IS IT JUNE ALREADY?

The busiest month of the year for all of us at our parent organization, the Indiana Rural Health Association (IRHA), is coming to a close and another successful IRHA Annual Conference is on the books! We'd like to thank everyone who came to French Lick earlier this June and visited the UMTRC's booth in the exhibit hall, attended our presentations or connected with us at the networking receptions – we're so glad that you could join us.

Despite that, things haven't slowed down in the telehealth world and at the UMTRC, we're keeping up. We've been working with our fellow telehealth resource centers (TRCs) to design and share a bootcamp to teach our stakeholders all they need to know about AI! The 2025 Healthcare AI Bootcamp offers concise, beginner-friendly sessions designed to help healthcare professionals understand the opportunities, risks, and next steps in AI integration.

The first planned session took place on June 25th and was attended by hundred across the country. We're already looking forward to our next session about how AI is transforming healthcare on July 11th – you can register now on the AI Bootcamp website. We hope to see you there!

We're also ramping up to our third annual summer workshop. Like in previous years, we'll be covering the current status of telehealth in our region and beyond. This year, there will be presentations focusing on the integration of emergency preparedness with telehealth as well as a discussion about the current federal landscape around telehealth and what AI looks like for patients as well as providers.

We have a lot in the works at the UMTRC and we're excited about the opportunity to share it all with you! Don't forget to contact us at info@umtrc.org with any questions. Thanks as always for your partnership – we're looking forward to our next steps together.

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On behalf of the UMTRC (Upper Midwest Telehealth Resource Center) Team

NEW RESOURCES

Telehealth and Lifestyle Medicine Toolkit

We've just published a new toolkit all about telehealth and lifestyle medicine! If you have questions about the basics of lifestyle medicine or how lifestyle medicine and telehealth work together to promote wellness, check it out!

Read It Now!

EVENTS

Telehealth in 2025 - Virtual Workshop

Staff from the Upper Midwest Telehealth Resource Center have partnered with the Ohio State Office of Rural Health (SORH) to bring you a 6 hour workshop covering the state of telehealth in 2025. The workshop will cover everything from the current use of artificial intelligence (AI) in the telehealth space to the emerging use of remote therapeutic technologies.

If you want to learn more about what telehealth looks like today and what it might look like tomorrow, we'd be excited to have you join us! The workshop will take place on July 16th and will start at 9:00 AM EST.

.**Register Now!**

Healthcare AI Bootcamp

The Upper Midwest Telehealth Resource Center has partnered with a number of our fellow telehealth resource centers to bring you the Healthcare AI Boot Camp. The 2025 Healthcare AI Bootcamp offers concise, beginner-friendly sessions designed to help healthcare professionals understand the opportunities, risks, and next steps in AI integration.

Start the journey toward AI readiness.

Learn More Today

More Events

- 2025 Summer Webinar Series: Pediatric Services – Early Hearing Detection & Intervention – July 22nd
- Leveraging Telehealth in Pediatric Obesity Care: A multidisciplinary Model with Big Impact - July 23rd
- Living Well with Diabetes – Diabetes Education & Empowerment Training by Trained Staff – July 31st

PARTNER NEWS

Questions about FQHCs and CHCs? The CCHP has answers!

The Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) telehealth policy category has returned to CCHP's Policy Finder! They began tracking this important category in the Fall of 2022, but had to pause updates last year when the funding for this work expired. However, thanks to renewed support from the National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC), our partners at CCHP are once again able to offer this resource.

Make sure you take advantage of this valuable resource!

TRC Resources: Fact Sheets

Did you know that the National Consortium of Telehealth Resource Centers (NCTRC) has Fact Sheets available? These Fact Sheets can serve as reference tools for a number of telehealth questions. Check out a few of the latest today:

- Quick Guide: Patient Portals Functions
- Commonly Used Patient Portals Guide
- Point and Learn: Patient Portal Icons Guide

NEWS UPDATES

The Looming Telehealth Cliff: What's at Stake and What Lawmakers Are Doing

Unless Congress acts, many of the expanded telehealth flexibilities put in place during the COVID-19 pandemic—including the ability for Medicare patients to receive care at home, audio-only visits, and broader provider eligibility—will expire on October 1, 2025. This so-called "telehealth cliff" would roll back access for millions, especially those in rural and underserved communities.

To prevent this, lawmakers have introduced several bipartisan bills, including the CONNECT for Health Act and the Audio-Only Telehealth Access Act, which aim to make key provisions permanent. These efforts reflect growing recognition that telehealth is no longer an emergency workaround but an essential part of the modern healthcare system. Advocates are urging swift legislative action to protect continuity of care and avoid disruption for patients and providers alike.

Other News

National
- Sleep Disorders Entered the National Top Five Telehealth Diagnostic Categories in March 2025

Indiana
- Indiana Governor Mike Braun Signs Legislation to Modernize Healthcare, Expands Telehealth and Hearing Aid Access
- 12 charged in Indiana among largest coordinated takedown of health care fraud schemes in DOJ history

Illinois
- IL abortion services continue to skyrocket, straining provider resources
- Pritzker could sign IL bill regulating AI in mental health therapy

Michigan
- Michigan announces second measles outbreak as US goes past 1,200 cases
- Bohnak introduces bill to expand mental health access in rural Michigan

Ohio
- Telehealth visits for pets? Ohio Senate votes 33-0 to let veterinarians add service
- Ohio Functional Rehab Advances Digital Integration in Multidisciplinary Care for Car Accident Injuries

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