

Initiative 2: Rural Texas Patients in the Driver's Seat

Short Description:

Invest in technology to establish consumer-facing health portals that engage patients and facilitate the exchange of health information between patients, providers and payers.

Total Available Dollars:	\$150M																								
Year 1 Approved Award:	\$0																								
Who qualifies?	2 or more CIN/ACO or similar cooperatives supporting hospitals, clinics/physicians, and behavioral health providers																								
How will funds be distributed?	RFP																								
Additional details:	The following criteria will be used to select the entities: (1) subject matter expertise and commitment to improving technology access, specifically, health information exchanges and provider technology solutions and (2) a minimum of the entity's membership is comprised of at least 60% or more of rural providers.																								
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