

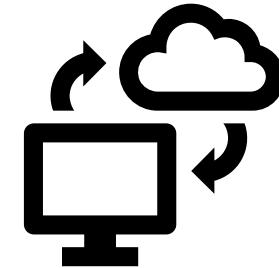
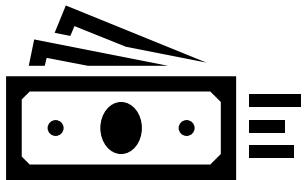


# Rural Health Transformation Program Eastern Region

Monday 3:30pm ET

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# *Intersections with NACDS Priorities*



Scope of Practice  
Expansion

Payment for  
Pharmacy Services

Data  
Interoperability/  
Infrastructure



# Antitrust Statement



# Description of NACDS Strategy by Tier

## Priority Tier I

- NACDS staff notifies member of state calls / webinar
- NACDS staff joins state calls/ webinars with members
- NACDS advocates for pharmacy inclusion in state's RHTP programs
- First states discussed on RHTP NACDS calls
- NACDS supports all members in the state as needed while maintaining member confidentiality
- Forward state specific RHTP information to State Personify list and RHTP company leads as identified by member.

## Priority Tier II

- *Same as Tier 1, except discussed after Tier 1 during workgroup calls*

## Priority Tier III & Non-Tiered States

- NACDS staff notifies member of state calls / webinar
- Forward state specific RHTP information to State Personify list and RHTP company leads as identified by member.
- States discussed on RHTP NACDS calls if time permits

# Eastern Priority States

Tier 1	Tier 3
VT	NJ
OH	NY
FL	GA
	IL
Tier 2	Remaining States
ME	NH
MA	CT
NC	DE
SC	MD
RI	WV
PA	VA
	AL

# Vermont – Tier 1

## Potential Opportunities

- Test & Treat pilot (training, technology, reimbursement)
- Test & Treat legislation

## Award Amount

\$195,053,740

## Member Discussion Items

- Informing pilot
- Legislative landscape

## Latest Developments

- Today's webinar
- Listserv

## Next Steps

- NACDS to determine if legislation is needed to support the pilot
- NACDS to draft pilot concept from member review (as broad as possible)

# Ohio – Tier 1

## Potential Opportunities

- RFP – Vendor solicitation (policy, training, HIE, pilot wearables, A1c, BP)
- Test & Treat legislation

## Award Amount

\$202,030,262

## Member Discussion Items

- Recommended vendor type?

## Latest Developments

- Test & Treat legislation introduced

## Next Steps

- NACDS to connect with state pharmacy association
- Waiting on vendor to be chosen
- Legislation should move in mid-February

# Florida – Tier 1

## Potential Opportunities

- Reimburse rural pharmacies for minor ailments
- Retail clinic services (telehealth kiosks, support staffing, equipment) - \$6M
- Advance chronic disease care/nutrition support

## Award Amount

\$209,938,195

## Member Discussion Items

- Info on RFP?
- Retail pharmacy services?
- Lean on existing payment pathways? Is that sufficient?

## Latest Developments

- Bid Portal (RFP/RFA)

## Next Steps

- NACDS to consider how to educate on “minor ailments”

# Maine – Tier 2

## Potential Opportunities

- Years 2-5 reimbursement for vulnerable patients (low income, uninsured, ineligible for Medicaid) - chronic care, pharmacy services

## Award Amount

\$190,008,051

## Member Discussion Items

- Test and treat advocacy - Note: Cicero report score dispute
- Priority pharmacy services for reimbursement in vulnerable patients (HC, HIV prevention)?

## Latest Developments

## Next Steps

- NACDS to draft concept for member review

# Massachusetts – Tier 2

## Potential Opportunities

- Telepharmacy investments/remote dispensing
- Pharmacy robots for pharmacy pick ups
- Automated dispensing systems
- Interoperability/HIE

## Award Amount

\$162,005,238

## Member Discussion Items

- Board of Pharmacy/Pharmacy Association – recommended language?
- Need better understanding from state on opportunities re: pharmacy tech innovation

## Latest Developments

## Next Steps

- NACDS to reach out to the

# North Carolina – Tier 2

## Potential Opportunities

- Chronic care prevention, diabetes, hypertension, cancer, physical fitness

## Award Amount

\$213,008,356

## Member Discussion Items

- Push for value of pharmacy/payment for chronic disease program?

## Latest Developments

- Must set-up Rural Health Dept by end of March
- 6 regional areas/offices
- Governor open to pharmacy services

## Next Steps

- NACDS to draft concept for member review
- Yes, to value of pharmacy/payment for CD programs.

# South Carolina – Tier 2

## Potential Opportunities

- 24/7 access pharmacy kiosks (screenings, dispensing, test kits)
- Pharmacy technicians as CHWs (funding)

## Award Amount

\$200,030,252

## Member Discussion Items

- Need better understanding from state on technician opportunities?
- Tech ratio implications?

## Latest Developments

## Next Steps

- NACDS to contact state re: kiosk opportunity

# Rhode Island – Tier 2

## Potential Opportunities

- Test and treat legislation

## Award Amount

\$156,169,931

## Latest Developments

- Budget Year
- Legislation not yet introduced

## Member Discussion Items

- Legislative landscape

## Next Steps

# Pennsylvania – Tier 2

## Potential Opportunities

- Mobile digital health kiosks in high-traffic sites (pharmacies, grocery stores, pharmacist support for chronic disease management)
- Pharmacists to connect to remote behavioral health consultation
- Technology and infrastructure initiative
- Maternal health stakeholder

## Award Amount

\$193,294,054

## Member Discussion Items

- Need better understanding from state on specific opportunities and implementation?

## Latest Developments

## Next Steps

- NACDS to contact state re: opportunities

# New York – Ad-hoc addition

## Potential Opportunities

New York's Rural Health Transformation Plan Includes Four Key Initiatives:

- Establish coordinated rural health partnerships: These partnerships between rural hospitals and healthcare organizations will enhance patient access to a wide range of providers across the care continuum to address both health and social needs.
- Strengthen rural communities with technology-enhanced primary care: Improve rural patient access to and utilization of high-quality primary care through the Patient Centered Medical Home model with the incorporation of artificial intelligence where appropriate.
- Build a sustainable rural health care workforce: Create a self-sustaining cycle of workforce development and pipeline that addresses both immediate staffing needs and long-term capacity-building, ensuring New York's rural communities have continuous access to high quality health care services tailored to their regional circumstances.
- Investments in technology innovation and cybersecurity enhancements: Expand access to care through telehealth, improving patient outcomes through eConsult partnerships, increasing usable alerts in rural counties and strengthening cybersecurity of rural facilities.

### Next Steps:

- Association meeting this week, Feb 4

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# Next Steps & Final Thoughts