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Transforming Rural Healthcare in America

The Rural Health Transformation (RHT) Program was authorized by the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (Section 71401 of Public Law 119-21) and empowers states to strengthen rural communities across America by improving healthcare access, quality, and outcomes by transforming the healthcare delivery ecosystem. Through innovative system-wide change, the RHT Program invests in the rural healthcare delivery ecosystem for future generations.

Additional information on how to apply for RHT Program funding will be released via a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO), and funding will be distributed in the form of a cooperative agreement.

Make rural America healthy again

Support rural health innovations and new access points to promote preventative health and address root causes of diseases. Projects will use evidence-based, outcomes-driven interventions to improve disease prevention, chronic disease management, behavioral health, and prenatal care.

Sustainable access

Help rural providers become long-term access points for care by improving efficiency and sustainability. With RHT Program support, rural facilities work together — or with high-quality regional systems — to share or coordinate operations, technology, primary and specialty care, and emergency services.

Workforce development

Attract and retain a high-skilled health care workforce by strengthening recruitment and retention of healthcare providers in rural communities. Help rural providers practice at the top of their license and develop a broader set of providers to serve a rural community's needs, such as community health workers, pharmacists, and individuals trained to help patients navigate the healthcare system.

Innovative care

Spark the growth of innovative care models to improve health outcomes, coordinate care, and promote flexible care arrangements. Develop and implement payment mechanisms incentivizing providers or Accountable Care Organizations (ACOs) to reduce health care costs, improve quality of care, and shift care to lower cost settings.

Tech innovation

Foster use of innovative technologies that promote efficient care delivery, data security, and access to digital health tools by rural facilities, providers, and patients. Projects support access to remote care, improve data sharing, strengthen cybersecurity, and invest in emerging technologies.

<https://www.cms.gov/priorities/rural-health-transformation-rht-program/overview>



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Rural Health Transformation

Understanding the Rural Health Transformation Program

The Rural Health Transformation Program (RHTP) is a landmark \$50 billion federal investment designed to reshape healthcare in rural communities across America.¹

For questions about RHTP, email DSS.RHTP@dss.mo.gov.

To receive updates about the program, subscribe to the [RHTP Stakeholder](#) emails.



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RURAL HEALTH TRANSFORMATION

A Guide for *Stakeholders*

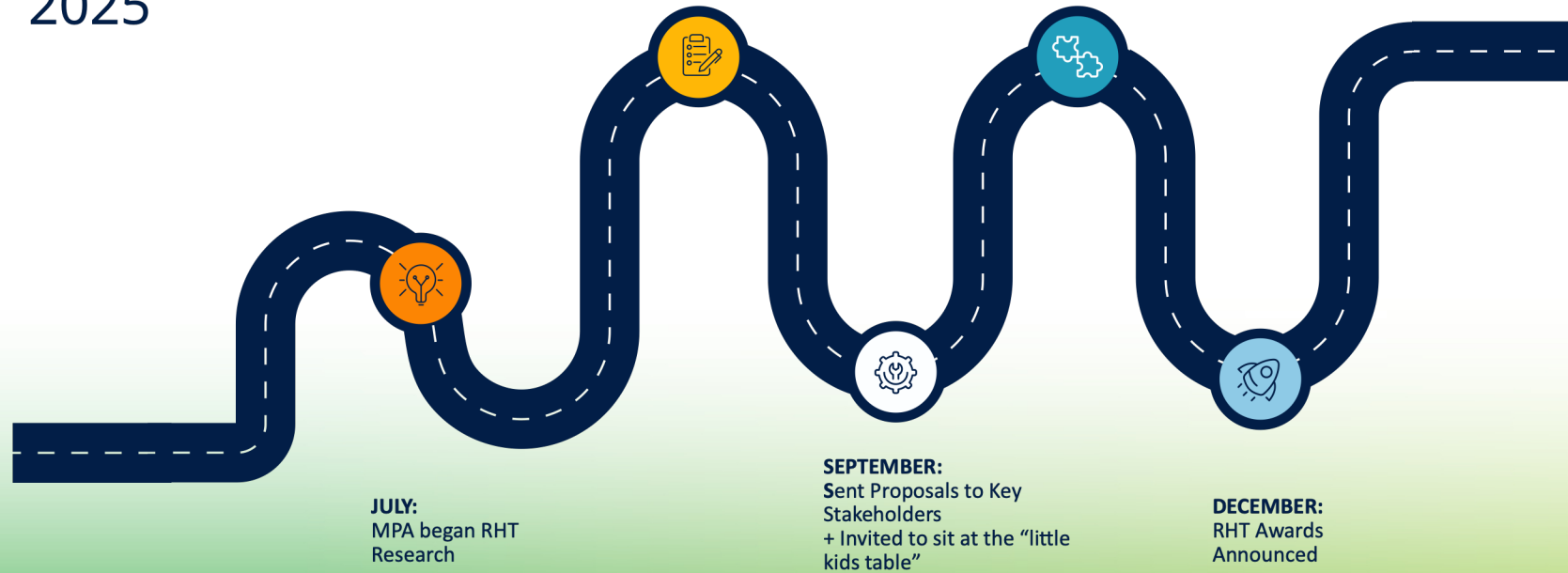
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MO RHT TIMELINE

2025



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MPA's RHT Activity to Date

2026

**State Key
Internal
Stakeholder
Workgroups**

**JANUARY &
FEBRUARY:**

MPA represents
pharmacy here.

