Telehealth Resource Centers: A source for providing care at a distance

Wyoming Telehealth Network Webinar

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HRSA Telehealth Resource Center Program

Purpose:

To assist health care providers, organizations and networks in implementing cost-effective telehealth programs to serve rural and medically underserved areas and populations.

- Special attention to HRSA grantees
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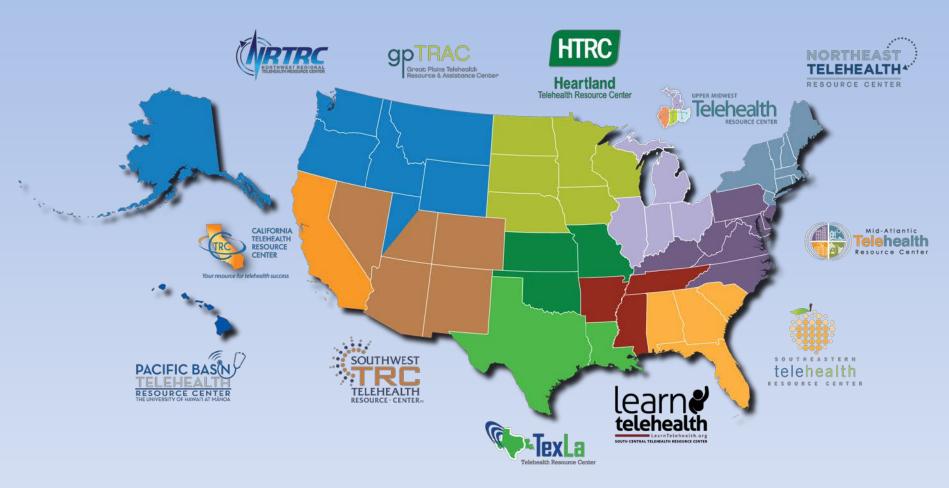


- 2 National Resource Centers
 - Telehealth Policy
 - Telehealth Technology Assessment
- 12 Regional Resource Centers
- Nation-wide consortium of TRCs





TelehealthResourceCenters.org





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| 12 Regional Resource Centers | | |



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- Monitors state and federal policy
- Annual Report: State Telehealth Laws & Reimbursement Policies
- Fact Sheets
- More...



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TELEHEALTH REIMBURSEMENT

Telehealth is a well-established means of increasing access to care and health education for underserved and rural communities, and its capabilities have greatly expanded with recent technological advancements. Telehealth is the use of virtual and digital technology to provide health care, education and other health related services from a distance. Telehealth encompasses



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National Telehealth Technology Assessment

Resource Center

- Toolkits
- User reviews
- Innovation watch
- **One-on-one assistance**



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Telehealth Operations Module

Developed by: The Great Plains Telehealth Resource and Assistance Center under a HRSA Office for the Advancement of Telehealth grant



This module will address topics related to how a telemedicine service is established or developed and operated. In particular, it will focus on medical specialty consultation services provided via telemedicine where a medical specialist in any of a variety of fields from allergy and asthma to urology is involved with examining, diagnosing and treating a patient at another geographic location. Telemedicine is just one of several aspects of telehealth. If you are interested in home telehealth services, such as home monitoring, using telehealth technologies for distance learning or training, teleradiology, remote ICU services, telepharmacy, school based services or other types of services not listed here, you will need to consult other modules.

This module is intended to address the concerns and questions of organizations and providers who are interested in offering telemedicine services either within their own organization, to other medical care settings or even to individual patients. It is not intended to provide information to assist those who may be seeking health care via telemedicine.

This module is intended to provide assistance to those who are interested in establishing and operating telemedicine services for specialty consultations and direct patient care services, such as psychiatric evaluations, remote infectious disease evaluation and diagnosis, review and evaluation of pediatric echocardiograms, evaluation and treatment of skin conditions, genetic counseling, psychiatric medication management, to name but a few examples. The module will provide information about how to determine what kinds of services can be offered, how to

Types of Telemedicine Specialty Consultation Services

Organization of Telemedicine Services

Getting Started

Staffing and Recruiting Specialists

Training

Facilities at the Provider Site

Facilities at the Patient Site

Credentialing and Licensing

Legal Issues (Privacy and Contracting for Services)

Creating Protocols

Pilot Testing

Introducing Telemedicine Services to the Community

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Getting Started

THIS ITEM APPEARS IN:

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- How do I get my organization to "buy in" to telemedicine?
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- How do I select specialties to make available?
- How do I perform a local needs/demand analysis for a remote site?
- Why are local referral patterns so important?
- What do I need to do to get started to establish a telemedicine consultation service?

A successful telemedicine consultation service involves a significant amount of work in several areas. It requires that the offering organization formally support the service in terms of



Northwest Regional Telehealth Resource Center

Alaska Idaho Montana Oregon Utah Washington **Wyoming**





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- Created in 2005 by a group of telehealth leaders to advance telehealth in the region
- St. Vincent Healthcare successfully applied for TRC funding in 2006
- Since Fall 2017, the NRTRC is housed at the Utah Telehealth Network, a service of the Utah Education and Telehealth Network, University of Utah

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Regional Partners

- State telehealth collaboratives / alliances
 - Wyoming Telehealth Consortium
- State Offices of Rural Health
- National Network of Libraries of Medicine
 - MidContinental Region (UT, WY), University of Utah Health Sciences Library
 - Pacific Northwest Region (AK, ID, MT, OR, WA),
 Washington State University Libraries



Goals

- > Technical assistance, training and support
- Communicate & disseminate information and research findings related to telehealth
- Foster regional and national collaborations to share knowledge & best practices



Key projects

- Get to know our region!
- > New website
- > Launch regional policy and technical committees
- > Promote telehealth at state meetings and conferences
- Resume webinars
- ➤ Begin a Telemedicine ECHO
- > Develop materials: workshops, patient video vignettes
- > Host the NRTRC Annual Telehealth Conference



www.nrtrc.org Resources

- Telehealth topics
 - Short educational videos
 - Telehealth training programs
 - White papers
- Education
 - Webinar recordings
 - Telehealth toolkits

- Tweets from CCHP
- Telehealth news
- Annual Telehealth
 Conference
 *information & registration
 coming soon*
- NRTRC FAQs
- Request form
- And more...



Upcoming events

National TRC Webinar

Telehealth Policy So Far in 2018

March 15, 2018, 12:00 MTN

Hosted by Center for Connected Health Policy

In the first quarter of 2018, there has been significant activity around telehealth policy. The Center for Connected Health Policy (CCHP), will provide an update on federal and state telehealth policy actions as well as to what other issues we may see for the rest of 2018

Registration link

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN rsJKv7BIQYmL2a69Jhn2dg



Upcoming events



Your source for confidential, objective answers and valuable insights into Telehealth issues in the Northwest.



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