



Rural Health Value Tools and Resources

This list highlights some of tools and resources available from Rural Health Value.

All resources can be found at: www.RuralHealthValue.org

Tools and Assessments

Care Coordination: A Self-Assessment for Rural Health Providers and Organizations

Assess critical factors to develop, expand or enhance care coordination efforts. (6-page PDF)

Demonstrating Critical Access Hospital Value: A Guide to Potential Partnerships

Using a market based approach, this guide assists CAH leadership in identifying ways to demonstrate the value they bring to potential partners including networks, affiliations, payers, community-based organizations, or accountable care organizations. (5-page Word Doc)

Engaging Your Board and Community in Value-Based Care Conversation

Resource list of conversation starting questions to help rural health care leaders start value-based care discussions with board and community members. (4-page PDF)

Guide to Selecting Population Health Management Technologies for Rural Care Delivery

This guide is a six-step process to plan for and implement technology to manage the health of existing patient populations. (6-step webpage with associated PDF, Word, and Excel downloads)

Management Methodologies and Value-Based Strategies: An Overview for Rural Health Care Leaders

Offers rural health leaders an overview of eight commonly used management methodologies to help guide change, plus additional resources and references for further exploration. (11-page PDF)

Physician Engagement - A Primer for Healthcare Leaders

Resource package that highlights the importance of physician engagement and describes strategies and tools to build effective physician relationships and trust. (6-page PDF and additional resources)

Understanding the Social Determinants of Health: A Guide for Rural Health Care Leaders

– Provides rural health care leaders and teams with foundational knowledge, strategies, and resources to understand the impact of social determinants of health (SDOH) on patients and communities and to recognize local needs and opportunities for action. (11-page PDF)

Value-Based Care Assessment Tool

Comprehensive Value-Based Care Strategic Planning Tool (VBC Tool) that assesses 80 different value-based care capacities in eight categories. (Online assessment tool, various additional resources)

Briefs and Reports

[Catalog of Value-Based Initiatives for Rural Providers](#)

Summarizes rural-relevant, value-based programs currently or recently implemented by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), including the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Innovation (CMMI). (39-page PDF; updated annually)

[How to Design Value-Based Care Models for Rural Participant Success: A Summit Findings Report](#)

Based on the input from a two-day virtual summit of rural participants in value-based care models and programs, this report summarizes themes and actionable recommendations that can be used by those designing and supporting value-based care models to improve the viability, relevance, and likelihood of rural health care organization participation and success. (10-page PDF)

[Rural Health System Value-Based Care Innovators Roundtable: Strategies and Insights](#)

Describes interviews with five health systems supporting value-based care in their rural affiliates. Interview topics included organizational structure, governance and decision-making, operations, data and communication, contracts, and social determinants of health. The report includes common health system tensions and opportunities as they facilitate rural affiliate success in value-based care. (2022)

[Serving High Need/High Cost Patients in the Emergency Department](#)

This brief describes design, implementation, operation, and assessment of programs to serve high-need, high-cost patients in the Emergency Department (10-page PDF)

Profiles of Innovative Rural Providers

Brief reports that describe activities of rural health care innovators. Most innovations highlighted in the Profiles are in progress, and the Profiles focus on these exciting examples that show promise in improving health, improving care, and lowering costs.

All Profiles can be found at <http://cph.uiowa.edu/ruralhealthvalue/InD/Profiles/>

Nearly 20 innovation profiles are available, a sampling is below:

[Accountable Health Communities Model – Two Rural Participants' Experiences](#) – Participants in CMMI's Accountable Health Communities Model identify and address health-related social needs of Medicare, Medicaid, and dual-eligible beneficiaries. This Rural Innovation Profile describes the successes and challenges of two AHCs serving rural populations

[Behavioral Health Integration into Primary Care](#): Western Wisconsin Health, a rural health system, delivers behavioral health services as part of its comprehensive health and wellness approach in its Rural Health Clinic.

[Northern Michigan Community Health Innovation Region](#) – This partnership of health and community providers across ten rural counties in Northern Michigan addresses social determinants of health through systems change and collaboration, including development of a Community Connections Hub Network, a clinical community linkages model that connects individuals and families to community resources.

[Rural Health Network Thrives on Innovation in Whole-Person Care](#) - Health Care Collaborative (HCC) of Rural Missouri, a rural health network comprised of more than 55 member organizations, wraps social service support around the patients who receive care at four HCC health care clinics.