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Carr Visiting Florida for Telehealth and Emergency Response Events

WASHINGTON, DC, September 17, 2020—Tomorrow, FCC Commissioner Brendan Carr will travel to Florida for a series of events focused on the FCC’s role in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic. He will visit a number of front-line health care providers that received funding from the FCC’s Emergency COVID-19 Telehealth Program, and he will hear directly from health care providers about their work to expand Americans’ access to telehealth during the pandemic.

Carr will start on Friday morning at Grace Medical Home in Orlando to see how they’ve been using telehealth to help primarily low-income and uninsured patients during the COVID-19 pandemic. He will then continue his telehealth tour at Aspire Medical Partners to talk about their use of connected devices to remotely monitor patients to keep both patients and health care providers safe. After that, Carr will visit The Transition House in St. Cloud to hear about the toll the pandemic has taken on mental health, and he will learn how they’ve been using telehealth to continue providing mental health care to their patients. All three of these health care providers received funding through the FCC’s Emergency COVID-19 Telehealth Program.

Carr will end Friday with visits to the Orlando Emergency Operations Center and Communications Center to discuss public safety communications.

On Saturday, Carr will join a tower crew that is swapping out an antenna on top of an Orlando-area broadcast television tower. This repack work is part of the FCC’s initiative to free up more spectrum for 5G and other high-speed wireless services.

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