



September 29, 2025

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
MAHARural@cms.hhs.gov

Re: Letter of Intent for Rural Health Transformation Program (CMS-RHT-26-001)
Funding Opportunity Title: Rural Health Transformation Program

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS), I am writing to notify the U.S. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) of Montana's intent to apply for the Rural Health Transformation Program (RHTP) cooperative agreement (CMS-RHT-26-001).

Pursuant to the RHTP Notice of Funding Opportunity, Governor Gianforte has formally designated DPHHS as the lead agency responsible for developing and submitting Montana's application. As director of DPHHS, I will serve as CMS's primary point of contact for matters related to Montana's RHTP application.

DPHHS will coordinate with the Governor's Office and stakeholders statewide to prepare a comprehensive Rural Health Transformation Plan that reflects the needs of our rural and frontier communities.

We look forward to submitting our application by the deadline of November 5, 2025, 11:59 PM ET, via Grants.gov. DPHHS appreciates CMS leadership's commitment to advancing rural health innovation and transformation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Brereton", is positioned above the printed name of the director.

Charles T. Brereton
Director