### **REPORT OF A SPECIAL CONVENING**

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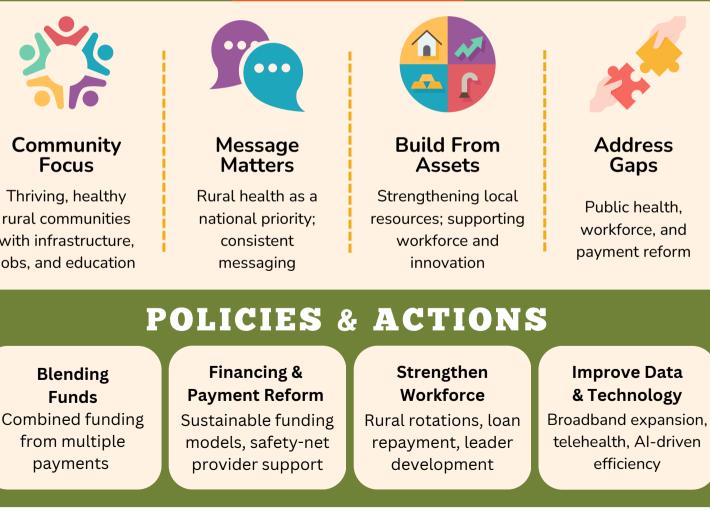
# THE FUTURE OF **RURAL HEALTH**

## VISION

A national framework adapted to diverse rural settings that includes aligned financial incentives and a minimum floor of essential services, plus necessary and vital community services relevant to the community's or regional needs (e.g., regional centers of excellence), that move beyond the walls of the hospital to include social, public health, and economic factors.

Thriving, healthy rural communities with infrastructure. jobs, and education

### THEMES





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# **ROADMAP TO ACTION** STRENGTHENING RURAL HEALTH

### ACTION

- Designing a local & regional decision-making structure
- Determine local needs and actions—an ongoing process taking advantage of changes in health care organization and delivery

### BUILDING A FRAMEWORK WITH SPECIFIC ELEMENTS

- Leverage the full continuum of care
- Address Health-Related Social Needs (HRSN)
- Use the framework of the High-Performing Rural Health System to guide specific actions

### TRANSITIONING TO THE FUTURE OF RURAL HEALTH SERVICES

- Transitioning health services finance
- Actions to re-organize health services
- Assuring high-quality rural health services

SPECIFIC ELEMENTS SUPPORTING THE RURAL HEALTH SYSTEM

- Blended Funds Flow
- Payment Policies
- Workforce Considerations
- Use of Technology & Data

### PRESERVE CURRENT ACCESS: POLICY ACTIONS

- Financing Rural Health Services
- Support workforce initiatives already underway
- Support current infrastructure, physical and organizational
- Undertake discussions and actions through local and regional coalitions of stakeholders in rural health

Full report can be found at: https://rupri.org/wp-content/uploads/Report-Future-of-Rural-Health-Summit.pdf