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Dear Colleague,

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Division for Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention (DHDSPP) is identifying and evaluating health systems or healthcare providers using telehealth and virtual services to deliver evidence-based interventions for the prevention and management of cardiovascular disease, including hypertension. We are interested in knowing more about these programs and services that:

- Use team-based care approaches to include non-physician team members as part of the virtual care team (e.g., community health workers, nurses, pharmacists, nutritionists, or social workers),
- Use telehealth technologies to link community resources and provide clinical services that support self-measured blood pressure monitoring, lifestyle change programs, medication therapy management, or cardiac rehabilitation programs, and
- Use telehealth technologies to virtually connect remote providers with patients and care teams to improve treatment and quality of care for patients with geographic or other barriers to health care (i.e., primary care, telestroke)

**We value your expertise and ask you to consider nominating your health system for this effort. Please also consider sharing this request with colleagues, partnering health systems, and others in your professional network and encourage the health care systems to nominate themselves.** These nominations are an important step toward identifying practice-based strategies and lessons learned about telehealth implementation that may be effective and replicable in other settings.

We are interested in identifying health systems or healthcare providers delivering telehealth services that show promise but have not yet undergone a comprehensive evaluation. Eligible health systems or healthcare providers should be serving a population or geographic region that experiences barriers in accessing healthcare and should be using an EHR or another type of health information technology system to track the provision of telehealth services and other health outcomes for at least 6 months.

Once the nomination process is complete, we will select 6 health systems to participate in an Evaluability Assessment and from those, up to three programs will undergo rigorous evaluations to identify and disseminate promising practices to the field.

For additional information or to submit a nomination memo or letter, please contact Julia Jordan (JJordan1@cdc.gov). Please nominate programs by October 22, 2021.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael Schooley".

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