



NHHA Welcomes Major Federal Investment in Rural Health Care in New Hampshire

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Steve Ahnen, President of the New Hampshire Hospital Association

The New Hampshire Hospital Association (NHHA) applauds New Hampshire's receipt of over \$204 million in federal funding through the Rural Health Transformation Fund, an important investment for rural communities across the state.

"This award recognizes both the unique challenges facing New Hampshire's rural health care providers and our readiness to lead. Rural hospitals are often the sole source of emergency care, primary care and behavioral health services for large geographic areas, yet they continue to face persistent workforce shortages, rising costs contributing to financial pressures and growing demand for care," said Steve Ahnen, President of the New Hampshire Hospital Association.

"We thank Governor Kelly Ayotte and her team for their leadership securing the largest fiscal year 2026 award for this program in New England, which will help our hospitals and health systems modernize care delivery, invest in the workforce and improve health outcomes for patients and communities – particularly in rural areas of our state."

NHHA looks forward to continuing to work with state leaders and health care partners to ensure these resources deliver meaningful and measurable benefits for patients across the Granite State. Continued collaboration and sustained investment will be essential for preserving access to care and strengthening the health of rural New Hampshire.