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## HRSA REGION 10 “STATE OF THE REGION” PANEL



- Moderator: Alia Fry
- Presenters:
  - John R Graham, HHS Regional Director, IEA
  - Mary Sheridan, Bureau Chief, Idaho Dept. of Health and Welfare
  - Rose Locklear, Oregon Office of Rural Health
  - Matt McCullough, Associate Director, NRTRC and UETN
  - Kimberly Miyazawa Frank, Regional Administrator, ACF
  - Rachelle Zylstra, Regional Administrator, ACL
  - Sharon Turner, Regional Administrator, HRSA
  - David Dickinson, Regional Administrator, SAMHSA
  - Tammy Arndt, Director, Northwest Telehealth
  - Darryl Means, Regional Administrator, CMS



# HRSA Region 10 Program Updates and Telehealth Resources

Rural Health “State of the Region” Panel  
*April 15, 2020*

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**Vision: Healthy Communities, Healthy People**



# Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)

## Overview



Supports more than 90 programs that provide health care to people who are geographically isolated, economically or medically challenged



HRSA does this through grants and cooperative agreements to more than 3,000 awardees, including community and faith-based organizations, colleges and universities, hospitals, state, local, and tribal governments, and private entities



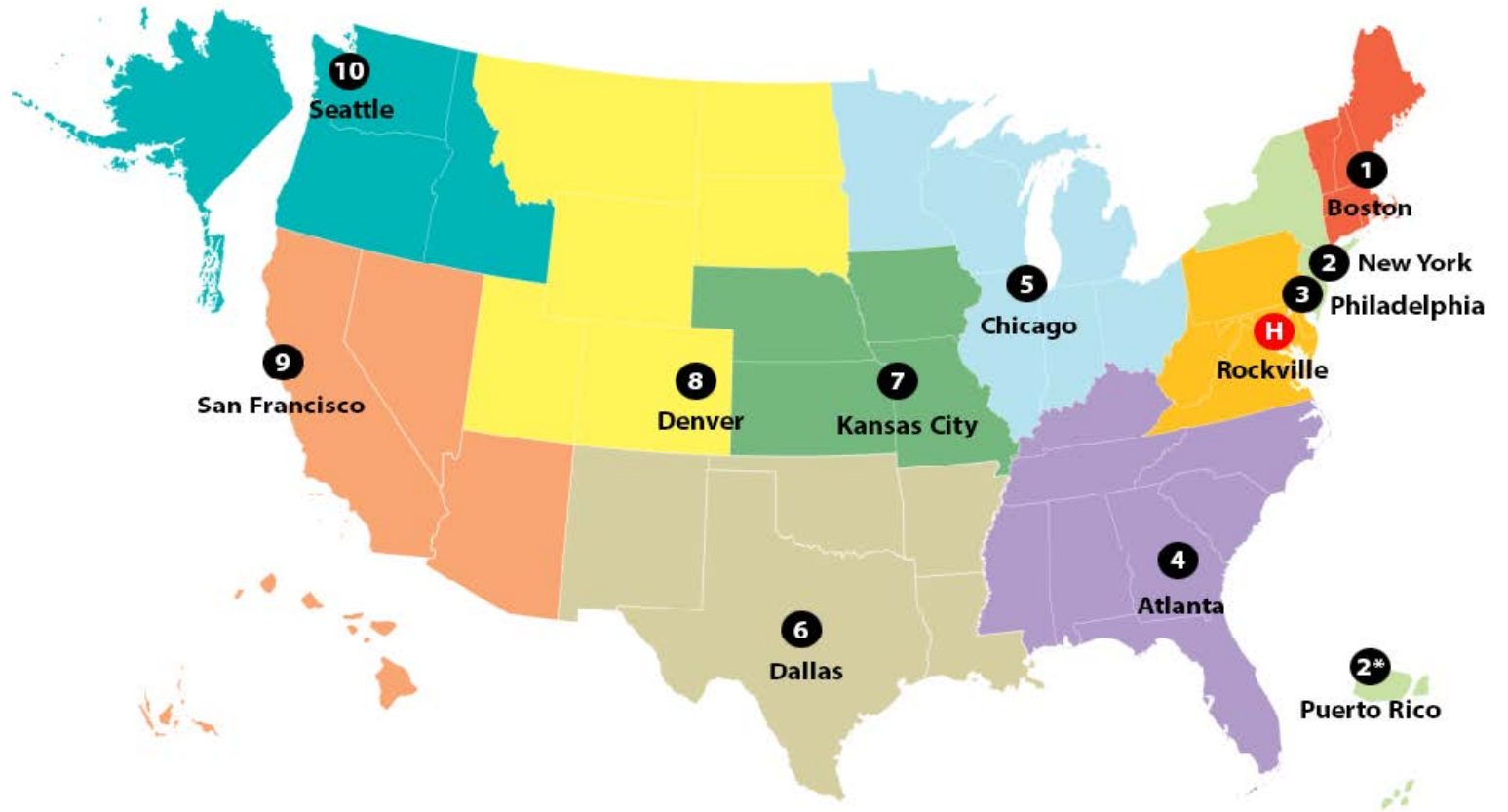
Every year, HRSA programs serve tens of millions of people, including people living with HIV/AIDS, pregnant women, mothers and their families, and those otherwise unable to access quality health care

