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**FY 2021/22**  
**Joint Technology Committee**  
**Rural Connectivity Project Presentation**

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February 12, 2021

# Rural Connectivity Funding Request Presenters

## Administration Priorities and Opportunity

- Dianne Primavera, Lt. Governor and Director of the Office of Saving People Money on Health Care

## Health Care Policy and Financing Priorities and Alignment

- Kim Bimestefer, Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy & Financing (HCPF)

## Rural Connectivity Project and Funding Request

- Carrie Paykoc, Director of the Office of eHealth Innovation (OeHI)

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**OeHI**

Office of eHealth Innovation



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Lt. Gov. Dianne Primavera

# Rural Connectivity: What is Health Information Exchange?

## Health Information Exchange



| Funding Sources for Rural Connectivity |             |
|--|-------------|
| State General Fund                     | \$1,081,800 |
| Federal Match from CMS                 | \$5,416,200 |
| Total Request                          | \$6,498,000 |

# Rural Connectivity: Impact of Health Information Exchange

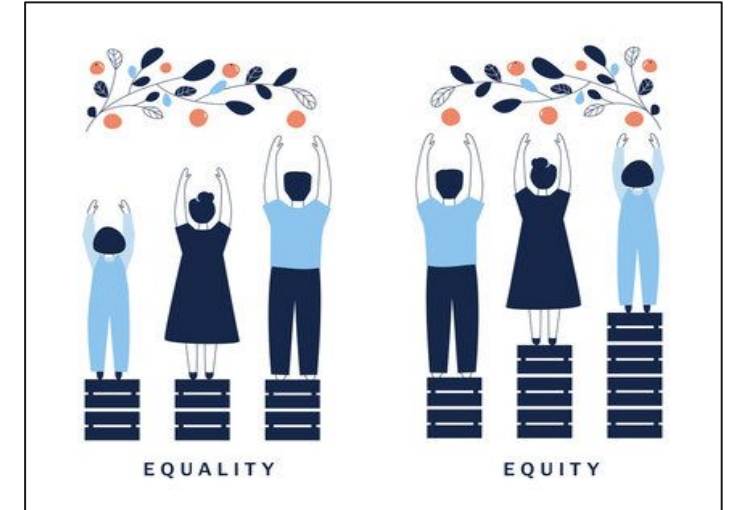
## Healthier Coloradans



## Lower Costs



## Equitable Access





# HCPF Support for the Rural Connectivity Funding Request

- Fiscal agent to OeHI and conduit to enabling federal match funding
- HCPF provides health coverage to 1.44 million or 1 in 4 Coloradans
- **Rural Infrastructure Initiatives:**
  - Prescriber Tool
  - Centers of Excellence
  - eConsults
- **A Colorado for All:**
  - Affordability
  - Health Improvement
  - Access
  - Health Equity

# Rural Connectivity: Why this Matters to ALL Coloradans





# Rural Connectivity Project: Program Overview

- **Bridge the gap in statewide connectivity:** Connect safety net providers to the HIE network
- **Why are rural safety net providers not connected?**
  - Electronic Health Records (EHRs) require costly upgrades to connect
  - Limited in-house technical capacity
  - Limited funding
- **What do rural safety-net providers want?**
  - (1) HIE connectivity, analytics, and local control of their data
  - (2) Technical assistance and support
  - (3) Improved broadband
- **OeHI launched Rural Connectivity project in 2020**

# Colorado's Health IT Roadmap-The North Star Strategy



## Colorado's Health IT Roadmap

December 2019



- Rural Connectivity project prioritized by OeHI and the eHealth Commission in FY20/21
- *Colorado's Health IT Roadmap #7 and #8 Initiatives: Accessible and Affordable Health IT, Information Sharing, and Analytics*

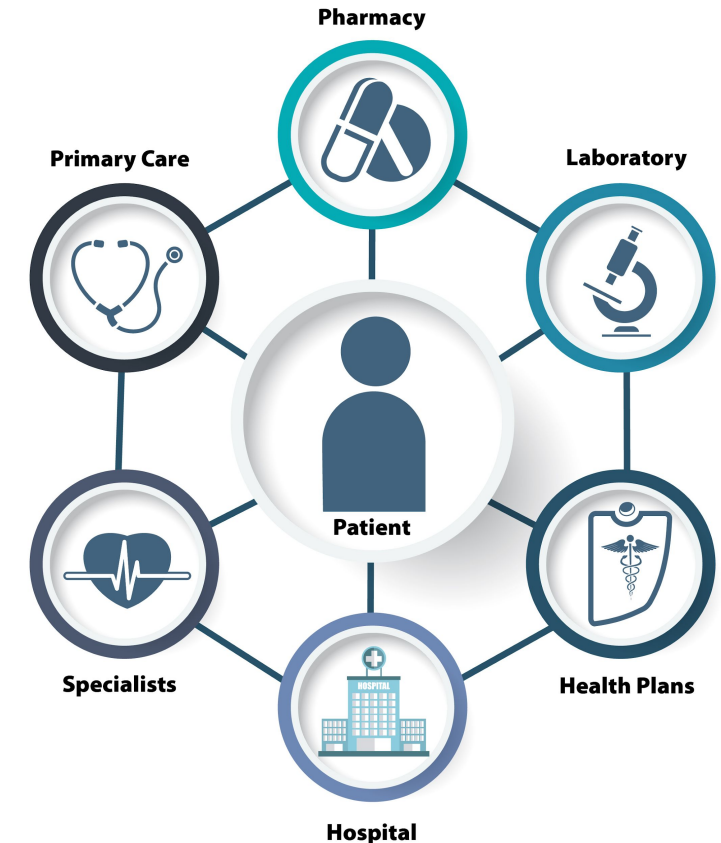
# Rural Connectivity Project: Funding Request

## What's the funding for?

|                                      |                    |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|
| One-time HIE Onboarding Connectivity | \$2,880,000        |
| Analytics/Technical Assistance       | \$3,618,000        |
| <b>Total Request</b>                 | <b>\$6,498,000</b> |

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