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University of California, Coalition Launch New Telemedicine Network

On Tuesday, the University of California and a consortium of health care, technology and government agencies launched the California Telehealth Network, the *San Francisco Business Times* reports.

The project aims to extend telemedicine services to low-income Californians in rural and urban areas by linking more than 300 health care facilities and 800 physician offices to state and national broadband networks.

The project has received more than \$22.5 million in funding from private and public sources, including an unspecified amount from the Federal Communications Commission's Rural Health Care Pilot Program.

In April, the coalition announced it had chosen AT&T to establish or upgrade telemedicine connections throughout California, especially in rural communities (Rauber, *San Francisco Business Times*, 8/16).