



Governor Ned Lamont

Fact Sheet: 2026 Legislative Proposal

SENATE BILL 93

AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RURAL HEALTH TRANSFORMATION PROGRAM TO EXPAND HEALTH CARE ACCESS

The Current Situation

In November 2025, the State of Connecticut applied for federal funding to participate in the novel Rural Health Transformation (RHT) Program, which represents a significant opportunity to bolster our state's rural health systems. Connecticut was recently awarded \$154.2 million to implement the program in year one, with additional estimated funding of \$771 million over the full 5-year grant period¹.

By linking local priorities concerning workforce development, care coordination, and technology modernization with rural health outcomes, this funding builds on our commitment to promoting the health and wellbeing of all Connecticut residents.

Governor Lamont's Solution

Empower state agencies and local communities, with support from the federal grant, to administer the various initiatives that were funded by the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) under the RHT Program.

This bill also aligns state policies with best practices for supporting population wellness and disease prevention:

- Authorize state agencies to administer workforce incentive programs
- Broaden the definition of Certified Nurses' Aide to allow greater mobility for and growth in this worker classification

¹ Assuming the state receives consistent funding throughout the five-year period.



- Expand Connecticut's participation in multistate workforce compacts, including joining the EMS compact to further reduce barriers for health care professionals to work in Connecticut
- Establish standardized medication administration training to reduce administrative burden and promote access