



Health Care Online

Advancing Telehealth in Arizona

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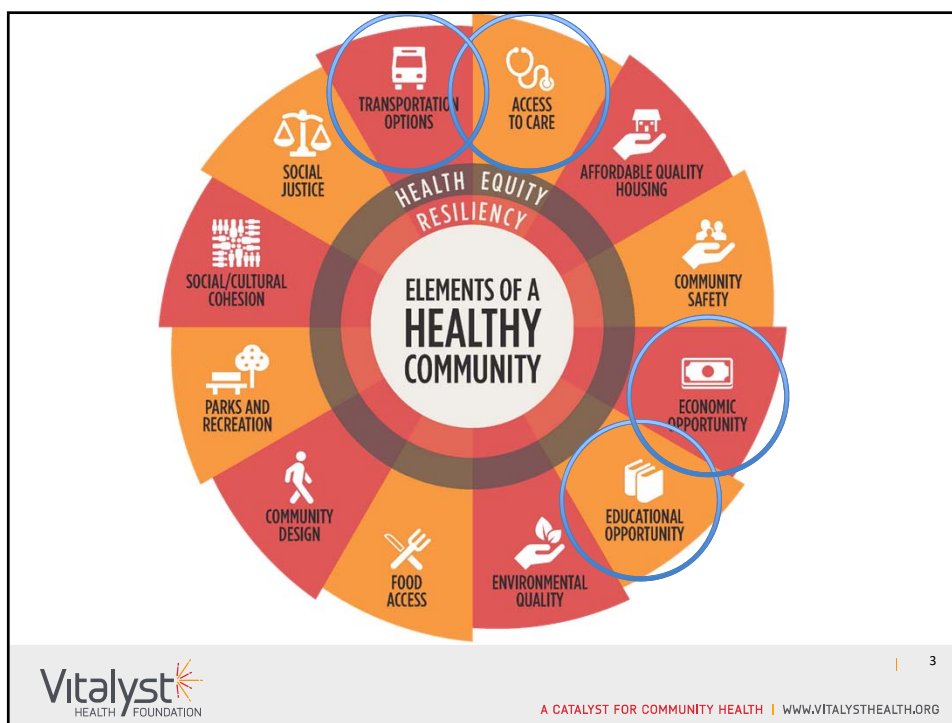
SPARK REPORT

Online Healthcare

Connecting Patients
to the Care They Need
Through Telemedicine

October 2017 The delivery of care via telecommunication technology can strengthen both the state's healthcare workforce and healthcare delivery system. It can ensure that Arizona's communities receive more of the care they need when and where they need it.

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Telemedicine Models

highlighted in the report

TRADITIONAL

Patients in remote areas often lack needed care.

Local clinics, schools, and medical sites use telemedicine to connect patients with expert physicians.

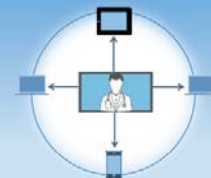
These specialists can give care that local services cannot.



ON DEMAND

Patients use app based services to receive complete virtual visits with physicians.

Patients can conduct self exams using telemedicine equipment, while physicians provide immediate diagnosis.



TELEMENTORING

Rural clinics and doctors are often under-resourced or under-trained.

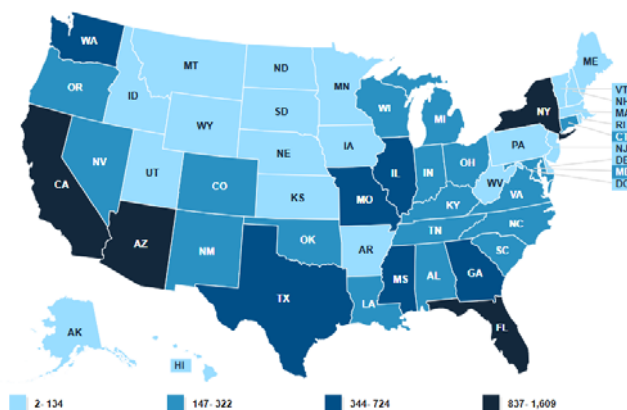
Specialist teams (hub) and primary care clinicians (spoke) conduct virtual grand chart rounds.

Clinicians are trained and get more people the care they need.



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Number of Additional PCPs Needed to Remove HPSA Designations in AZ (Health Professional Shortage Area)



Promising Practices in Arizona

- AZ Telemedicine Program
- AZ Telemedicine Council
- Northern AZ Telemedicine Alliance
- Northern Arizona Healthcare
- Health Choice Integrated Care
- Copper Queen Community Hospital
- Project ECHO
- VA Healthcare Systems
- North Country Hep C Care Team
- Mayo Telestroke Program
- Interstate Medical Licensure Compact
- Banner iCare and eICU
- Telemedicine & Telehealth Service Provider Showcase (SPS)
- Expanded Broadband in Rural AZ

Barriers

Arizona is one of only on of two states, the other being Alaska, that have what are called partial parity laws.

Scope of Coverage:

Trauma, Burn, Cardiology, Infectious Disease, Mental Health, Neurological Diseases including stroke, Dermatology, Pulmonology, Urology (2020), Pain Medicine & Substance Abuse (2019)

Payment:

"As soon as someone starts making money off of it, telemedicine will explode."

"When pay is the same, you'll see people jump on board."

What's Next?

