

FCC Grants Additional COVID-19 Telehealth Program Applications

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The Federal Communications Commission has announced the grant of six more applications for funding support under the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) Telehealth Program, totaling an additional US\$2.56 million (https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/DOC-363948A1.pdf).

This brings the total amount of granted applications to US\$9.5 million, covering 17 applications in 10 states. The latest grants are as follows:

- Anne Arundel Medical Center, Inc., in Annapolis, Maryland, was awarded US\$664,606 to implement video telehealth services to diagnose and treat COVID-19 patients across 11 medically underserved areas throughout Central Maryland and to support remote patient visits and monitoring to protect high-risk patients who must be triaged out of the hospital, or as part of an early discharge program for non-COVID patients to preserve hospital capacity.
- Christiana Care Health Services, in Newark, Delaware, was awarded US\$714,322 to expand its telehealth and remote patient monitoring services to low-income, vulnerable patients, primarily in New Castle County.
- Garfield Health Center, in Monterey Park, California, was awarded US\$130,217 to provide remote care to lowincome, vulnerable patients with underlying and/or chronic health conditions that are at high risk of COVID-19, while triaging COVID-19 patients in the San Gabriel Valley.

- HIV/AIDS Alliance for Region 2 d/b/a Open Health Care Clinic, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, was awarded US\$116,049 to expand its telehealth and remote patient monitoring capabilities to treat low-income, vulnerable patients.
- NYU Grossman School of Medicine, in New York, New York, was awarded US\$772,687 to expand telehealth services that allow high-risk, elderly and vulnerable patients to remain at home while receiving complex care and chronic disease management.
- White Plains Hospital Medical Center, in White Plains, New York, was awarded US\$165,832 to deploy telehealth services to treat high-risk and vulnerable patients with preexisting pulmonary conditions and to implement telehealth services to address the facility's surging patient population, while minimizing the risk of COVID-19 exposure for staff and patients without COVID-19.

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