

# Vulnerable Rural Hospital Assistance Program (VRHAP)

Fact Sheet | June 2020



## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Vulnerable Rural Hospital Assistance Program (VRHAP) provides targeted assistance to at-risk rural hospitals struggling to maintain health care services.

### **VRHAP works with hospitals and their communities to:**

- Understand community health needs and resources
- Ensure hospitals and communities can keep needed health care local
- Address economic challenges

### **Solutions may include:**

- Assessing health care services
- Identifying cost efficiencies
- Exploring other mechanisms to meet community health care needs

VRHAP is a cooperative agreement with the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Federal Office of Rural Health Policy (FORHP) and implemented by the Center for Optimizing Rural Health at Texas A&M University.

## TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE DETAILS

Texas A&M Center for Optimizing Rural Health will provide technical assistance to a national cohort of rural hospitals each year for up to five years. Applications for participating hospitals are accepted in the summer of each year.

The application portal is on the CORH website. <http://optimizingruralhealth.org/apply.html>

### **Five hospitals will receive on-site technical assistance, including:**

- A comprehensive assessment with recommendation strategies
- Mentoring through educational materials, monthly webinars, and facilitated peer-to-peer Project ECHO
- Virtual Quality Improvement Collaborative
- Online classes: Recruitment, Grant Writing, Marketing, Board Education
- The DASH online benchmarking tool

### **Twenty-five hospitals will receive remotely facilitated technical assistance, including:**

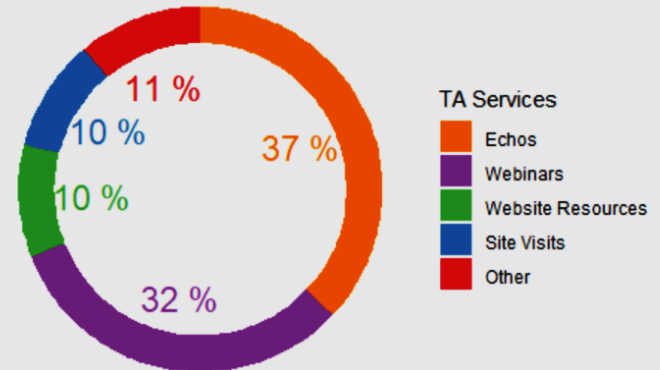
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- Hospitals in this group are eligible to apply for on-site assistance in a subsequent year

## PROGRAM IMPACT

### Top 10 Hospital Priorities



### Most Beneficial Technical Assistance Services



## DEADLINES AND CONTACT OPPORTUNITIES

**THE HOSPITAL APPLICATION PORTAL FOR YEAR 3 OF THE VRHAP PROGRAM WILL BE OPEN FROM JUNE 1 THROUGH JULY 31, 2020.**

**LINK:** <https://optimizingruralhealth.org/>

### QUESTIONS? CONTACT US!

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### Connect with us if you are attending:

- [NRHA Annual Rural Health Conference](#), June 16-19 Virtual conference
- [2020 Flex Reverse Site Visit](#), August 4-6 Virtual conference
- [NOSORH Region D meeting](#), August 26-27 Virtual conference
- [NRHA Critical Access Hospital Conference](#), September 23-25, Kansas City MO
- [NOSORH Annual Meeting](#), September 29-30 Virtual conference



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