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Small Rural Hospital Transition (SRHT) Project

Supports small rural hospitals nationally by providing on-site technical assistance to assist bridging the gaps between the current health care system and the newly emerging health care delivery and payment system by:

• Providing Financial assessments
• Creating a quality-focused environment
• Aligning services to community need
• Participating in health care systems focused on value

[www.ruralcenter.org/rhi/srht]
SRHT Eligible Hospitals

- Must be located in a rural persistent poverty county or a rural census tract of a metro persistent poverty county as defined by the HRSA
- Must have 49 staffed beds or less as reported on the most recently filed Medicare Cost Report
- May be either CAH or PPS
- May be participating in other programs such as Small Hospital Improvement Program (SHIP), Rural Health Network Development Program and the Small Health Care Provider Quality Improvement Program
SRHT Onsite Technical Assistance

- Provided through comprehensive consultations
  - Financial operational assessment
  - Quality Improvement project – care management / transition of care
- Determines opportunities to implement best practices to maximize performance
- Develops action plans for performance improvement now
- Develops strategies to prepare the hospital for transitioning to value based system
Participation and Readiness Requirements

• Selected hospitals must be willing, able and ready to participate in all steps of the consultation and performance improvement process to include post-project follow up.

• SRHT requires top leadership involvement and commitment with the CEO as the key contact person.

www.ruralcenter.org/rhi/srht/participation-requirements

www.ruralcenter.org/rhi/srht/readiness-requirements
Measurable Outcomes

Selected hospitals must be willing, able and ready to:

- Demonstrate measurable outcomes
- Share successes and lessons learned
- Complete post-project follow up
- Utilize available resources to build internal capacity, sustain performance gains, and prepare for transitioning to a value based system

www.ruralcenter.org/resource-library
Success Stories

- **Hospital Spotlights:**
  [www.ruralcenter.org/rhpi/spotlight/list](http://www.ruralcenter.org/rhpi/spotlight/list)

- **Performance Management Group (PMG) Calls**
  [www.ruralcenter.org/pmg/playbacks](http://www.ruralcenter.org/pmg/playbacks)
Staff Education and Development

- Staff development is key to building a culture that focuses on performance excellence, implementing best practice recommendations and sustaining performance post-project.

- Health Education and learning Program (HELP) webinars
  
  www.ruralcenter.org/help-webinars

- Performance Management Group (PMG) Calls
  
  www.ruralcenter.org/pmg
• *Timely Transition* Monthly Newsletter
  - Funding announcements and program updates
  - Hospital spotlights
  - Upcoming live HELP Webinars and PMG Calls
  - Available HELP Webinars and PMG Call playbacks
  - Other – submit / request articles
SRHT Application

• Application period – to be announced

• Purpose of the application is to:
  o Score and rank applicant hospitals
  o Select top 8 hospitals for consultation projects based on leadership, commitment and readiness
  o Collect feedback on training needs required to support rural hospitals in the transition process
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