# Rosebud Community Hospital, Inc. Transportation System Transportation Coordination Plan

## Rosebud County, Montana

## Date Adopted by the Board of Directors ...

Rosebud Community Hospital, Inc., Transportation System Coordination Plan for Fiscal Year 2026 was officially approved by the Board of Directors of Rosebud Community Hospital, Inc., on January 29, 2025.

Dr. Jerry Killen, President

### Agencies Involved ...

A wide spectrum of agencies was asked to participate in the development of the Rosebud Community Hospital, Inc., Transportation System Coordination Plan.

The agencies with whom Cooperative Service Agreements have been finalized are the Rosebud Community Hospital, Inc., Rosebud County Public Health, Rosebud County Services for the Aging.

Financial remuneration among the entities with whom a Cooperative Service Agreement is in effect is conducted on an individual basis, generally with the individual client who is receiving services.

We request that agencies making use of our services adhere to our already established operating schedules if possible.

Rosebud Community Hospital, Inc. utilizes three vehicles in their transportation program. Two vehicles are handicapped accessible and equipped with a wheelchair lift or ramp. The bus with a maximum of 12 passengers or five wheelchair stations, or a combination of wheelchairs and passengers. The conversion van is a six passenger which includes one wheelchair station. The third vehicle is a Honda that will seat six. The operating hours are Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., via a demand-response system, primarily within the Forsyth city limits, Miles City and Billings, and the surrounding trade area.

Needs Assessment ...

Due to the rural nature of Rosebud County, personal contracts made by the Coordinator and the Transportation Advisory Committee have proven successful in identifying the transportation needs in our community. Our community has a large elderly population and many low-income families. We provide transportation services to all residents that includes, elderly, disabled and those under 60.

We provide transportation for many medical appointments as well as trips for nutrition, and miscellaneous requests. As a demand – based system, the individual contacts the coordinator who schedules the trip. The driver will pick them up and return them to their residence or other specified location.

#### Public Involvement ...

To heighten awareness of Rosebud County's Transportation System articles have been publicized with informational contact points named whereby the public has had the opportunity to view documents and provide feedback on the ever-evolving system. We have ads in the Independent Press and on KIKC radio as well as brochures available within the community. Additionally, Rosebud Health Care Center, Inc. provides updates on their Facebook page, has a transportation section on their web page as well as an area in the quarterly newsletter that goes out to all Rosebud County residents.

#### Private Sector ...

Rosebud County Transportation is a public provider of transportation in Forsyth and the surrounding areas.

#### **Transportation Advisory Committee Meetings...**

The Rosebud Transportation Advisory Committee has meetings twice per year to address and discuss transportation-related issues which are open to the public and has confirmed board members for this role. Meeting dates, times as well as the requests or review and approval of the years' operating grant, which includes financial requests, are provided in the newspaper and radio. These items are discussed during the meeting opening dialogue to questions, comments and /or concerns.