# Office of Regional Operations

## Ten Regions – One HRSA

### ORO's Mission

*To improve health equity in underserved communities through on-the-ground outreach, education, technical assistance and partnering with local, state and federal organizations.*



# Rural Health Policy

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The Federal Office of Rural Health Policy provides policy support to the Office of the Secretary and administers a number of rural health grant programs that focus on the development of rural health networks, black lung clinics, telehealth, and the opioid crisis



## **Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility**

**Program:** 99% of Critical Access Hospitals (CAH) report at least one Medicare Beneficiary Quality Improvement Project measure and 72% of CAHs showed improvement following participation in a quality improvement project



## **Telehealth Network Grant Program**

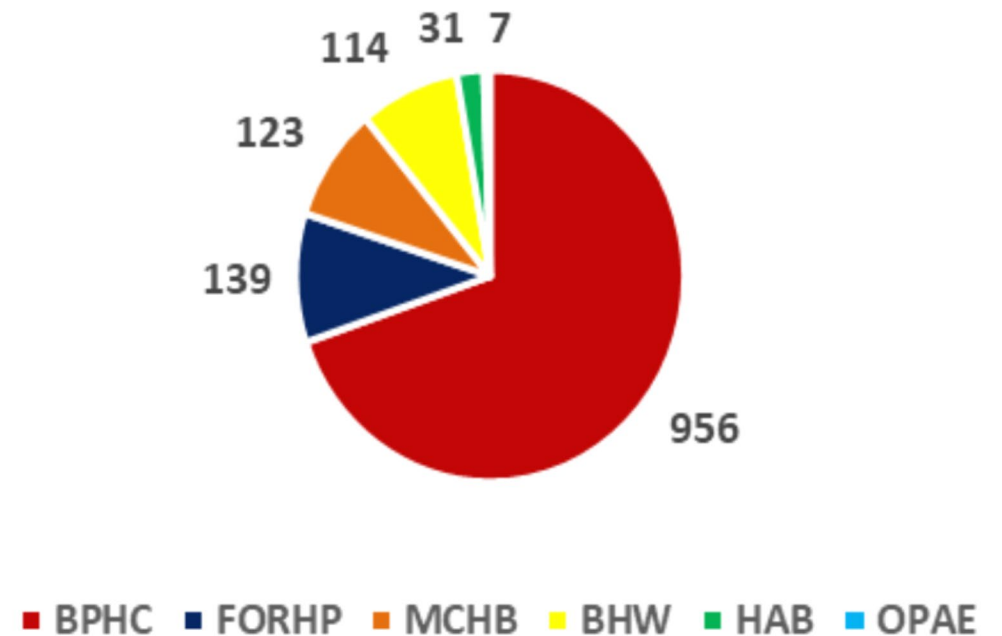
Nearly 3.2 million miles in travel for care saved as patients were served by HRSA-supported telehealth networks.

