



# State of New Hampshire

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## INFORMATIONAL BULLETIN

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| 76         | Mobile Integrated Healthcare and Critical Access Hospital Funding Opportunity |                 |        | August 5, 2021        |
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After several months working with the Department of Health & Human Services, Division of Public Health Services Rural Health and Primary Care and Chronic Disease Sections FSTEMS is pleased to announce the availability of funds for Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs) to use for the implementation of strategic population health activities for rural communities (SPARC). SPARC funding is intended to be used by CAHs to help address the health and well-being of the people who live in the communities they serve. As mentioned above, SPARC funding will be available to all CAHs throughout the state and through partnerships can be directed from the hospitals to EMS units to support MIH programs in their community. If your unit is supported (through an established Medical Resource Hospital agreement) or your service area is in the catchment area of a CAH, we highly encourage you to reach out to them to begin discussions. Attached to this email is a list of all hospitals that have been identified as a CAH. All CAHs have been made aware of this upcoming funding opportunity in a meeting that occurred on August 2nd of 2021.

**FSTEMS will be hosting a presentation on Friday August 13, 2021 from 1300 to 1400. Invites will be sent to all units and EMS coordinators within the catchment area of our CAHs.**

### New Hampshire Critical Access Hospitals

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| Alice Peck Day Memorial Hospital  | Androscoggin Valley Hospital | Concord Hospital at Franklin  |
| Cottage Hospital                  | Huggins Hospital             | Littleton Regional Healthcare |
| Monadnock Community Hospital      | Memorial Hospital            | New London Hospital           |
| Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital | Speare Memorial Hospital     | Valley Regional Hospital      |
| Weeks Medical Center              |                              |                               |

## Notice of Funding Opportunity Forecast

### General Information

**Opportunity Title:** Strategic Population Health Activities for Rural Communities (SPARC)

**Estimated Post Date:** September 15, 2021

**Estimated Application Due Date:** Rolling applications until July 1, 2022 or funding is exhausted

**Estimated Project Start Date:** November 3, 2021

**Project End Date:** June 30, 2023

**Expected Number of Awards:** up to 10

**Estimated Total Funding:** \$1,900,000

**Award Ceiling:** \$500,000

**Award Floor:** \$100,000

**Eligible Applicants:** Critical Access Hospitals

### Additional Information

**Description:** The Department of Health & Human Services, Division of Public Health Services Rural Health and Primary Care and Chronic Disease Sections announce the availability of funds for Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs) to use for the implementation of strategic population health activities for rural communities (SPARC). SPARC funding is intended to be used by CAHs to help address the health and well-being of the people who live in the communities they serve. CAHs choosing to participate in SPARC will be provided with community data to help generate a plan for addressing the needs of their community. Strategies identified for implementation can be comprehensive and may include: 1) improving environments to make it easier for people to make healthy choices; 2) strengthening health care systems to deliver prevention services that keep people well and diagnose diseases early; and 3) connecting clinical services to community programs that help people prevent and manage their chronic diseases and conditions.

**Potential collaborative partners:** Area Emergency Medical Services (EMS) agencies, Diabetes Care and Education Specialists, Diabetes Education Program Coordinators, Pharmacists, Physical Therapists, Community Health Workers, Care Coordinators, Primary Care Providers, Regional Planning Commissions, Population Health Staff, Quality Directors, Quality Coordinators, EMS Medical Director, EMS Coordinator, Emergency Department Staff, Visiting Nurses Associations, Home Health Agencies.