



Greetings Northwest Region:

Early Bird Registration is **Open**



April 29 - May 1, 2024
Seattle, Washington

Don't Miss Out on this Discounted Registration Rate

This year's conference takes a deep dive into the theme:

The Next Generation of Telehealth,
From Reactionary to Visionary

Let's embark together on a path from reacting to healthcare challenges to envisioning a brighter, healthier future.

Abstracts Opening Soon

Register Here

Take a Look at NRTRC's Newest Telehealth Training Course

[Idaho Telehealth Training](#), was created through a partnership with Kootenai Health, Bearden Consulting and the NRTRC.

This course provides foundational information about telehealth with a focus on the state of Idaho. Content includes definitions, rules and regulations, billing and reimbursement, implementation, sustainability fundamentals, workflows, best practices, patient and provider considerations and more.

FREE



Idaho Telehealth Training



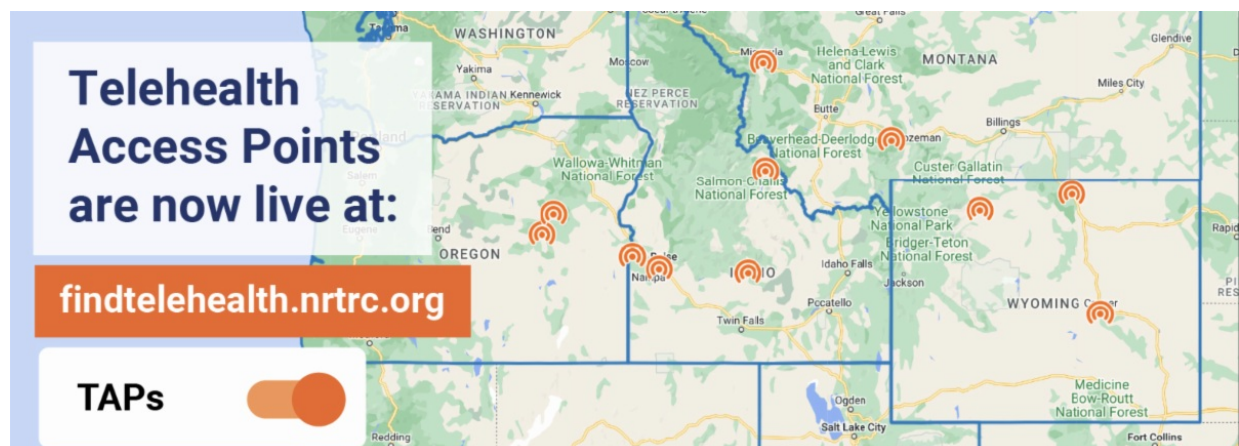
NEWS

[DEA Extends Flexibility Around In-Person Requirement until December 31, 2024](#): The DEA and HHS proposed allowing doctors to prescribe controlled substances through telemedicine, without meeting patients in person. To ensure continuous care during the COVID-19 pandemic, exceptions were made to existing regulations, allowing doctors to form new relationships with patients without in-person visits until November 11, 2023. After reviewing feedback from telemedicine sessions, these exceptions have now been extended until December 31, 2024, for new doctor-patient relationships.

[Telehealth Impact in Frontier Critical Access Hospitals](#): Frontier areas are sparsely populated counties in states where 65% of the counties have six or fewer residents per square mile. Residents access primary care at critical access hospitals in these rural communities, but must travel great distances for specialty care.

[Healthcare Crisis in Rural Areas](#): The healthcare crisis in rural areas is reaching a critical point, with more than 600 rural hospitals at risk of closure, leaving approximately 46 million people without access to necessary care. However, the prevalence of telehealth has provided a lifeline to these communities.

Do You Provide Health Care or Services via Telehealth?



NRTRC's [Find Telehealth](#) is available to help patients and providers find in-person and telehealth care along with locations to have telehealth visits. TAPS can be viewed by turning on the TAPS button on the map.

