Office for the Advancement of Telehealth Telehealth Network Grant Program (TNGP) Monthly e-Blast - March 2021

Be on the lookout for the TNGP quarterly newsletter - *The Telehealth Quarterly Digest* – next week. It is brought to you by your TNGP technical assistance team, and includes grantee spotlights, program updates, articles, resources, and upcoming events.

Program-Specific Updates

Quarterly Technical Assistance (TA) Webinar: Use of Telepsychiatry to Increase Access and Improve Care for Emergency Department Patients

Tuesday, March 9, 2021 | 2:00 – 3:00 PM EST

Join us on **Tuesday, March 9 from 2:00 – 3:00 PM EST** for our next webinar for Telehealth Network Grant Program (TNGP) grantees. This session will:
- Discuss common challenges of Emergency Telepsychiatry program design and implementation, and ways that these may be addressed
- Describe the role played by Emergency Medicine, Community Behavioral Health Organizations, and Inpatient Psychiatry in maximizing the impact of Emergency Telepsychiatry programs
- Share insights and lessons learned relevant to developing a successful and sustainable tele-behavioral health initiative in the ED setting

Note: Advance registration is required. Once registered you will receive a confirmation email with all details for accessing the webinar. You can register via the original email announcement or via the following link. Click here to register for the webinar.

Resources, News, and Other Updates

Telehealth: A Path to Virtual Integrated Care
The report, drafted by the American Hospital Association Center for Health Innovation, examines telehealth's role in the digital transformation; delivery platforms and how they fit into integrated care; and how hospitals and health systems can build capacity to expand access, improve outcomes, and reduce costs. The report also provides pertinent information on:
- The Hospital Telehealth Maturity Model
- Scaling and Optimizing Telehealth Programs
- Case studies on various health systems and facilities

Click here to access the full report.

Toolkit for Building and Growing a Sustainable Telehealth Program in Your Practice
In partnership with Manatt Health, The American Academy of Family Physicians has developed a toolkit that provides readers with guidance to building and growing a sustainable telehealth program in family medicine practices. The toolkit includes information on:
- Understanding telehealth services and payments
- Establishing roles and responsibilities
- Customizing a "Telehealth Appropriateness" approach

- Designing your patients "Digital Journey"
- Redesigning your workflow

Click here to access the toolkit.

American Medical Association Telehealth Quick Guide
The American Medical Association created a telehealth quick guide that provides readers with insight and guidance to telehealth practice implementation, policy, coding, and payment. The guide also provides readers with other helpful resources from various organizations, including the American College of Physicians, the American Telehealth Association, and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

Click here to access the quick guide.

HRSA Evidence-Based Telehealth Grant Program – Applications due April 2
The Health Resources and Services Administration's Federal Office of Rural Health Policy will be making up to 14 new awards through the Evidence-Based Telehealth Network Grant Program. Each awardee will receive up to $350,000 annually. The goals of this program are to demonstrate how health care systems can increase access to health care services utilizing direct-to-consumer telehealth technologies and to conduct evaluations of those efforts to establish an evidence base for assessing the effectiveness of direct-to-consumer telehealth care for patients, providers, and payers. Eligible applicants are domestic public or private, nonprofit or for-profit entities with demonstrated experience utilizing telehealth technologies to serve rural, underserved populations.

Click here for more information.

Upcoming Events

Webinar: Arizona Telemedicine Program – Telemedicine Applications

March 15, 2021 from 9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. MST
Please join the University of Arizona as they host a conference that offers a detailed approach to telemedicine programs and provides an in-depth look at the clinical applications of telehealth programs. The conference is an excellent opportunity for individuals and organizations that are new to telehealth and those seeking to expand their services.

Register

Webinar: Telehealth & Medicaid: What's Next? A Roadmap for Medicaid Telehealth Policy in a Post-COVID World (Panel Discussion)

March 28-30, 2021
Please join the Mid-Atlantic Telehealth Resource Center as they host a telehealth summit centered on the current disruptive technologies and innovations shaping the future of health care. This year the summit is also offering a tele-behavioral health track. There is an opportunity for individuals to attend the summit in-person or virtually.

Register