
Indian Health Service SD Medicaid Tribal Consultation Meeting

**Telehealth Progress Update
April 2017**

GPA Telehealth Services Contract Overview

Contract awarded September 2016 to Avera Health (Avera eCare)

Telemedicine services will be offered in at least 14 sites managed by IHS in the Great Plains Area (GPA).

- (Tribally managed sites not included at present)

Initial equipment investment of \$1.67M – Hardware, peripherals, mobile carts, etc.

Use cases:

- eEmergency: annual fee for unlimited access \$183k/year (\$1.1M for 6 sites)
- eConsult: per episode fee for specialty visits + monthly program admin fee \$160K/month (\$1.9M for 14 sites)

Timeline Update

Services expected to start **early June 2017** with eEmergency first and eConsult to follow. Phase 1 rollout: Rosebud and Pine Ridge will go-live first, followed by Eagle Butte, Omaha Winnebago, Fort Yates, and Belcourt.

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Implementation Progress (April-June)

- ✓ Creating a secure internet connection with speeds quick enough to deliver high quality audio-video.
- ✓ Ordering and installing the equipment to make sure it works within the IHS system.
- ✓ Credentialing and privileging Avera's providers to practice within IHS.
- ✓ Training Avera's providers to use the IHS electronic medical record.
- ✓ Educating IHS staff and the community about new services.

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Participating Sites:

Emergency Departments

- Pine Ridge
- Rosebud
- Eagle Butte
- Omaha Winnebago
- Fort Yates
- Belcourt

Tele-ED listed in order of implementation

Sub-Specialty

1. Rapid City
2. Wagner
3. Ft. Thompson
4. Lower Brule
5. Sisseton
6. Wanblee
7. Kyle
8. McLaughlin
9. Ft. Yates
10. Eagle Butte
11. Winnebago
12. Belcourt
13. Pine Ridge
14. Rosebud

*Youth Regional Treatment Center and Drug Dependency Unit- TBD

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Specialty Services

Behavioral Health

Counselor
 Psychologist
 Psychiatry
 Pediatric Behavioral Health

Specialty

Cardiology
 Dermatology
 Endocrinology
 ENT
 Gastroenterology
 Hepatology
 Infectious Disease
 Internal Medicine Maternal/Child Health (OB)
 Nephrology
 Neurology
 Pain Management (Physiatrist PM&R)
 Pediatrics
 Rheumatology
 Wound Care (Infectious Disease, Podiatry)

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