**Weekly Meetings
Evaluating Metrics**

**FEBRUARY &
MARCH:**

Inclusion of
pharmacy data.

**Pharmacy-Only
Digital Readiness
Survey**

APRIL:

Feedback on quality
measures & role of
pharmacy

**Regional Hub
Anchor
Applications**

MAY:

Analysis of pharmacy
data & metric
critique



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MO RHT Application Narrative

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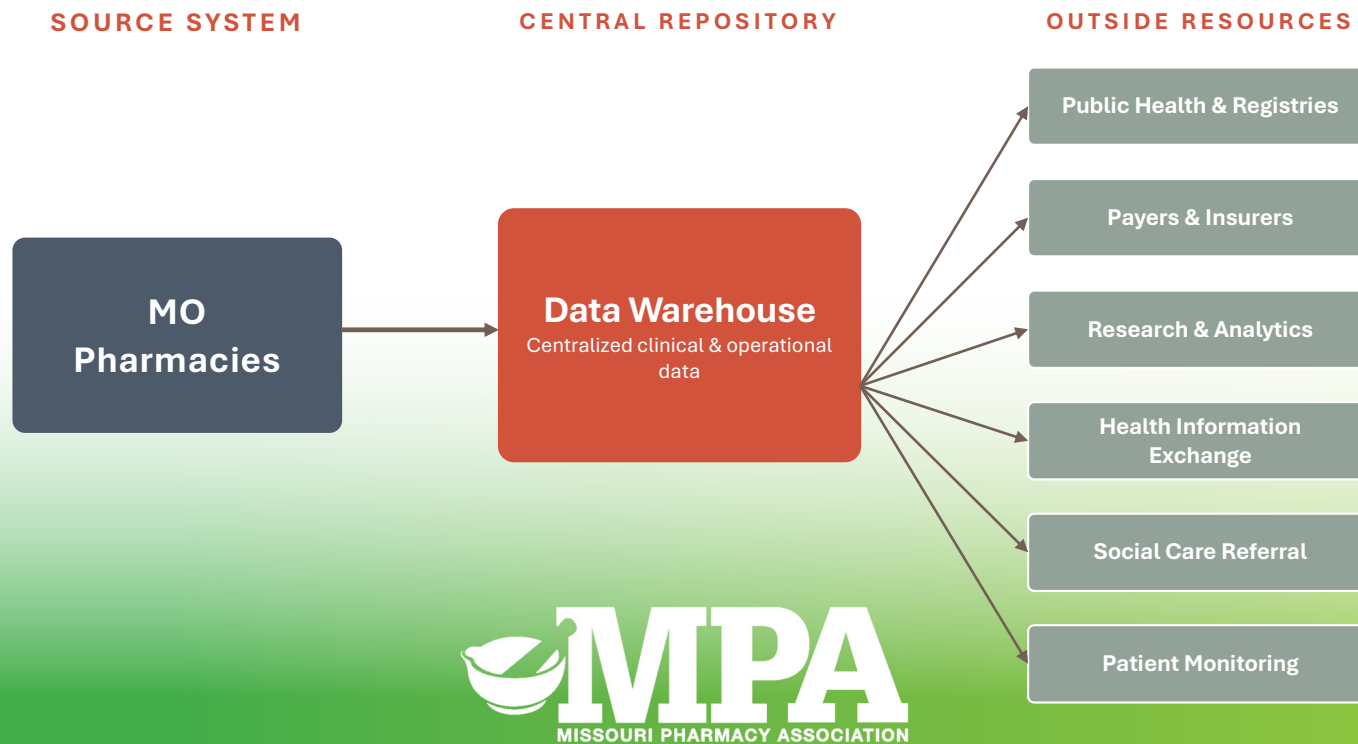
HL7 FHIR and Gravity Project Alignment	Data System Expansion	QHIN Integration
Documentation templates will be standardized and entered in HL7 FHIR compliant database for interoperability across the network of frontline and traditional care providers. All documentation templates and encounter forms will conform to HL7 FHIR R4+ resources, USCDI elements, and additional value sets to ensure consistent, interoperability.	We will rapidly scale base functionality of existing systems—MPA's System for Pharmacy Health Encounter Reporting & Evaluation (SPHERE), with centralized data aggregation, normalization and analytics capabilities. SPHERE will be enhanced to support FHIR APIs, USCDI data mapping, and automated schema validation.	We will phase in the frontline community-based access network into Qualified Health Information Networks (QHINs) to achieve long-term interoperability. This includes governance onboarding and testing of HL7 FHIR API endpoints for reliable data exchange, and maintaining critical workflow metadata.



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Where We are Going

Forward Data Flow



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