

The Biden-Harris Administration Supports Rural Health Care

Thanks to the Biden-Harris Administration's commitment to rural communities, the Health Resources and Services Administration's (HRSA) **investments in rural health care have grown by more than 25% during this Administration**, including:

Supporting the rural health care workforce

- Supporting **6,700 primary care clinicians in 2024 who are practicing in rural communities** in return for HRSA-provided loan repayment through our National Health Service Corps Program.
- Graduating more than **2,300 HRSA-funded, newly trained mental health and substance use disorder providers** who now work in rural communities.
- Creating more than **400 new physician rural residency slots** to train new family medicine, psychiatry, and obstetrics physicians in rural communities.
 - In 2024 alone, more than **160 new physician residents** began training in HRSA-supported rural residency programs.
 - More than **80 new physicians** graduated from HRSA-supported rural residency programs during 2023 – 2024 and began practice.
- Graduating more than **275 physician and dental residents who trained in rural areas** through HRSA's Teaching Health Center Graduate Medical Education Programs.
- Supporting interstate compacts for behavioral health providers like psychologists and social workers to **make it easier for providers to serve rural communities** by practicing across state lines and providing telehealth services.

Improving access to health care services in rural communities

Rural primary care

- Expanding access to primary care in rural communities through HRSA-supported health centers, which see patients regardless of ability to pay and reached **an additional nearly 850,000 rural patients since 2020, serving a total 9.7 million rural patients per year**.
- **Growing primary care staffing in rural communities** through rural health centers by 18% since 2020.

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Rural mental health and substance use disorder services

- Providing substance use disorder treatment, recovery, or prevention services to more than **6 million people living in more than 1,500 rural communities**.
- Increasing mental health and substance use disorder services in rural communities by **expanding services in more than 160 rural health centers serving more than 3.4 million patients**.
- **Supporting more than 3,000 service delivery sites in rural communities directly providing naloxone** to the community.

Rural maternal health care

- Providing **prenatal care to more than 110,000 patients** per year in rural health centers.
- Supporting **more than 26,000 pregnant and new moms** in rural communities receiving community-based support—from diapers to transportation needs.
- Making voluntary home visiting services available to support pregnant and new moms with child development milestones and other critical needs in **more than 600 rural counties**.
- Supporting **newborn screening across rural communities** to ensure early identification of serious health conditions.
- Providing **nearly 21,000 pregnant and new moms in rural communities with health and social service support** through the HRSA-funded Rural Maternity and Obstetrics Management Strategies program since fiscal year 2021.

Rural HIV care

- Providing nearly **20,000 people with HIV care and treatment in 2022** through HRSA-supported rural providers.
- Helping more than **90% of clients in rural care settings reach viral suppression**, meaning they cannot sexually transmit HIV to their partner and can live longer and healthier lives.

Sustaining rural health care services

- Providing **more than 150 rural hospitals** with high-touch, extensive technical assistance to assess and improve their economic viability and help them remain open.



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