# Telehealth at HRSA

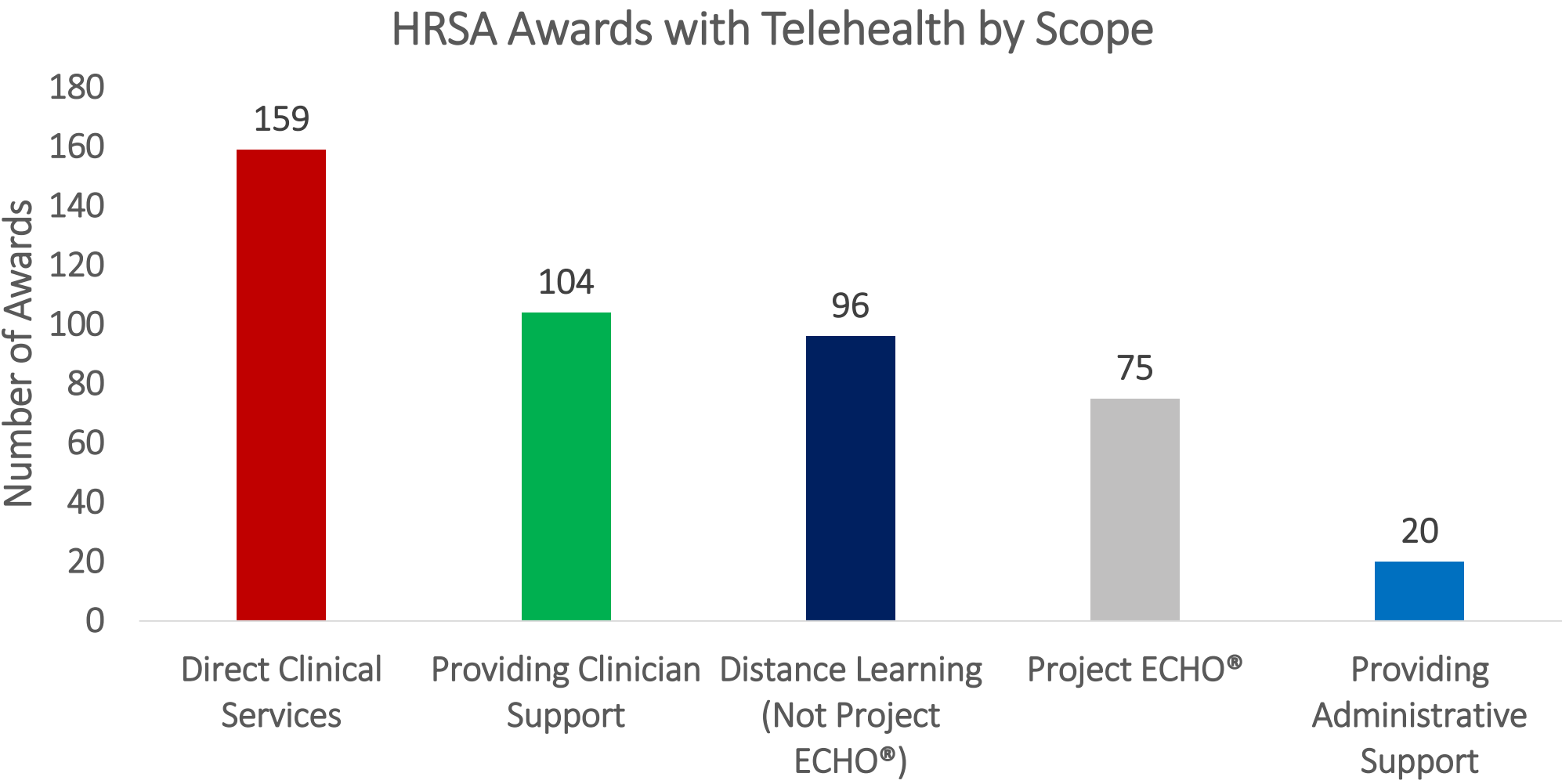
- In FY18, HRSA had **1,370 awards** with a telehealth component, a 36% increase over FY17.
- Awards were in all 50 states and 8 territories.



## HRSA Awards with Telehealth



# Telehealth at HRSA



# OAT Programs (FY2019) - \$24.3 M

Program	Awardees	Amount
Telehealth <u>Network Grant Program</u>	21	\$7.30 M
Evidence-Based Telebehavioral Health <u>Network Program</u>	14	\$4.60 M
Substance Abuse Treatment <u>Network Grant Program</u>	3	\$0.75 M
Rural Veterans Health <u>Access Program</u>	2	\$0.60 M
Telehealth Resource Centers	14	\$4.55 M
Licensure Portability Grant Program	2	\$0.50 M
Telehealth-Focused Rural Health Research Center	1	\$0.75 M
Telehealth Centers of Excellence	2	\$4.00 M
Other Programs and Administration		\$1.25M



# HRSA Response to COVID-19 for Rural Grantees

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- \$180 Million in CARES Act Funding
  - \$150 Million to Rural Hospitals for COVID-19 Response
- FORHP Grant Submission Deadlines Extended
  - Telehealth Focused Rural Health Research Center Program (7/1/2020)
  - Telehealth Network Grant Program (6/15/2020)
  - Rural Communities Opioid Response Program – Implementation (5/26/2020)



# Resources on COVID-19

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- HRSA's Website
  - <http://www.hrsa.gov/coronavirus>
- FORHP's Frequently Asked Questions
  - <https://www.hrsa.gov/rural-health/coronavirus-frequently-asked-questions>
- Center for Connected Health Policy (FORHP- Funded)
  - <https://www.cchpca.org/resources/covid-19-telehealth-coverage-policies>



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