OECD and WHO Meeting: Rural Proofing for Health
Ensuring that Funding Allocations in the Health Sector Account for Rural

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Accounting for the Broad Range of U.S. Spending that has an Impact on Rural Health ...

- Block Grants
- Community-Based Grants
- Transfer Payments

Source: https://www.brookings.edu/research/reimagining-rural-policy-organizing-federal-assistance-to-maximize-rural-prosperity/
Coordinating Rural Health in the United States:

Role of the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy (FORHP)

- **Key Factors**
  - Federal Level
  - State Level
  - Public and Private Sector Roles

Quick Background on FORHP’s Dual Role

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Rural Proofing

Ensuring Funding Allocations in the Health Sector Account for Rural

Fairly Well Accounted for Within the Public Financing of U.S. Health Care

- By Law
- By Intent
- Related to Politics
Targeted Rural-Specific Programs
- Addressing Substance Abuse
- Capacity Building
- Expanding Rural Physician Residency Training
- Rural Health Services Research

Programs Heavily Focused on Rural But Not Specific to Rural
- Loan Repayment for Clinicians
- Community Clinics
- Telehealth
Accounting for the Federalism Approach within the U.S. Budget System

- Emphasis on State Allocations for Public Health

An Ongoing Dilemma

- Focus on Populations or Geographies?
- Accounting for Structural Bias

A New Approach Prompted by the Pandemic

- A Carve Out for Rural Health
- Balancing Opportunity versus Burden
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