

Rural Health Transformation (RHT) Program

Scoring Calculation Fact Sheet

The RHT Program will distribute a total of \$50 billion to States. \$10 billion of funding becomes available each budget period, beginning in fiscal year 2026 and ending in fiscal year 2030.

50%
Baseline Funding

\$25B distributed evenly amongst approved States



50%
Workload Funding¹

\$25B allocated based on:

- **50% Rural Facility and Population Scores**
- **50% Technical Scores**

Within Workload Funding...

In the initial budget period, each state will receive half of the full score potential for each Initiative-based factor. **The score can increase** in future budget periods (up to the full score potential) based on initiative implementation progress.

States that choose to not pursue changes to an unimplemented State Policy Action or do not commit to Initiatives related to a particular score factor **will receive zero points toward that score factor.**

Data-Driven Score Factors

Points are based on the value of a State's metric in comparison to other States.

Initiative-Based Score Factors

Points are based on projects and activities that a State has chosen to pursue. For each score factor, a merit review panel will use the scoring matrix in Table 2 of the NOFO to determine a full score potential between 0 and 100.

State Policy Action Score Factors

Points are based on **currently implemented State policy** and **State policy actions that States commit to implement**. For the latter, policy must be implemented by the end of 2027² and States will receive partial credit until full implementation. Failure to meet the deadline will result in CMS removing these points and recovering past funds proportional to the amount that the commitment contributed.

Scoring Calculation Steps

Step Description

Example Calculation

Calculate Points Score for each factor (based on Table 4 of the NOFO)

1

Determine Each State's Base Score

The method will vary for each score factor based on the description in the "Points Scoring Methodology" column of Table 4 and will ultimately result in a *Point Score* from 0–100.

For example, for Technical score factor C. 3, suppose State A received a CON score of 36 on the Cicero Institute Certificate of Need (CON) law ranking. This results in a base score of **75** Points based on the scoring criteria for C. 3 in Table 4 of the NOFO.

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Sum Scores Across States

The sum of all individual State base scores for a given factor is the denominator for the next step of the scoring process.

In this example, each State is assigned a Base Score and the sum of those base scores is **2,500**:

$$\text{State A score} + \text{State B score} + \text{State C score} + \dots = \mathbf{2,500}$$

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Re-Index State Scores

Divide each State's base score by the sum of all States' scores and multiply by **100** to determine each State's *Points Score*. Re-indexing ensures all score factors are weighted properly in the next step of the scoring process.

State A's *Points Score* for factor C. 3 is re-indexed to:

$$\mathbf{100 * 75 / 2,500 = 3}$$

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Calculate Weighted Factor Scores

For each State and factor, multiply the re-indexed Points Score by the appropriate factor weight in Table 3 of the NOFO.

For score factor C. 3, the listed factor weight is **1.75%**. State A's re-indexed score of 3 for C. 3 is multiplied by **1.75%** to give **0.0525** points towards State A's *Total Points Score*:

$$\mathbf{3 * 1.75\% = 0.0525}$$

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Sum Weighted Factor Scores

For each State, sum the weighted factor scores to determine the *Total Points Score*, which is a weighted sum of the re-indexed *Points Scores*.

0.0525 points earned from C. 3 are added to weighted factor scores for the other 22 score factors to calculate State A's *Total Points Score*:

$$\mathbf{0.0525 + [\text{Weighted Score for A.1}] + [\text{Weighted Score for Factor A.2}] + \dots = \text{Total Points Score for State A}}$$

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Determine State Workload Funding

Divide each State's *Total Points Score* by the sum of all States' *Total Points Scores*, then multiply by the total available Workload Funding during that budget period.

Assume State A's *Total Points Score* is **2.1875**, the sum of all States' total points scores is **100** and there is **\$5 billion** workload funding available in the budget period. State A would receive **\$109,375,000** for this budget period:

$$\mathbf{(2.1875 / 100) * \$5 \text{ billion} = \$109,375,000}$$

Combined Scoring Calculation Walkthrough¹

1

Determine Each State's Base Score²

- A. 4 Percent of State population located in rural areas (Data-Driven Factor):** The Base Score is the percentile rank of State population that is located in a rural area among approved States.

