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Health Care Innovation Awards Round Two

The Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI), Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has announced the second round of awards for "Initiatives to Accelerate the Development and Testing of New Payment and Service Delivery Models." A number of projects will be implementing innovations in rural places:

[Avera Virtual Care Center Project](#) – Throughout facilities in Iowa, Minnesota, South Dakota and Nebraska, Avera Health will focus on building tools to assess long term care needs, provide routine goal directed care and improve the management of that care as patients transition across different health care settings. The management of long term care in rural populations has been a challenging aspect of population health.

[Catholic Health Initiatives: Transitioning a Rural Network to Value-based Care](#) – Catholic Initiatives Iowa Corporation is receiving funding to test the transition of 25 critical access hospitals and 73 primary clinics in rural Iowa and Nebraska to value-based care. Mercy's Accountable Care Organization has achieved successful outcomes implementing this model in urban settings.

[Four Seasons Compassion for Life - Palliative Care](#) – The Four Seasons Compassion for Life project will receive \$9.5 million to improve the value of palliative based care through community based models in rural western North Carolina. Interdisciplinary collaboration, continuity of care across transitions and palliative care integration into the existing health care system are the focal points of the project.





[Using Innovative Technologies to Personalize and Deliver Coordinated Dementia Care](#) – The Regents of the University of California San Francisco are embarking on a project to improve the value and mitigate the cost of dementia care in rural California and Nebraska. Using a model developed by the University of Nebraska Medical Center, the program will develop strategies aimed at improving satisfaction with care, preventing emergency-related medical costs and keeping patients in their homes as long as possible as illness advances.

[Rural Clinically Integrated Network: University of Kansas Hospital Authority](#) – In an effort to reduce human and financial cost of cardiovascular disease, the University of Kansas Hospital Authority is implementing a unique innovative strategy. The Rural Clinically Integrated Network is a collaborative governance structure that will bring together independent providers and academic medical centers through “regional hubs” staffed by providers and health coaches. Through the regional hubs and future investment in telehealth and “big data” analysis, the RCIN will act as an accountable team in population management.

[University of New Mexico Health Science Center: ACCESS program](#) - The University of New Mexico Health Science Center’s Access to Critical Cerebral Emergency Support Services (ACCESS) program will evaluate the capacity of 11 hospitals to provide remote emergency neurological consultations. The infrastructure of the 11 hospitals will lay the groundwork to expand the telehealth services to a statewide 30-hospital telehealth system.

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