

# Telehealth Grants

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- **Nine-month telehealth pilot projects; grant applications were due in September**
- **Goal: Improve-transitions of care between a comprehensive care facility (CCF) and a general acute care hospital using telehealth technology**
- **Required:**
  - **Use of telehealth, an electronic health record (EHR), and services of the State-Designated Health Information Exchange (HIE), the Chesapeake Regional Information System for our Patients (CRISP)**
  - **Assess the impact of using telehealth on hospital emergency room visits, admissions, and readmissions**
  - **A dollar-for-dollar match contribution to the grant funds**

# **Atlantic General Hospital**

- **Partnership with Berlin Nursing and Rehabilitation Center (Berlin)**
- **Goal: Reduce both general acute care hospital costs and transportation costs associated with hospital admissions and readmissions from Berlin**
- **Hospital physicians will provide remote care to Berlin residents using telehealth technology**
- **Requested \$30,000 in grant funding and intends to provide a matching contribution of \$87,922**

# Dimensions Healthcare System

- **Partnership with Sanctuary of Holy Cross**
- **Goal: Improve transitions of care for residents at Sanctuary of Holy Cross through virtual consultations and remote monitoring for residents with pneumonia and heart failure**
- **Application includes services of Zane Networks, LLC, a State-Designated management service organization**
- **Requested \$30,000 in grant funding and intends to provide a matching contribution of \$32,000**

# University of Maryland Upper Chesapeake Health

- **Partnership with the Bel Air facility of Lorien Health Systems (Lorien Health Systems)**
- **Goal: Reduce avoidable hospital utilization originating from Lorien Health Systems using telehealth technology, extending emergency medical management expertise to Lorien Health Systems 24/7**
- **Real-time data on residents' vital signs will be transmitted between Upper Chesapeake Health and Lorien Health Systems**
- **Requested \$27,888 in grant funding and intends to provide a matching contribution of \$27,888**

# Next Steps

- **October 2014: Launch telehealth pilot projects**
- **October 2014 – June 2015: Implementation and oversight by staff**
- **June 2015 – August 2015: Evaluate impact of telehealth**
- **September 2015: Lessons learned announced**

*Thank You!*



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