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HRSA Celebrates Home Visiting Successes



Last week families and home visitors from HRSA's [Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting \(MIECHV\) Program](#). With HHS Secretary Kennedy's support, the roundtable highlighted how federal investments in maternal health and early childhood development are improving postpartum health, building confident parents, strengthening parent-child bonds, and boosting early language development.

HRSA reaffirms commitment to rural America during the National Rural Health Association Policy Institute



HRSA Administrator Tom Engels and Associate Administrator for the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy Tom Morris, delivered remarks at the National Rural Health Association Policy Institute on Feb. 10, reinforcing HRSA's commitment to strengthening rural health care nationwide.

Speaking to rural health care leaders, providers and advocates, Administrator Engels highlighted the essential role rural hospitals play in delivering high-quality, affordable care to underserved communities. He emphasized HRSA's investments in building a strong rural health workforce, advancing telehealth, supporting innovative care delivery models and advancing Make America Healthy Again priorities to improve health outcomes in rural areas.

Building on these themes, Tom Morris outlined FORHP's work to align Administration priorities across its programs, with a focus on expanding access to care and supporting rural hospital sustainability. He also noted HRSA's collaboration with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services to implement the Rural Health Transformation Program, highlighting how federal partnerships play a critical role in FORHP's work beyond HRSA.

Together, Administrator Engels' and Associate Administrator Morris' remarks underscored HRSA's ongoing partnership with rural communities to address workforce shortages, strengthen hospital sustainability, and improve access to care.

HRSA Requests Feedback on 340B Rebate Model Pilot

HRSA issued a [Request for Information](#) (RFI) to solicit stakeholder input regarding the potential use of rebates to effectuate the ceiling price under the 340B Program,

including the standards and procedures that should govern the approval of manufacturer rebate plans and the impacts on all stakeholders.

This RFI seeks comments on whether HRSA should implement a rebate model under the 340B Program and how best to operationalize any such rebate framework for stakeholders. The information collected through this RFI will assist HRSA in evaluating the operational, financial, and drug access for patients of a rebate model on covered entities, manufacturers, and other stakeholders across the drug supply chain.

To provide stakeholders additional time to submit meaningful comments for HRSA's review in evaluating operational, financial, and potential impacts on access to drugs for patients under a rebate model, HRSA has [extended the comment period from 30 days to 60 days](#). Feedback [on the RFI](#) is due no later than April 20, 2026.

In addition, in compliance with the requirement for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects of the Paperwork Reduction Act, HRSA seeks comments from the public regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of the Information Collection Request (ICR), related to a potential 340B Rebate Model Pilot Program. [Comments on this ICR](#) should be received no later than April 27, 2026.

Medicare Telehealth Flexibilities Extension

Recent legislation authorized an extension of many [Medicare telehealth flexibilities](#) through Dec. 31, 2027. This includes:

- Waiving geographic and originating site requirements
- Expanding practitioners eligible to furnish telehealth services
- Allowing Federally Qualified Health Centers and Rural Health Clinics to serve as distant site providers
- Delaying in-person requirements for tele-mental health services
- Allowing audio-only telehealth



Visit [Telehealth.HHS.gov](https://www.Telehealth.HHS.gov) to [learn more](#).

HRSA Grantee Delivers Dental Care in Rural Schools Using Telehealth



In honor of National Children's Dental Health Month, learn how the University of California San Francisco's School of Dentistry is using telehealth to bring dentistry to children at school. This HRSA-funded program provides essential dental services to children in rural

areas, removing barriers to care and enhancing dental professionals' ability to provide virtual dental care.

Read more about their work at [Telehealth.HHS.gov](https://www.hhs.gov/telehealth).

HRSA Launches New Data Resources to Support Health Workforce Planning

HRSA's National Center for Health Workforce Analysis (NCHWA) released three new data resources to support health workforce planning in 2026:



- **[Health Workforce Explorer](#)**: An interactive dashboard with national snapshots of 40 health occupations.
- **[Updated Health Workforce Projections](#)**: National and state-level supply and demand estimates for 2023–2038.
- **[Area Health Resources Files \(AHRF\)](#)**: Updated data from 1999–2024, with a dashboard visualizing workforce trends across key health professions.

Nurses Can Apply for Loan Repayment Now



The [Nurse Corps Loan Repayment Program](#) application is open. Registered nurses and advanced practice registered nurses working full-time at an eligible public or private critical shortage facility, or nurse faculty at an eligible school of nursing can pay off 60% of their nursing education debt with two years of service. Apply by **Thursday, March 12, 7:30 p.m.**

ET.

National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program Application Now Open



The [National Health Service Corps \(NHSC\)](#) is accepting applications for three loan repayment programs. Primary care, dental, or mental and behavioral health providers working at NHSC-approved sites can receive up to \$100,000 to help pay off student loans. [Compare programs](#) and learn more about eligible disciplines, site types, and service commitment.

Apply by **Tuesday, March 31, 7:30 p.m. ET.**