

Driving Health Forward Digest

The Moment for Mobile Healthcare is NOW.

Launched in February 2025, [Driving Health Forward](#) is a fast-growing national campaign comprising more than 500 individuals and nearly 300 organizations all dedicated to promoting healthcare system change. The campaign advocates the expansion of mobile healthcare as an essential, high-quality, and cost-effective approach to improve access to care, reduce health disparities, and build a more resilient healthcare system.

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Driving Health Forward: The Road Ahead

Driving Health Forward continues its efforts to bolster the sector and scale mobile health care through policy and advocacy initiatives, best practices, events, and measurement. Our journey continues! Here are a few of our summer highlights:



We Want to Hear from you this July

We released a [survey](#) earlier this month to get your input on what Driving Health Forward accomplished to date and what the sector needs going forward. We've extended the deadline! Please send in your responses by **July 24**. We will reveal results at our convening!



September 2026 Convening

We are planning our third in-person convening of mobile healthcare stakeholders in **Kansas City, MO**, in conjunction with the Mobile Healthcare Association's annual conference (see further details in the Mobile Events section below). It will be held on **Saturday, Sept. 26, 2026 from 1:00-5:00 p.m.** with a reception immediately following. Stay tuned for the precise location and other details. Hope to see you there!

Driving Health Forward: Advocacy Alert

Policy Briefs and Webinars:

In May, Driving Health Forward issued a set of two companion policy briefs – the sixth and seventh in our series – examining how existing payment, supervision, licensure, and workforce policies continue to create barriers for team-based mobile healthcare delivery. See these topics and related webinars on our [Policy Advocacy page](#). Use them as needed in your outreach to decisionmakers to help us drive health forward!

[Overcoming Payment Barriers to Team-Based Care in Mobile Health Programs](#) explores payment policy barriers that affect the design and sustainability of interdisciplinary mobile care teams.

[Aligning Scope of Practice, Licensure, and Supervision Policies to Support Team-Based Mobile Healthcare Programs](#) examines how the scope of practice, licensure, and supervision policies shape the design and operation of team-based mobile health programs.

A RHTP Guide for States:

Mobile Health Map, in conjunction with Mobile Healthcare Association, National Association of Community Health Centers and Driving Health Forward, developed a Rural Health Transformation Program (RHTP) planning and investment guide. This toolkit offers step-by-step recommendations to help states plan, launch and expand access to care. Find it [here](#) and share it with your contacts!



Mobile Healthcare—A Major Element of States' RHTP Strategies

Charting Mobile Around the Country: As Driving Health Forward [shared](#) in November 2025, 48 states prioritized mobile health in their RHTP applications. And if you haven't seen it, we are tracking a map of state-by-state updates on the [homepage](#) of our website! Hover over each state for a snapshot of its RHTP application to CMS, funding opportunities, and/or publicly available state resources.

States in the Spotlight: States continue to capitalize on the once-in-a-generation opportunity to use RHTP funds to enhance mobile healthcare. Here are a few examples:



[Indiana](#)

The state launched the Growing Rural Opportunities for Well-being (GROW) Regional Grants Program. This initiative should support access, technology innovation, workforce development, MRAHA, or innovative care.



[Maryland](#)

The state launched two funding opportunities in the spring, including Transforming Rural Health Through Food Systems and Rooted and Resilient Rural Maryland. Both initiatives support expanded access through innovative care delivery models, including mobile health.



[North Dakota](#)

The state has released a funding opportunity to support the acquisition of a mobile mammography unit that will help expand access to breast cancer screening services in rural and underserved communities across western North Dakota. Approximately \$1.5 million is available through this initiative, with one award expected to support the purchase and deployment of a mobile unit equipped with 3D mammography technology.

Sector Updates

The mobile healthcare sector and its stakeholders are making tremendous progress in growing the industry and expanding visibility of its value. Here are a few illustrations:



Mary Ellen Beliveau, M.Ed., has joined the Association as its new CEO. Her extensive experience as a healthcare executive, association leader, founder, and strategist makes her uniquely positioned to advance its mission of increasing access to care through mobile healthcare. Learn more about Mary Ellen in [this Q&A](#).



Mobile healthcare was part of the conversation on Capitol Hill during the National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC) 2026 National Fly-In. One of the highlights of this year's event was the Care in Motion: Community Health Center Mobile Health Experience, which gave congressional offices from 17 states the opportunity to step inside a mobile health unit and see firsthand how care is being delivered directly within communities.



A new nonprofit dedicated to bringing accessible healthcare and support services directly to communities through mobile, WellTogether kicked off its operations in MD early this month with two health screening events. WellTogether partners with local organizations to deliver wraparound care, including follow-up by community health workers for individuals facing various barriers. Read more in [Bethesda Magazine](#) [here!](#)

Mobile Events, News and Notes!

Blog Post



In our latest [blog post](#), Dr. Arturo Brito, President and CEO of Children's Health Fund, shares why bringing care directly into communities is becoming increasingly important for children and families facing barriers to access. From mobile clinics as true medical homes to integrated care models that combine physical health, mental health, and social services, Dr. Brito explores how mobile healthcare is helping close gaps in access while building stronger relationships with the communities it serves.



Mobile Events

Mission Mobile Medical is hosting its [2026 Annual Mobile Health Leadership Summit](#) on August 24-25 in Colfax, NC. Conference organizers describe it as "where vision meets action in mobile healthcare." It features executive labs, expert panels and a world-renowned keynote speaker, Dr. John C. Maxwell, a *New York Times* bestselling author and management and leadership expert. Register today!

Have you registered yet for **Mobile Healthcare Association's** 22nd Annual [Mobile Health Clinics Conference](#)? It will take place on Sept. 26-28 in Kansas City, MO, with the theme of *Meeting the Moment: Preparing for Growth, Sustainability, and Impact*. The conference expects hundreds of participants and will explore emerging care models, funding strategies, and operational approaches that strengthen access, promote health equity, and advance mobile healthcare programs in today's evolving healthcare environment.

ICYMI: In the News



America's Essential Hospitals published a [report](#) highlighting what many across the field already know: mobile health programs are a critical strategy for expanding access, improving outcomes, and strengthening health systems. Mobile isn't a pilot. It's part of the infrastructure needed to meet people where they are and deliver care that works.



CareMessage has been named one of the TIME100 Most Influential Companies, and was the only organization this year to receive the outlet's Impact in Equality Award. "What TIME recognized today is something our partners have known for years: that a text message, sent at the right moment in the right language, can be the difference between a patient who falls through the cracks and one who gets the care they need," said Vineet Singal, Co-Founder and CEO of CareMessage, in a press release. Read the TIME article [here](#)!



Mobile Health Map assistant director, Kait Guild, published an [op-ed in Health Affairs](#), which argues that rural health transformation investments must focus on long-term sustainability and operational support rather than merely purchasing mobile vehicles. She suggests integrating mobile health into clinical workflows and ensuring multiyear funding to build lasting, effective healthcare infrastructure.

**Has your organization been featured in the news?
We want to know!**

Help Us Grow the Campaign's Big Tent of Participants

If you know organizations that may be interested in learning about or joining the campaign, please direct them to [our website](#) to sign up!

