



Role of the Rural Hospital Flexibility Program in Strengthening the Rural Health Care Infrastructure

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Sources and Methods

- Surveys with CAH administrators, physicians practicing in communities served by CAHs, administrators of 36 non-converting hospitals, Medicaid program staff, and staff from Offices of Rural Health and Flex Programs in all states
- Site visits to twenty six states and more than fifty hospitals



Flex Program focus

- Conversion of CAHs
- Support for rural EMS systems
- Improving safety and quality of services
- Encouraging rural network development
- Expanded engagement of rural communities in developing and supporting their local healthcare infrastructure



Today's speakers will

- The role of the states in enhancing capacity and infrastructure including the use of Flex grant funds and other resources in support of program goals and priorities
- The role of the Flex Program in addressing hospital workforce issues
- The maturation of CAH quality improvement strategies