A. 4	Rural Pop	Total Pop	% Rural Pop	Base Score
State A	10,667,182	18,328,491	58.2%	83%
State B	810,066	6,328,640	12.8%	33%
State C	4,282,414	12,305,788	34.8%	50%
State D	354,417	925,371	38.3%	67%
State E	558,582	5,942,365	9.4%	17%

- B. 1 Population health clinical infrastructure (Initiative-Based Factor):** As with all Initiative-based score factors, a merit review panel assigns a 0–20 score across five criteria using the rubric in Table 2 of the NOFO which sum to a **Full Score Potential** from 0–100. States receive a Base Score of 50% of the **Full Score Potential** in the first budget period.

B. 1	Strategy	Workplan & Monitoring	Outcomes	Projected Impact	Sustainability	Full Score Potential	Base Score
State A	20	12	15	9	14	70	35
State B	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0	0
State C	5	8	12	16	2	43	21.5
State D	11	15	20	19	15	80	40
State E	16	6	18	13	16	69	34.5

- C. 3 Certificate of Need (State Policy Factor):** Current policy is scored out of 100 based on the description in Table 4 of the NOFO. In the first budget period, States that make a policy commitment in their application receive a Base Score halfway between their score based on current policy and the score that the State will receive once their policy commitment is implemented.

C. 3	Cicero Value	Current Policy Points	Policy Commitment Points	Base Score
State A	100	0	75	37.5
State B	48	50	N/A	50
State C	0	100	N/A	100
State D	65	50	100	75
State E	91	25	75	50

Divide each State's Base Score (0–100) by the sum of all States' scores and multiply by 100. This is referred to as **re-indexing** and produces the Points Score for a factor for each State. Re-indexing ensures all score factors are weighted properly in the next step of the scoring process.

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Sum Scores Across States

A. 4	Sum
State A	83%
State B	+ 33%
State C	+ 50%
State D	+ 67%
State E	+ 17%
	= 250%

B. 1	Sum
State A	35
State B	+ 0
State C	+ 21.5
State D	+ 40
State E	+ 34.5
	= 131

C. 3	Sum
State A	37.5
State B	+ 50
State C	+ 100
State D	+ 75
State E	+ 50
	= 312.5

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Re-Index State Scores

Points Score
33.3
13.3
20.0
26.7
6.6

Points Score
26.7
0.0
16.4
30.5
26.3

Points Score
12.0
16.0
32.0
24.0
16.0

4

Calculate Weighted Factor Scores

For each State and factor, multiply the re-indexed Points Score by the appropriate **factor weight** in Table 3 of the NOFO to determine the weighted factor scores.

Factor	Weight	Weighted Scores		
		A. 4	B. 1	C. 3
A. 4	6.00%	2.00	1.00	0.21
B. 1	3.75%	0.80	0.00	0.28
C. 3	1.75%	1.20	0.62	0.56
		1.60	1.15	0.42
		0.40	0.99	0.28

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Sum Weighted Factor Scores

This yields the Total Points Score.

	Total Points Score
State A	3.21
State B	1.08
State C	2.38
State D	3.16
State E	1.67
Sum	11.50

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Determine State Workload Funding

Divide each Total Points Score by the sum of all Total Points Scores to produce a share for each State. Then multiply that share by \$5 Billion to calculate workload funding in the first budget period.

	Share Calculation	Funding Share	Workload Funding
State A	3.21 / 11.50	28%	\$1,396,830,016
State B	1.08 / 11.50	9%	\$469,495,596
State C	2.38 / 11.50	21%	\$1,033,225,558
State D	3.16 / 11.50	28%	\$1,375,964,309
State E	1.67 / 11.50	14%	\$724,484,520

¹ This walkthrough includes only five States and three score factors as an **illustrative example**. In total, there will be 23 total score factors for all approved states, which may result in different funding amounts per State than this example.

² Scoring methodologies for each factor are described in Table 4 of the NOFO. Note that values throughout this graphic are rounded for readability.