program (RHTP) Application

Dear [Last Name]:

The Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) would like to request your participation in a formal Medicaid Tribal Consultation regarding the Department's intent to submit a Rural Health Transformation Program (RHTP) application to the U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

## Background

The RHTP, authorized by H.R.1 and established by CMS, provides \$50 billion in federal funding over five budget periods (FY 2026–2030) to be divided among states that submit applications. This funding is designed to stabilize and transform rural health care delivery systems, including hospitals and other providers.

Montana must apply to CMS by Nov. 5, 2025. Funds will be allocated as follows:

- 50% will be divided equally among all approved state applicants
- 25% is based on statistics about states' rural populations
- 25% is based on how well each state's proposed initiatives and policy actions align with CMS criteria

Initiatives must impact five core areas: population health, partnerships and emergency medical services (EMS), workforce, payments and duals, and technology and data. Scoring will be based on five factors: financial sustainability, strategy, work plan, outcomes, and projected impact.

Please review the [RHTP CMS document](#) for more details.

### **Tribal Consultation Details**

Thursday, Oct. 16

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Tribal Consultation Registration Zoom link:

[https://mt-gov.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_\\_SUvCb57Q-69YVbaPnLd5w](https://mt-gov.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN__SUvCb57Q-69YVbaPnLd5w)

Sincerely,

Rebecca de Camara

Medicaid and Health Services Executive Director, DPHHS

CC: [Tribal Health Directors]

Misty Kuhl, Director, Governor's Office of Indian Affairs

Heidi DeRoche, Acting Director, Office of American Indian Health, DPHHS

Mary LeMieux, Administrator, Health Resources Division, DPHHS

Enclosed: Virtual Medicaid Tribal Consultation agenda for the Rural Health Transformation Program (RHTP) Application