6. USING TECHNOLOGY TO INTEGRATE DATA ON SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH INTO NURSING PRACTICE

6.5 Provide supportive resources to facilitate the provision of telehealth by nurses by expanding the national strategy for a broadband/5G infrastructure to enable comprehensive community access to these services; and increasing the availability of the necessary hardware, including smartphones, computers, and webcams, for high-risk populations.

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Campaign for Action

1. Key Strategic Stakeholders

Health Care

Health care professional licensing boards; CVS;

Non-profits

American Telehealth Association; National Consortium of Telehealth Resource Centers; Philanthropists (Gates, Amazon, Bezos, Bloomberg); National Governors' Association

Federal government

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services; Elected officials; National Library of Medicine United States Department of Health and Human Services

State government

City; County; and State

Education

College campuses/community colleges and IT department has expertise that can provide technical assistance

Other

Amazon; Businesses with health clinics at work; Consumer groups; health literacy experts; health organization; Informatics; Insurers; Local libraries; Rural economic development organizations; Tech companies; Technology aids/presenters; Translation services;; Walmart

2. Top 3-5 Actions for 2021

- A. Analyze existing data and policy. Identify gaps in funding and broadband service and affordability
- B. Explore opportunities with other licensing boards for partnering on how to advance policy
- C. Educate where there is little or no affordable access –both broadband and hardware.
 - Get on agenda for National Governors Association
- D. Begin planning a stakeholder meeting (nationally/regionally)
 - Solicit innovative ideas to get telemedicine equipment as a covered benefit under health insurance/Medicaid (durable medical equipment?)

3. Top 3-5 Actions for 2022

- Convene states and key stakeholders on this issue and develop a strategic plan to resolve and improve consumer access to care
 - Present innovative ideas for discussion
- B. Employers provide infrastructure (including staff) to have a tele-practice in the place of employment

4. Success Indicators

- 10% increase in access to broadband (consider additional measures by groups)
- Federal and state policy will ensure affordable access for high-risk populations
- Increase in tele-practice sites as places of employment
- Successfully implement stakeholder meeting and develop a shared policy agenda