



CRISP

Rural Health Connectivity Program

Introduction

As part of Maryland's Rural Health Transformation Program (RHTP), CRISP partnered with the State to launch a rural connectivity program to strengthen and modernize health care across Maryland's rural communities.

The CRISP Rural Health Connectivity Program offers funding to help offset costs for connecting to CRISP and exchanging data. Funding is available to providers that implement new inbound and/or outbound data connections listed below. These new inbound and outbound connections increase the availability of timely clinical data for care teams and the rural communities they serve. Funding is available on a **first-come, first-served basis, subject to availability**.

To get started, click here to fill out the Intake Form.

The Maryland Rural Health Transformation Program is supported by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) as part of a financial assistance award to the Maryland Department of Health totaling \$168,180,837.61 with 100 percent funded by CMS/HHS. The contents of this presentation are those of CRISP and do not necessarily represent the official views of, nor an endorsement, by CMS/HHS, or the U.S. Government.

Eligibility Requirements

Eligible Entities

HIPAA-covered providers:

- Physically located in rural Maryland, operating from a distinct physical address to qualify or
- Serving a patient population where the majority of patients are from rural Maryland.

Definition of Rural MD

For this program, rural Maryland includes the following counties: Allegany, Garrett, Washington, Caroline, Cecil, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's, Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico, Worcester, Calvert, Charles, St. Mary's, Carroll, Frederick, and Harford.

Technical Capability

The participant's certified EHR (CEHRT) must be able to electronically submit encounter and clinical data to CRISP's HIE infrastructure.

Participation

Participants must provide reasonable access to relevant staff, EHR systems, and EHR vendors, as needed, for CRISP to complete onboarding and program requirements.

Connectivity Process

- ✓ **Intake Form Submission**
- ✓ **Organization Eligibility Review and Approval**
- ✓ **Prerequisite Requirements:** Required onboarding prerequisites completed and Memorandum of Understanding executed
- ✓ **Milestone 1-3 (M1-3) may be completed in any sequence, and participants can pursue whichever milestones they choose:** Attestation(s) completed
- ✓ **FTE Provider Payment:** Attestation D Completion



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Program Design:

To qualify for funding, all providers must complete the basic CRISP onboarding prerequisite requirements.

Prerequisite Requirements	Deliverable	Payment
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Basic On-Boarding requirements Executed Memorandum of Understanding 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prerequisite Attestation MOU 	\$2,000

Once prerequisite requirements are successfully complete, eligible providers may receive funding for each additional milestone, with amounts scaled based on practice size. Milestones 1–3 may be completed in any sequence, and participants can pursue whichever milestones they choose. Participants must commit to maintaining data feeds for a least one year or may be required to repay funds received.

Milestone Description	Deliverable	Payment
M1: Practice’s EHR establishes ADT feed with CRISP The ADT interface enables real-time sharing of admission, discharge, & transfer events across Maryland’s healthcare settings.	Attestation A	\$7,500
M2: Practice’s EHR establishes CCD feed with CRISP The CCD interface enables the exchange of standardized clinical care documents for patients across Maryland’s healthcare settings.	Attestation B	\$7,500
M3: Establish InContext Outbound Connection with CRISP Complete the CRISP InContext interface workflow, which enables clinicians to access CRISP’s patient data — such as lab results, encounter history, imaging reports, CCDs, alerts, and care coordination information — directly from within their own EHR.	Attestation C	\$8,000
All practices will receive \$500 for each eligible FTE provider (MD, PA, NP) per practice upon completion of the clinical data interface. This will be included in the final payment.	Attestation D	\$500/FTE Provider (up to \$15,000)
Maximum Potential Payment per Organization		\$40,000

For full Prerequisite and Milestone descriptions, click to view the appendix.



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