Children’s Health Innovations

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Pediatric Tele-Specialty Resource Program

**Purpose:** Expand access to pediatric specialty services like neonatology and emergency medicine

**Interim Implementation:** Technology, criteria, credentialing and data collection

**Budget rider:** $5 million would allow approximately 30 rural hospitals to participate
Current Status

• HHSC supported the on-going effort to pilot the tele-specialty resource program.
• Several key stakeholders shared the vision and began the task of creating the pilot.
• Set standards for telemedicine equipment/speeds
• Two geographies for TX (North/South)
• North – Navarro Regional
  • TeleNICU
  • 4th quarter go-live
Virtual Health Network

Simpler, Connected Care Delivery

- Connecting UT System Health Science Centers & Medical Schools
- Coordinating outbound & inbound support for current telemedicine & telehealth services
- Conducting research and data analytics
- Expanding outreach to satellite partners
- Providing distance education
- Managing population health

Phase 1: Discover & Define
- Assessing the current landscape of each UT institution’s telehealth initiatives
- Focusing on enabling each institution and enhance unique telemedicine needs

Completed

Phase 2: Introduce & Demonstrate
- Creating a video connectivity platform and allowing for communication between all medicals sites, as well as the necessary documentation and scheduling support for the project

In Progress

Phase 3: Full Deployment
- Developing a growth strategy
- Expanding to include clinical services in schools, work sites, community health centers, community mental health centers, and others.

Upcoming