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## Expanding Funding for Rural Health IT to Montana's Rural Clinics and Hospitals May 14, 2014 at Fairmont Hot Springs Resort in Anaconda, MT

We are thrilled to announce the launch of a rural health IT funding initiative dedicated to rural clinics and hospitals in Montana. The initiative is focused on a broad range of funding needs, including mobile health, Telehealth and electronic health record technology.

Following the lead of the [White House Rural Council](#), the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT (ONC) and US Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development (RD) are partnering with state and local leadership to streamline and improve the effectiveness of Federal program serving rural America by helping rural clinics and hospitals leverage the full suite of complementary HHS and USDA programs to adopt and use health IT, optimize health care delivery and support rural economic development. In 2013, ONC and USDA piloted this funding initiative that successfully generated over \$38 Million in funding to critical access and rural hospitals across four states as of September 30, 2013. To date, the partners have launched this initiative in nine states: [Iowa](#), Kansas, Texas, Illinois, [Mississippi](#), [Georgia](#), Michigan, [Tennessee](#), and Minnesota.

**Montana Program:** Montana HIMSS, Mountain-Pacific Quality Health, Health Technology Services, Montana Hospital Association, and The Montana State Office of Rural Health, are convening a funding workshop to link rural safety-net providers and hospitals with funding programs to help them invest in the technology to optimize their health systems.

The participants will: 1) Identify most pressing funding needs for each hospital and clinic in attendance, 2) Engage in face-to-face problem solving with funders and rural hospital leadership, 3) Learn about specific low interest loan and grant programs and 4) Assist rural hospitals make substantive progress developing applications for funding.

Lunch will be provided for all registered attendees. Please use this link to register.

<https://mpqhf.adobeconnect.com/e1jp48ncnpf/event/registration.html>

### Partners

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