



2013 Technical Assistance for Rural Health Network Development Program Grantees

In partnership with the Office of Rural Health Policy of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the National Association of Counties (NACo) and the National Center for Rural Health Works will provide technical assistance to current grantees of the Rural Health Network Development Program to support grantee project goals.

NACo and the National Center for Rural Health Works have worked in partnership for a number of years through funding from the Office of Rural Health Policy to assist counties and local health providers in efforts to improve local care delivery in rural regions.

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NACo will provide technical assistance to a select group of current grantees of the Health Resources and Services Administration's Rural Health Network Development Program. Selected grantees will work with NACo and representatives from the National Center for Rural Health Works to further their current project work to enhance ongoing efforts to integrate systems of care.

Depending on the needs of the project of each selected grantee, some or all of the following support activities that will be provided to selected grantees will include:

- Identifying local health care needs and factors affecting the local delivery of health care
- Analyzing and quantifying the value of the overall economic impact of the local health care sector
- Facilitating the strengthening of relationships with community partners to improve local health care delivery
- Providing assessments of health services utilization patterns to determine how the health care system can better meet community needs
- Conducting health feasibility studies to assess a health network's capacity to support additional health care providers

Technical Assistance Process/Project Expectations for Selected Rural Counties

The technical assistance process will occur in 2013 and selected grantees will receive assistance through conference calls/online meetings facilitated jointly by NACo and the National Center for Rural Health Works.

- **Initial/introductory conference call**
- **Additional technical assistance conference call(s)/communication to discuss reports & other issues**
- **Final conference call**

Selection Criteria

Please see the Technical Assistance Application to apply for consideration for technical assistance and for specific applicant questions.

Please note that as NACo represents county governments nationwide, preference will be given to grantees that can demonstrate a clear commitment of leadership/engagement from an elected county official and/or a county government entity/agency (such as a county hospital, public health department, etc.).

Application Deadline

Completed applications must be received by **Friday, March 1, 2013.**

Informational Webinar

For further details about the technical assistance opportunity, please join a webinar on **Tuesday, February 19 from 2-3 p.m. Eastern.**

To register for the webinar, please visit: <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/477818810>

For those of you unable to participate on the live webinar, please note that NACo will be recording the webinar so that you can view it at your convenience.

**For questions or more information,
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