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## November 2018 Newsletter

### Need funding for Telecommunication Services?

For the upcoming funding cycle, USAC is offering a series of trainings on registration and forms filing. For more information or to participate in the training:

[http://www.icontact-archive.com/TfWiFvrku1\\_Lm6RfjSIRPqhNx8ycOGAK?w=4](http://www.icontact-archive.com/TfWiFvrku1_Lm6RfjSIRPqhNx8ycOGAK?w=4)

The Rural Health Care Program of the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) supports eligible health care facilities in bringing accessible, affordable, and pervasive high-speed connectivity for the delivery of health and medical services. The USAC provides funding to participants for eligible telecom services, infrastructure and equipment to support the delivery of health care services. The State of Hawaii and the US Territories of American Samoa, Guam and Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands have participated and received telecom discounts since the late 1990s under various USAC programs.

**A potential funding opportunity:** A HRSA grant is foretasted to support State professional licensing boards to develop and implement State laws and related policies that will reduce statutory and regulatory barriers to telemedicine. For more details and updates regarding the release of an official FOA, please view the link below:

Opprunity Title: Licensure Portability Grant Program

Opportunity Number: HRSA-19-019

Estimated Total Program Funding: \$500,000

Estimated Application Due Date: Jan 22, 2019

Website to Grant Opportunity: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=307883>

### PBTRC Meets with American Samoa Government Hawaii Office



PBTRC staff met with American Samoa Government Hawaii Office on opportunities to collaborate with students from American Samoa studying public health at the University of Hawaii. You can read more about this in the link below:

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## Telehealth Technology Summit 2018 Dec. 12-13 in New Orleans

A promotional banner for the Telehealth Technology Summit 2018. The background is a vibrant, nighttime street scene in New Orleans, Louisiana, with colorful lights and buildings. Overlaid on the image is a circular graphic of interconnected nodes, representing a network or technology. Text on the banner includes: "SCAN HERE &" above a QR code, "REGISTER TODAY!" below the QR code, "TELEHEALTH TECHNOLOGY SUMMIT 2018" in large white letters, and "December 12 - 13, 2018 New Orleans, Louisiana" in a white box. At the bottom, there is a line of text: "For more information, contact [info@learntelehealth.org](mailto:info@learntelehealth.org)" and five logos: TRC (National Consortium of Telehealth Resource Centers), HTRC (Heartland Telehealth Resource Center), learn telehealth (LearnTelehealth.org South Central Telehealth Resource Center), TexLa (Telehealth Resource Center), and TTAC (Telehealth Technology Assessment Center).

There will be a Telehealth Technology Summit happening on the 12 and 13<sup>th</sup> of December 2018. The summit will take place at the Hilton New Orleans Riverside and registration is available at the link below. The summit is designed for a variety of healthcare audiences: health care providers, physicians, specialists, nurses, hospital healthcare administrators and policy makers.

The summit will have many presentations and include a technology showcase and demonstration of various telehealth technologies by the National Telehealth Technology Assessment Center (TTAC). This will be great demonstration of equipment used in telehealth programs.

The keynote speaker is Carl Taylor, Executive Director at the Fraser Institute for Health Research.

This summit was made possible through the collaboration of the Southeastern Telehealth Resource Center, South Central Telehealth Resource Center, Heartland Telehealth Resource Center, TexLa Telehealth Resource Center, and the National Telehealth Technology Assessment Center.

Registration is still available for this summit. You can register here: [https://secure.touchnet.net/C23499\\_ustores/web/classic/store\\_main.jsp?STOREID=45](https://secure.touchnet.net/C23499_ustores/web/classic/store_main.jsp?STOREID=45)

You can find out more here:

<https://www.telehealthresourcecenter.org/event/telehealth-technology-summit/>

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The Telehealth Resource Centers across the nation have come a long way since their inception. Take a glimpse at what the future of these Resource Centers will offer in the future.

You can find out more here:

<https://www.hrsa.gov/enews/past-issues/2018/november-1/rural-health-future.html>

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## Seventeenth Annual Hawaii Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility Program Conference

Dr. Deborah Peters, Co-Director, Pacific Basin Telehealth Resource Center (PBTRC), gave a plenary address to the Seventeenth Annual Hawaii Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility Program Conference held in Ka'anapali, Maui. Dr. Peters' presentation reported recent developments with respect to telehealth, including an overview telehealth in the United States, tipping points and trends, policy updates for Hawaii, current initiatives in Hawaii and Project ECHO Hawaii. The conference was held from October 31 to November 2, 2018. Copies of conference presentations can be found at: [www.ruralhealthmatters.com/2018](http://www.ruralhealthmatters.com/2018).

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