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Rural Health IT Steering Committee

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- **Welcome New Members!**
- **New Funding Next Steps**
- **Independent Providers List**
- **Wrap-up and Action Items**
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Welcome!



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New Rural Connectivity Funding Strategy Discussion

**~\$11mil in one-time
federally-matched funding to
connect independent rural primary,
behavioral, and social healthcare
providers to analytics and HIE was
approved by the JTC for FY2023**

■ Methodology:

- Benefits management data on current providers that accept Medicaid
- Removed providers affiliated with FQHC, CAH, RHC, CMHC; pharmacies; optical retail
- Categorized providers to facilities to remove duplicate facilities
- Caveats:
 - Not all providers actively practice in rural communities (tried to filter these out)
 - Some practices have closed
 - Some providers have multiple affiliations
 - Nuances of provider claims data: provider vs. facility

- Identify who is already connected to HIE (OeHI and HIEs)
 - 4 independent hospitals all connected to QHN
- Identify what Health IT tools these provider types need (Steering Committee)
- Develop a funding strategy and timeline (OeHI and eHealth Commissioners)
 - Funding availability for connectivity (with federal match): Late 2022
 - Project must be completed by June 30, 2025

- Outreach - We think the best way to determine how to maximize our new Funding to go out to the various providers and ask what it is that the need.
- We want to take the time to talk to the rural providers to get their thoughts. Who is best to speak with these providers?
- With the information gathered from the outreach we can then put together a specific funding plan that breaks out the funding for each system.

- The bucket of dollars for the updates to the EHR will not get a federal match so those dollars are available to spend on 7/1
- The TA funding which is eligible for a federal match, but we could use a small portion for the Outreach discussed above.
- This outreach would be completed By December 31st



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Independent Provider List

- We received a list of 7,130 providers last week and are going beginning to go through the list to identify the small, independent providers traditionally not eligible for federal funding opportunities.
- This will include Behavioral, Social, and Physical health providers that are not connected to the state's HIE network
- We will have this list ready to present at the next Steering Committee meeting



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Wrap-up and Public Comment