



## Press Release

### California Telehealth Network

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#### **California Telehealth Network Selects TeleMed2U to Provide Access to Physician Specialists**

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#### **Telemedicine Specialty Care Services Now Available to CTN Member Sites**

**SACRAMENTO, March 25, 2013** – California Telehealth Network (CTN), the state’s partnership for telehealth, announced it has reached agreement with TeleMed2U to make physician specialist services available using telemedicine to CTN member sites. The partnership with TeleMed2U, is consistent with CTN’s mission to increase access to quality health care with an emphasis on rural and medically underserved areas of California.

"Telemed2U is honored to be selected by the California Telehealth Network to serve as a partner in providing access to physician specialists. We believe the two organizations share a common fundamental belief that the role of telemedicine is to practice good medicine and increase access to care. We at Telemed2U look forward to a long term relationship with the CTN and its member sites," said TeleMed2U’s Chief Medical Officer, Javeed Siddiqui MD, MPH.

TeleMed2U is a multi-specialty medical group that is working in partnership with the California Telehealth Network to provide specialty care to patients using real-time, audio-video teleconferencing. This collaboration will serve acute care, critical access, and rural hospitals, FQHCs, Community Health Centers, state and county based programs, correctional facilities, skilled nursing facilities and Native American Health Centers.

"Telemed2U looks forward to partnering with the California Telehealth Network and its member sites to increase access to care and build a long term sustainable model for health care delivery through telemedicine to serve the citizens of the state of California," said Siddiqui.

"Access to specialty care has consistently been a major issue for CTN clinics and hospitals which are located primarily in rural and medically underserved areas of the State. The Telemedicine2U relationship is an important first step towards addressing this need. Telemedicine2U will help our primary care providers access and schedule the physician specialists they need. Telemedicine2U can also provide medical billing guidance to help providers maximize telemedicine sustainability." said Eric Brown, CTN’s President and CEO. CTN plans to engage additional telemedicine physician specialty care providers in the near future in an effort to meet demand from CTN member sites.

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### **About the California Telehealth Network**

California Telehealth Network's mission is to promote advanced information technologies and services to improve access to high quality health care focusing on medically underserved and rural Californians. An independent non-profit 501c3, CTN was initially funded through the FCC's Rural Health Care Pilot Program which provided CTN with \$22.1 million, the largest single state award of its kind. Additional funding has been provided by the California Emerging Technology Fund, the California HealthCare Foundation, the California Teleconnect Fund, the National Coalition for Health Integration, United HealthCare and the University of California. For more information, visit ([www.caltelehealth.org](http://www.caltelehealth.org)).