



# SMALL HOSPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (SHIP)

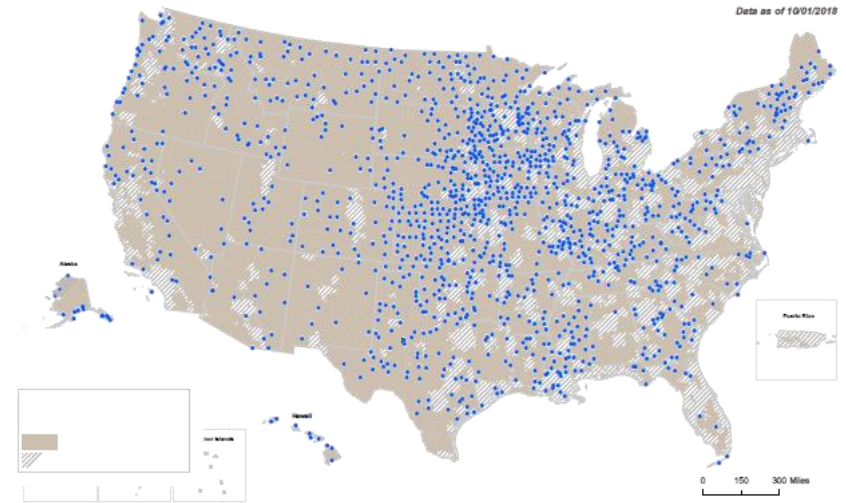
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## ABOUT SHIP

SHIP is coordinated through the Health Resources and Services Administration's Federal Office of Rural Health Policy. SHIP funds states to support rural hospitals with 49 or fewer beds (including Critical Access Hospitals). These funds go toward operational improvements, including hardware, software and training.

In Iowa, SHIP hospitals may choose to utilize consortiums to participate in SHIP investment activities. Consortium participation encourages collaboration to meet hospital goals in selected categories for the SHIP program.

## CRITICAL ACCESS HOSPITALS AND FORHP RURAL HEALTH AREAS



## SHIP INVESTMENT CATEGORIES

Hospitals must first meet SHIP funding priorities before using resources to support investments in other areas. SHIP funding priority areas include HCAHPS and ICD-10 coding. If these priorities are not in place, hospitals must choose these as their investment activities. If these priorities are already in place, hospitals may choose activities in the following focus areas.

### VALUE-BASED PURCHASING

Improving data collection to facilitate reporting to Hospital Compare

### ACCOUNTABLE CARE ORGANIZATIONS/ SHARED SAVINGS

Improving quality outcomes

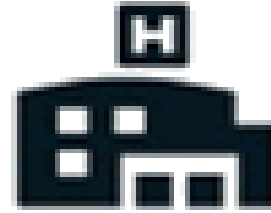
### PAYMENT BUNDLING

Building accountability across the continuum of care

### PROSPECTIVE PAYMENT SYSTEM

Maintaining accurate PPS billing and coding

## ELIGIBILITY



# SMALL



# RURAL



# HOSPITAL

49 beds or less

either (1) located outside of a Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA); (2) located within a rural census tract of a MSA, as determined under the Goldsmith Modification or the Rural Urban Commuting Areas (RUCAs); or (3) is being treated as if being located in a rural area pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 1395(d)(8)(E)

non-federal, short-term, general acute care facility

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## FOR MORE INFORMATION

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### VISIT

<https://www.ruralcenter.org/ship>  
<https://www.hrsa.gov/rural-health/rural-hospitals/index.html>

## SHIP PROGRAM IMPACT

**46** states participate

**\$12,000** estimated funding per participating hospital for FY19

**1,600** small rural hospitals served nationwide

## LAST YEAR

**59%** of SHIP funds went to support for improved data collection to facilitate quality reporting  
Additional funds were split evenly between activities that support development of accountable care organizations and trainings and process improvements to improve the hospital revenue cycle

**53%** increase in hospitals seeking efficiency and quality improvement training from the previous year

**38%** increase in pharmacy consultation requests from the previous year

**73** Iowa hospitals participated

**93%** of participating Iowa hospitals participated in the consortium