

# WE **PROTECT** THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF THE NATION

Addressing the nation's complex health and human services challenges requires the highest levels of innovation, knowledge, and analysis.

The Health FFRDC offers government leaders an objective resource to address complex structural, technical, behavioral, and social challenges that affect health.

- Created under [FAR Part 35.017](#) by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and available to all Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) divisions – not a commercial contractor
- Trusted partner that can do close to inherently governmental work ([OFPP Policy Letter 11-01](#))
- Serves as a pivot point connecting ideas and solutions across HHS, the private sector, and all of government
- Safe zone where government and private sector share data and proprietary information confidently and securely
- Independent perspective to bridge the gap between government and private sector with only the public interest in mind
- Long-term insights to guide and accelerate work
- Built to mobilize quickly to tackle urgent challenges

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FFRDCs [federally funded research and development centers] meet special, long-term research and development needs integral to the mission of the sponsoring agency—work that existing in-house or commercial contractor resources cannot fulfill as effectively.

[CMS Guidance about the Health FFRDC](#)

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## The Health FFRDC:

- Provides a unique vehicle to explore options and refine requirements before initiating government action or conducting a commercial acquisition
- Solves complex problems that benefit from interdisciplinary or deep studies and analysis
- Develops innovative solutions and leverages expertise across MITRE, government, academia, and private industry
- Creates new technologies, prototypes, and reports
- Pioneers tools that enable the visualization of data, policy changes, and the future of healthcare

## The Health FFRDC is operated on behalf of the government by MITRE.

- Not-for-profit organization that works in the public interest
- Unique vantage point across government as operator of six FFRDCs
- Unique FFRDC Alliance that applies private-sector skills and innovation to the most important HHS challenges
- 9,000+ subject matter experts in health policy, applied science, and systems thinking
- 65+ years working across government, industry, nonprofits, and academia

## Under the special relationship as the Health FFRDC operator, MITRE:

- Can conduct pre-decisional, objective, conflict-free analysis to inform policy and program approaches
- Can work with government sponsors and their contracting office to shape approaches to a specific problem
- Can provide inputs for a draft Statement of Work (SOW) and Contract Use Request Form (CURF)
- Can provide a Rough Order of Magnitude (ROM) cost estimate

## Innovating to Solve the Nation's Most Critical Health Problems

We serve at the intersection of healthcare, public health, and biomedical innovation. We tackle complex system-of-systems problems such as improving chronic disease prevention and management, simplifying regulations using artificial intelligence, reimagining quality systems, preventing fraud and abuse, and securing systems across the health sector.

### For more information:

[mitre.org/focus-areas](https://mitre.org/focus-areas)

# The Health FFRDC brings a **data-driven, system-of-systems** approach to improving **health outcomes.**



Health Policy and Program Development



Innovation Prototyping and Modeling



Complex Systems Thinking



Artificial Intelligence



Cybersecurity



Health Care Quality, Innovation, and Operations



Health Coverage



Global and Public Health



Health Research, Innovation, and Data Science

*MITRE's mission-driven teams are dedicated to solving problems for a safer world. Through our public-private partnerships and federally funded R&D centers, we work across government and in partnership with industry to tackle challenges to the safety, stability, and well-being of our nation.*

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