

About the DLT Program

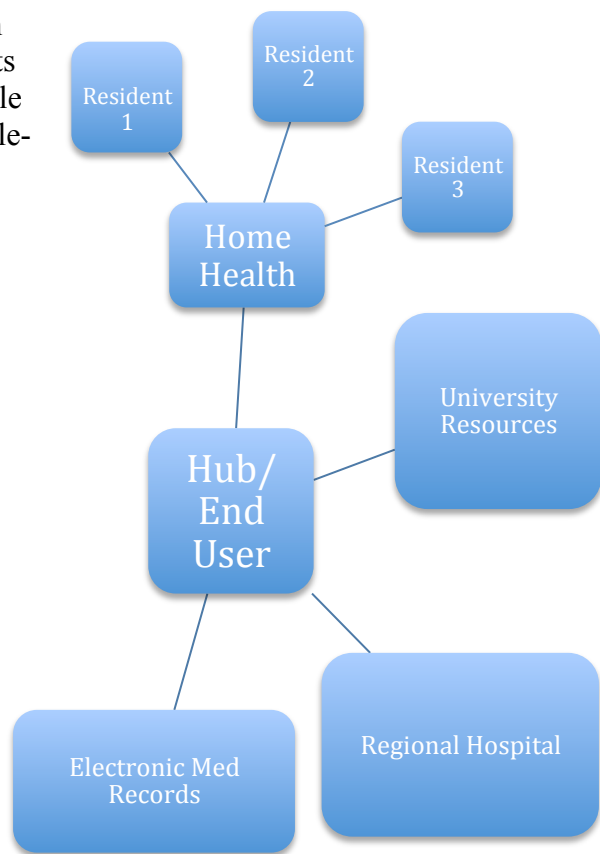
About: DLT Grants are not just a way to obtain medical equipment. Focus is using capabilities of telecommunications to connect rural areas to each other and to the world, thus overcoming the effects of remoteness and low population density. Eligible projects are visiting nurse links, tele-radiology, tele-dentistry, tele-pharmacy, virtual ICU.

Who: Legally organized as an incorporated organization or partnership that delivers health services to another organization that operates a rural community facility.

Scoring Criteria:

- Objective Criteria
 - Rurality
 - Economic Need
 - Matching Funds
- Subjective Criteria
 - Additional NSLP
 - Needs and Benefits
 - Innovativeness
 - Cost Effectiveness

When: Applications typically due in mid-August



West Central Illinois eTeam:

A consortium of three regional hospitals, three rural health departments, and rural schools set up a system to deliver virtual school nurses and set up a telehealth clinic in the school. The regional hospitals provide nurses as an in-kind contribution and the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives hosts the systems server at their main office in Springfield.

Resources:

Program Overview: http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/utp_dlt.html

Success Stories: http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/UTP_DLTSuccess.html

DLT Resources: http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/UTP_DLTResources.html

Broadband Illinois: <http://www.broadbandillinois.org/news/299>

