



## Top Stories

### Medicaid Work Requirements Halted In New Hampshire

New Hampshire is the third state, after Arkansas and Kentucky, to have its Medicaid work requirements put on hold. Prior to the decision, New Hampshire officials had already halted work requirements after estimating 17,000 people would have lost their Medicaid coverage in August, [reports Governing](#).

Wisconsin is planning this fall to implement its own plan of [Medicaid work requirements](#).



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### New Study Looks at Rural Physician Recruitment

A [survey](#) of 150 physicians and 105 rural health systems examines the motivations and challenges that physician providers and healthcare administrators face in rural physician recruitment. The survey found that among rural physicians, the top cited reason for practicing in a rural area was the "community culture," followed by compensation and proximity to family/ friends/ colleagues.



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### Stroke Patients Face Delays in Clot-Removal Surgery

There are four levels of stroke care in Wisconsin, yet only three hospitals in the state have specialists that are prepared to do a clot-removal surgery at any time of day or night.

One expert says that delays in stroke treatment are widespread, and that hospital systems need to cooperate better.

All of this means that first responders are often at a loss for where to take stroke patients in Wisconsin. *(Paywalled)*.



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## More News

- State governors are discussing [meaningful ways](#) to bolster rural economies.
- [Models and strategies](#) for ensuring oral care for women and children.
- More on the [challenges facing rural hospital obstetrics](#) departments.
- Journalists find correlation between Medicaid expansion refusal and [struggling or closed](#) rural hospitals.
- Some farm leaders say the state has not acted quickly enough to make sure farmers have access to [mental health support](#).
- Wyoming official reminds Congress of the national importance of [rural highways](#).

## Grants & Funding Opportunities

- Funding for existing graduate medical education programs in Wisconsin to expand a variety of **resident positions**. Deadline: August 14.
- Grants for nonprofits and public health agencies that wish to implement or improve **cross-jurisdictional sharing in public health**. Deadline: August 16.
- Funding to support a variety of local efforts to build and sustain a **high quality of life in rural** communities across America. Deadline: September 13.
- Funding for physician-led, community-based or statewide **programs** to improve health through education and outreach. Deadline: September 27.
- Grants for projects that nurture and support the safety, health, and vitality of **Indigenous women, girls, and families**. Deadline: October 11.
- Funding to **rural healthcare entities** that partner to develop strategies for improving healthcare delivery in a community. Deadline: November 29.

## Events

- August 6: A **webinar** from SAMHSA will outline its strategic plan to implement effective systems of care for children with serious mental illness or emotional disturbance. 2pm.
- August 8: A **webinar** on widening the lens from addressing opioid use disorder to addressing alcohol and stimulant use disorders. 2pm.
- August 13-14: A **two-day conference** about increasing education and understanding for anyone supporting youth and young adult mental health and wellbeing. Whitewater.
- August 15-16: **Workshops** in Wausau (Aug. 15) and Rhinelander (Aug. 16) will focus on preserving self-care for caregivers.
- August 23: The **Rural Hospital Finance Workshop** will provide updates on CAH regulations and Medicare and Medicaid and information on 340B, co-location guidance, telehealth compliance and billing, and measuring CAH productivity. Sauk City.
- August/September: Wisconsin Rural Partners will hold **small community forums** in Crivitz, Pardeeville, Independence, and Nekoosa.



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