[Click Here to Update Information on your Practice](#)

[Click Here to Add a TAP](#)



Events to Bookmark in 2023

October

Digital Health Equity: Current Practices and Approaches of Academic Medical Centers:

The AAMC interviewed 11 AMCs about their strategies on digital health equity. This presentation will provide a summary of those interviews focusing on establishing digital health equity leadership, strategy and advocacy; assessing and addressing digital needs; and adapting the design and implementation of digital tools. Oct. 17, 1–2 p.m. MT

NCTRC Webinar: Southern Regional Disaster Response System (SRDRS): A comprehensive overview of how SRDRS has progressed through two years of program establishment to complement existing preparedness and response frameworks by leveraging telehealth technology. This presentation will highlight signature telehealth initiatives of the SRDRS aimed at enhancing situational awareness, patient care coordination and access to highly specialized clinical and health system operational expertise with the goal of improving regional surge capacity. Oct. 19, 12:00 p.m. in MST

November

SEARCH 2023: The National Telehealth Research Symposium, will connect health researchers, academicians and visionaries in telehealth and telemedicine to share findings and foster research partnerships. Nov. 7-9 in Philadelphia.

2023 Rural Health Association of Utah Annual Conference: This annual event focuses on promoting and improving rural healthcare in rural Utah. This year's theme is Innovations in Rural Health: Navigating the Future. Nov. 8-9, at the Dixie Convention Center in St. George.

APHA 2023: The American Public Health Association's annual meeting provides an opportunity to learn from leading experts, build leadership skills and connect with peers from around the globe. Participants can join in person or online, and pick from more than 1,000 scientific presentations and fun social activities. Attendees can also meet sponsors and exhibitors in the Public Health Expo. Nov. 12-15, in Atlanta.

Check out NRTRC's Updated Resources!



- [End-Of-The-Telehealth-PHE Checklist](#)
- [Critical Access Hospital Telehealth Guide](#)
- [The Chronic Care Management and Principal Care Management Implementation Document](#)
- [Telehealth Services and Codes table](#)



Northwest Regional State Telehealth Website Links

- [Alaska Collaborative for Telehealth and Telemedicine](#)
- [Idaho Department of Health and Welfare](#)
- [Montana Telehealth Alliance](#)
- [Telehealth Alliance of Oregon](#)
- [Utah Telehealth Network](#)
- [Washington State Telehealth Collaborative](#)
- [Washington State Department of Health](#)
- [Wyoming Telehealth Network](#)



Telehealth Resources

- [Telehealth Tools and Resources](#): Find up-to-date telehealth tools & resources.
- [Professional Development](#): Visit NRTRC's catalog of online telehealth training courses.
- The Telehealth Resource Centers have gathered resources specific to [Federally Qualified Health Centers](#).
- [Emergency Declarations](#): Utah is the only state in the Northwest Region still under

an emergency declaration because of the COVID pandemic. It is set to expire when the national PHE expires. **PHE ENDED MAY 11, 2023**

- [Updated legislation and regulations](#): Keep up with regulations and proposed legislation for the states of the Northwest Region.
- [Research](#): current research opportunities, research articles and survey results.

Grant Funding Opportunities

- Refer to the [funding page](#) on the NRTRC website for updated grant opportunities.



Telehealth Triumphs

This success story is a kudos to the Idaho Library Association to recognize their actions to increase access to healthcare in rural and frontier Idaho.



Libraries can offer privacy through dedicated spaces for telehealth visits. Libraries offer strong, reliable internet for people who may not have internet at home (or for people without stable housing). Libraries offer friendly staff to help people navigate digital interfaces and feel more comfortable with technology and libraries give patients access to technology, such as cameras, microphones, large monitors and adaptive keyboards. This makes for a better experience for both the patient and the provider.

The public library in Hailey, Idaho acts as a Telehealth Access Point (TAP). For a list of all TAPs in the country, click [here](#).

For more information about Idaho's Libraries & Telehealth Initiative go to www.libraries.idaho.gov/telehealth.
Or reach out to Amelia Valasek at amelia.valasek@libraries.idaho.gov.



[NRTRC on YouTube](#)

NRTRC's 2022 11th Annual Telehealth Conference video sessions are free to view. If you were unable to attend, or want to watch your favorite sessions again, visit [NRTRC's YouTube](#) page.

Affordable Connectivity Program

Helping Households Get
Access to Broadband



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