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Commissioner Carr and Senator Capito to Visit West Virginia Telehealth Facilities

WASHINGTON—On Monday July 1, FCC Commissioner Brendan Carr will join Senator Shelley Moore Capito in West Virginia to visit telehealth facilities in Madison and Charleston. The visit will help inform the work the FCC is doing to expand Internet access and enable more Americans, including those living in rural areas, to access high-quality and affordable health care options. The visit comes on the heels of Carr's announcement that the FCC will vote on a proposed rulemaking at its July 10 meeting to establish a \$100 million Connected Care Pilot Program, which will support telehealth options for low-income Americans, especially those living in rural areas and veterans.

Commissioner Carr and Senator Capito will start the day at Boone Memorial Hospital in Madison, where they will see a demonstration of telestroke technology, which is reducing intervention times and improving health outcomes for stroke patients. There, they will also hear from physicians about the challenges of adopting telehealth technology in rural areas. Following that, they'll head to Charleston Area Medical Center where they will meet with the neurology team for a demonstration of the telestroke technology they use to connect to Boone Memorial Hospital. There, they will also meet with the remote ophthalmology team, which conducts remote eye exams for early detection of diabetes.

If members of the media are interested in attending these events, contact Evan Swarztrauber at (202) 418-2261 or evan.swarztrauber@fcc.gov for more information.

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