

Turn Rural Health Transformation funding into **lasting financial stability**

The Rural Health Transformation (RHT) Program gives health systems a rare chance to stabilize vulnerable rural hospitals, while modernizing how care is financed and delivered. When those dollars are anchored in a stronger revenue cycle and pre-bill performance, every RHT investment becomes more durable.

The risk most systems miss

When revenue cycle operations are not fully modernized, funding leaks through denials, rework, and delayed cash realization.

- **Nearly half** of all rural hospitals operate at a loss^{1 2}
- Inefficient revenue cycle practices can lead to a **3-5% annual loss** in net patient revenue³

How AI works in practice

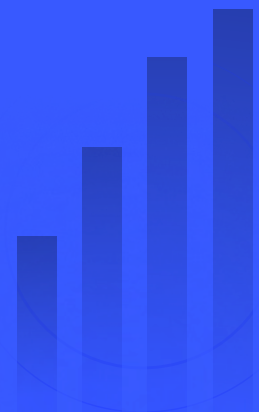
Revenue operations can be seamlessly integrated with modular, secure AI that reviews documentation, coding, and billing in real time.

- Identifies gaps and denial risk at the source
- Standardizes workflows across facilities
- Improves visibility, reduces denials, and accelerates cash without adding staff

+ What financial leaders gain

Standardizing performance across facilities lowers costs, eases pressure on lean teams, and helps reduce staff burnout (and subsequent turnover), extending the financial and operational runway for vulnerable sites and the communities they serve.

- According to the [AHA](#), Auburn (NY) Community hospital, a 99-bed rural facility, **cut discharged-not-final-billed cases by 50% and boosted coder productivity 40%+** without adding staff, crediting its use of AI.



Why Smarter Technologies

Smarter Technologies serves more than 200 healthcare organizations nationwide. We deliver 5:1 ROI on Day 1 by combining automation, clinical and agentic AI, and human expertise to modernize revenue operations—especially across complex and rural networks.

Footnotes:

¹ A recent analysis from [KFF Health News](#) found that about half of rural hospitals lost money in the past year, up from 43% the year before, underscoring accelerating financial distress.

² According to the [AHA](#), nearly half of rural hospitals (48%) operated at a financial loss in 2023, and 92 rural hospitals have closed or stopped providing inpatient services since 2010.

³ According to [Community Health Corporation](#), inefficient revenue cycle practices can lead to a 3%–5% annual loss in net patient revenue, a major hit for small and rural hospitals already on razor-thin margins.