

THE RURAL HEALTH TRANSFORMATION PROGRAM: WHAT COULD IT MEAN FOR RURAL WORKING-AGE AND OLDER ADULTS?

ONLINE PANEL

Monday, March 30
11:00am-12:00pm ET

Recent policy changes are reshaping federal healthcare funding, and rural communities are on the front lines. The new Rural Health Transformation Program (RHTP) directs \$50 billion over the next five years to help states respond to Medicaid cuts, rising uncompensated care, and growing gaps in rural healthcare access. For rural working-age and older adults—who already face higher rates of chronic disease, longer distances to care, and greater reliance on Medicaid and Medicare—the stakes are especially high. How states deploy these dollars will directly shape healthcare access and other drivers of health. Join us to unpack what's changing and what it could mean for rural people and places.

This panel will be held as part of the Annual Meeting of the Interdisciplinary Network on Rural Population Health and Aging (INRPHA)—a multi-institution research network funded by the National Institute on Aging. INRPHA membership is not required in order to attend.

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