

Initiative 5: Unified Care Infrastructure and Rural Cyber Protection

Short Description:

Funding will be used to establish a unified care infrastructure (UCI) and bolster cybersecurity defenses across rural providers.

Total Available Dollars:	\$100M																								
Year 1 Approved award:	\$0																								
Who qualifies?	All rural entities																								
How will funds be distributed?	Request for Offer - HHSC will engage using the Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR) established contracting process.																								
Additional details:	By mitigating ransomware and other cyberattacks, this investment preserves access to care, keeps hospital systems online, and prevents workforce disruption and burnout. It also protects revenue streams and improves financial viability of rural providers by maintaining continuity in billing and operations.																								
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