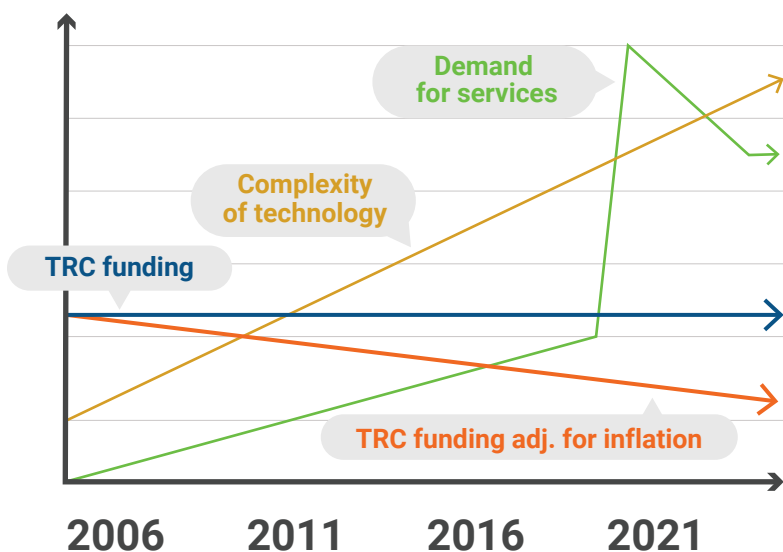


FUND

TELEHEALTH RESOURCE CENTERS NOW

Congress must adequately fund the HRSA Telehealth Resource Center (TRC) Program to keep pace with the demands of a maturing telehealth ecosystem.

WHAT IS AT STAKE?

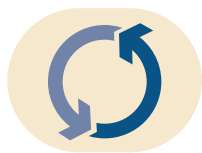


TRCs are stretched to the breaking point to build telehealth capacity.

- Need is at an all-time high ^{1 2}
- Technology is more and more sophisticated
- TRCs have been level-funded at a rate of \$325,000 since 2006
- TRC funding adjusted for inflation is only \$145,000

WHY TRCs MATTER

TRCs are a public service to all Americans providing telehealth access and capacity with a focus on hard-to-reach medically underserved communities.



SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS

TRCs partner with community-based organizations to offer quality telehealth education that fuels a workforce pipeline and seeds economic development.



ESSENTIAL TO EMERGENCY RESPONSE

TRCs save lives. When the COVID-19 pandemic struck, TRCs helped countless Americans rapidly pivot to virtual care. In the wake of natural disasters, telehealth is crucial to deliver care to the injured and displaced.

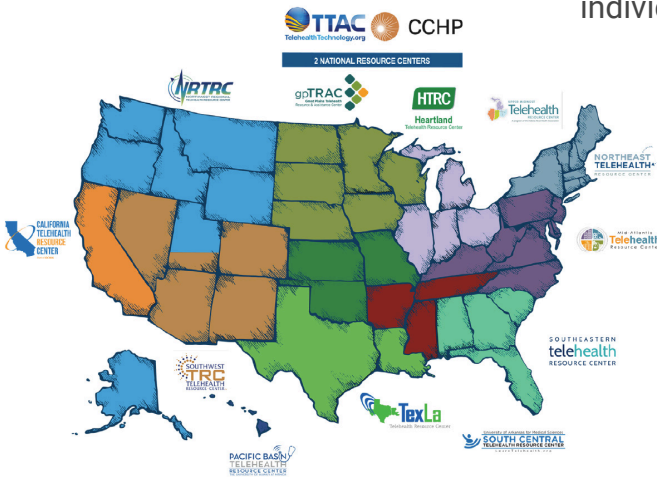


COST CONTAINMENT

Telehealth helps contain health care costs. ³ Virtual options can reduce barriers to timely treatment that can be managed in more cost-effective care settings than the ED. ^{4 5 6}

Telehealth Resource Centers (TRCs)

The Telehealth Resource Center (TRC) Program supports 12 regional and two national centers, serving all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and affiliated U.S. territories. Each TRC is funded individually through cooperative agreements between the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Telehealth Innovations and Services Division and the Office for the Advancement of Telehealth (OAT).



Regional TRCs each have a slightly different focus attuned to local telehealth challenges and needs. In partnership with community-based organizations, TRCs tailor telehealth solutions to expand access to care for people living in hard-to-reach, medically underserved areas.

National Consortium of Telehealth Resource Centers (NCTRC)

The National Consortium of Telehealth Resource Centers (NCTRC) is a collaborative of 12 regional TRCs and two centers with a national focus: the Center for Connected Health Policy (CCHP) and the Telehealth Technology Assistance and Resource Center (TTARC). These 14 centers pool national telehealth policy and technology expertise with regional telehealth knowledge, innovation, and best practices, furnishing no-cost education, resources and technical support to sustainably expand the capacity of U.S. telehealth providers and health systems to deliver safe, effective, appropriate patient care to all Americans regardless of where they happen to live.

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