



April 2013

## Upcoming Webinars & Conferences

### Regional Meetings and Upcoming Programming



#### Maine

The Maine Telehealth Forum will conduct their monthly meeting on Thursday, April 4th from 1-3 pm. Participants can attend the meeting via

[Adobe Connect](#).

Audio will be via conference call: 1-866-313-4044,

conference code: 4850427.

If you are interested in learning more about this group or want to attend the meeting please contact

[Margaret Gracie](#).



#### New Hampshire

ConnectNH will be convening a sub-committee to work on issues related to telehealth in NH. We are in

### Sponsored by NETRC:

**Use of Telemedicine to Improve Palliative Care Coordination, Education and Delivery Across a Rural State**, Wednesday, **April 24th** at **Noon**, EDT

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### National Telenursing Center RFP

National Telenursing Center Seeks National Pilot Sites

**Bidders Conference Webinar:** April 11, 2013 at 2:00 PM EDT

**New Due Date for Responses to the RFR:** May 15, 2013

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### National Telehealth Webinar Series

[Indiana Veterans Behavioral Health Network Extends Services to Rural Indiana Veterans](#)

April 18, 2:00 PM EDT

### March Webinar from the California Telehealth Network

To view archive:

[Exploring the RUS-Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant](#)

## Opportunity to Get Involved

the process of collecting names of individuals who would be interested in participating in the group. Please contact [Kim Mohan](#) if you are interested in joining.

## Grant Opportunities

### USAC Funding Regional NETC Pilot Program

If you are interested in this opportunity contact:

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From the ATA:

The American Telemedicine Association is seeking public comment related to its draft **Practice Guidelines For Video-based Online Mental Health Services**. The proposed guidelines, developed by ATA and key stakeholders in the field, detail best-practices for online mental health providers delivering video-based services through personal computers and mobile devices. The comment period is open through **April 21, 2013**. Please take a few minutes to review the draft and share your comments at this link: [www.americantelemed.org/comments](http://www.americantelemed.org/comments)

ATA's practice guidelines for telemedicine are the critical foundation for the deployment of telemedicine services. Standards form the basis for uniform, quality patient care and safety, grounded in empirical research and clinical experience. All ATA standards documents are available to download, free of charge, at [www.americantelemed.org/standards](http://www.americantelemed.org/standards).

## RECENT TELEHEALTH NEWS

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### Telehealth Policy News

- **States not keeping up with telehealth advances** [iHealthBeat.org](#), March 21, 2013, Rebecca Vesely
- **State telehealth legislative update** [Federation of State Medical Boards](#), March 26, 2013
- **Paying for telemedicine in the United States** [ATA Listserv](#), Feb. 26, 2013, Jonathan Linkous

### News on the Practice of Telemedicine

- **Tele-ICU guidelines developed for critical care nurses** [Fierce Health IT](#), March 12, 2013
- **'Safety-net' clinic patients want online communication with docs, too** [Fierce Health IT](#), Feb. 27, 2013
- **Why telemedicine is finally ready to take off** [CIO](#), February 25, 2013

### Telemedicine Technology News

- **Will Google Glass find a home in healthcare?** [EHR Intelligence](#), March 13, 2013
- **Making sense of sensors: how new technologies can change patient care** [California Healthcare Foundation](#), Feb. 28, 2013
- **Microsoft Surface dives into mHealth, telehealth tablet market** [EHR Intelligence](#), Feb. 21, 2013

### Health Information Technology News

- **Toolkit offers guidance for rural participants in HIEs** [Fierce Health IT](#), March 14, 2013
- **Verizon secure medical messaging service enters 'beta stage' of testing**

[Fierce Health IT](#), March 6, 2013

- **HHS announces 2013 agenda for health information technology**  
[Rural Assistance Center](#), March 6, 2013

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## Recent Telehealth Resources

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