Alaska Rural Health Transformation Program

Portfolio Analysis Review Framework

This portfolio analysis framework is designed to support a comprehensive review of projects considered for funding under the Rural Health Transformation Program (RHTP). While each application is evaluated on its own strengths, the full portfolio of applications submitted during each funding opportunity will be considered collectively to understand how proposed projects fit together, where there may be concentrations or gaps, and how the overall mix of projects advances Alaska's rural health transformation goals.

Portfolio analysis is used to inform funding decisions by examining the distribution of proposed investments across geography, RHTP initiatives, populations served, organization types, service types, and key federal funding limitations. This approach helps ensure that RHTP investments support Alaska's diverse communities and health system needs, advance all six RHTP initiatives, and comply with federal program requirements.

Portfolio review complements project-level review. It is used alongside individual project evaluation to provide context for decision-making, help inform funding priorities, and help guide how limited funds are allocated across otherwise strong projects. All DOH funding decisions are subject to review and approval by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) under the State's cooperative agreement.

Portfolio Analysis Criteria

Criterion	Purpose	Sub-Categories
Project Service Area	Support geographic balance across Alaska's rural regions and communities.	• Aleutians East Borough • Aleutians West Census Area • Anchorage (Municipality) • Bethel Census Area • Bristol Bay Borough • Chugach Census Area • Copper River Census Area

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		• Denali Borough • Dillingham Census Area • Fairbanks North Star Borough • Haines Borough • Hoonah-Angoon Census Area • Juneau (City and Borough) • Kenai Peninsula Borough • Ketchikan Gateway Borough • Kodiak Island Borough • Kusilvak Census Area • Lake and Peninsula Borough • Matanuska-Susitna Borough • Nome Census Area • North Slope Borough • Northwest Arctic Borough • Petersburg Borough • Prince of Wales-Hyder Census Area • Sitka (City and Borough) • Skagway (Municipality) • Southeast Fairbanks Census Area • Wrangell (City and Borough) • Yakutat (City and Borough) • Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area • Multi-Region • Not Yet Operating in Alaska
RHTP Initiative	Support overall balance of funded projects across the	• Healthy Beginnings • Health Care Access • Healthy Communities

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	six initiatives identified in Alaska's RHTP application	- Pay for Value: Fiscal Sustainability - Strengthen Workforce - Spark Technology and Innovation
Populations Served	Support projects serving the target populations identified in Alaska's RHTP application	- Alaska Native peoples - Alaskans with behavioral health and substance use disorders - Alaskans with complex care needs - Alaskans with or at risk of chronic disease - Children and youth - Elders and older Alaskans - Health care workforce - Pregnant and postpartum women - Rural Alaskans - Other
Organization or Provider Type	Support a varied mix of eligible entity types	- Education Organization (Not Public University) - Emergency Medical Services - Behavioral health/substance use disorder treatment - Clinic - Dental - Family or primary care - Federally qualified health center - Home- and community-based services provider - Hospital - Maternal health - Pharmacy - Private practitioner - Specialist - Other Health Care Provider

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		• Local Government • Non-Profit, Social Service, or Community Based Organization • State Agency or Public University • Tribe and/or Tribal Health Organization • Vendor Partnering with an Alaska Organization
Service Type *(See Appendix A for further details on Service Type Categories)*	Support projects that provide various types of needed health care and health-related services	• Primary and preventive care • Maternal and child health • Behavioral health services • Specialty and complex medical care • Urgent, emergency and stabilization care • Oral, vision and ancillary clinical services • Chronic disease and care management services • Pharmacy and medication management • Long-term services and supports • Post-acute and recovery care • Care coordination and navigation • Health-related needs supports

Portfolio-Level Review

Portfolio review is an analytic tool to consider how each category is represented across the full pool of applications received in a funding round. Rather than applying fixed weights in advance, projects are reviewed in context of the overall application mix within each portfolio dimension.

This approach allows the Department to promote balance across the full set of funded projects, respond to application patterns as they emerge, and avoid over-concentration of funding in any single region, population, initiative, or service type.

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The influence of portfolio-level considerations may vary by funding round. The Department will apply this review flexibly based on the mix of applications received, the strength of individual proposals, available funding, and the need to ensure balanced and effective use of RHTP resources.

Key Federal Budget Limitations
Portfolio analysis will consider the cumulative impact of applications on federal funding caps for the following expense categories in any given budget period:

- Administrative Expenses (10% of total RHTP award)
- Provider Payments (15% of total RHTP award)
- HITECH-Certified EMR Replacement (5% of total RHTP award)
- Technology Innovation Catalyst Fund (10% of total RHTP award, capped at $20 million)
- Capital Expenditures and Infrastructure (20% of total RHTP award)

Where the total requested funding and anticipated expenditures exceed allowable limits in any given category, prioritization will consider both portfolio and project-level scores, as well as cost effectiveness.

Appendix A

Service Type Category Detail

Primary and Preventive Care	*Maternal and Child Health Services*	*Behavioral Health Services*
- Primary care services - Preventive screenings and wellness visits - Immunizations - Health promotion and early intervention services	- Prenatal, perinatal, and postpartum care - Obstetric and midwifery services - Labor and delivery, newborn, and neonatal care - Pediatric primary care, well-child visits, and developmental screening services - Perinatal and pediatric behavioral health services, including maternal mental health screening and treatment - Home visiting and community supports during pregnancy, postpartum, infancy	- Mental health services - Substance use disorder treatment - Crisis stabilization services - Integrated behavioral health within primary care settings
Specialty and Complex Medical Care	*Urgent, Emergency, and Stabilization Care*	*Oral, Vision, and Ancillary Clinical Services*
- Medical specialty care - Surgical specialty services - Oncology, cardiology, neurology, and other advanced specialties - High-acuity outpatient specialty services	- Urgent care services - Emergency department services - Trauma stabilization - Emergency medical transport and transfer coordination	- Dental services - Vision care - Audiology services - Physical, occupational, and speech therapy services
Chronic Disease and Care Management	*Pharmacy and Medication Management*	*Long-Term Services and Supports (LTSS)*
- Chronic condition management programs - Population health management	- Medication dispensing; pharmacy access - Clinical pharmacy services	- Nursing facility services - Home- and community-based services

• Community health worker services • Remote patient monitoring	• Medication therapy management • Medication adherence support	• Personal care services • Supports for aging/disability populations
Post-Acute and Recovery Care • Skilled nursing facility care • Inpatient rehabilitation services • Home health services • Transitional care following hospitalization	*Care Coordination and Navigation* • Care coordination services • Patient navigation services • Care transitions and discharge planning • Community care hubs and network	*Health-Related Needs Support* • Medically tailored meals • Permanent supportive housing • Medical respite care • Non-emergency medical transportation