Advancing Health Care in Rural, Tribal, and Geographically Isolated Communities

The CMS Framework for Advancing Health Care in Rural, Tribal, and Geographically Isolated Communities outlines six priority areas show how CMS will continue to work to promote policies and programs that help make high-quality health care in these communities available and affordable.

CMS OMH Rural Health Resources help improve health care access for rural, Tribal, and geographically isolated communities. Coverage to Care (C2C) is an initiative designed to assist individuals understand and utilize their health coverage effectively. Learn more about:
- Rural Health Clinics,
- The Rural Health Information Hub,
- The Mapping Medicare Disparities (MMD) Tool,
- Medicare Geographic Variation Comparisons dashboard, and
- The CMS Division of Tribal Affairs.

Reports and Publications provide the latest data and reports related to diverse geographies. Check out the reports:
- The Rural-Urban Disparities in Health Care in Medicare,
- The Advancing Health Equity in Rural, Tribal, and Geographically Isolated Communities: FY 2023 Year in Review, and
- The Examining Rural Telehealth During the Public Health Emergency.

CMS offers several ways to receive the latest information on activities that affect people enrolled in Medicare and health care professionals in rural areas. Subscribe to the CMS Rural Health listserv to keep up with the latest news on rural health programs and policies. View the Health Care Resource Center and the Health Equity Technical Assistance page to take action against health disparities.

CMS OMH also supports funding for research targeting health disparities, including programs like the Minority Research Grant Program and the Health Equity Data Access Program.

The CMS Office of Minority Health offers health equity technical assistance resources to help health care organizations address health disparities. If you are looking for assistance visit go.cms.gov/healthequityta or email RuralHealth@cms.hhs.gov.

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