Overview
The University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) has created a powerhouse offering telemedicine- and telehealth-related resources to clinics and hospitals across the state, region, nation, and world. The Center for Distance Health at UAMS has provided solutions to other entities looking to initiate telemedicine programs.

Situation
Oftentimes, entities face several key barriers that prevent them from planning or even considering telemedicine as a plausible service to provide through their clinic or hospital:

• Lack of knowledge
• Lack of resources and
• Lack of finances

Telemedicine can seem intimidating to the inexperienced or those who do not know much about it. That anxiety is worsened when the program, hospital, or university in charge does not support telemedicine or telehealth additions and withholds financial and other resources. The Center for Distance Health has helped institutions overcome such adversity and barriers.

Model
The Center for Distance Health has offered access to their established network at substantial savings when compared to creating and implementing an entirely new network. In addition, the Center for Distance Health provides equipment and connectivity to people within a separate network. For the easiest telemedicine solution, the Center offers a sort of turnkey operation, putting together connectivity, network infrastructure, and equipment in a ready-to-use “bundle.”

Assess the Situation
Map Out a Plan
Train Staff
Open Door Policy for Questions
Provide Network Backbone
Support Startup Programs Technically & Administratively
Offer “Champion” Support
Implementation Assistance

Implementation Assistance
Education Resources
Research Collaboration with Other Universities
Connect Internationally
Provide Services to Other States
Non-Traditional Telemedicine Model
Implementation Assistance
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