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## **In the News**

### **Florence School Offers Virtual Doctor Appointment to Sick Students**

FLORENCE, SC (WBTW) - One Florence school is offering virtual appointments to see a doctor if their family can't afford one.

## **Annual Telehealth Summit**

Palmetto Care Connections invites all who are interested in telehealth to join us at the **[5th Annual Telehealth Summit of SC](#)**! Calling all Office Managers, Program Coordinators, Medical Directors, Nurses, Social Workers, Physicians, Billing Specialists, Executive Directors, Technology Directors, and more! Registration closes **Friday, March 17!**

### **Keynote Speakers**

South Florence High School has a new partnership with the Medical University of South Carolina and the South Carolina Telehealth Alliance. The MUSC nurse treats students at South Florence High School through the telehealth program which helps students prevent missing school and parents from leaving work to take children to the doctor.

[Click here to read entire article.](#)

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## Telemedicine Expands Patient Health Care

The Post and Courier  
James McElligott, MD

"Imagine yourself as a busy parent in rural Williamsburg County, working long hours every day to make ends meet. Now imagine your child needs regular follow-up health care, but the closest pediatrician is more than 30 miles away. You do everything you can to get the care your child needs, but sometimes it's just too hard. Your boss won't let you take a half or whole day off. Or maybe you can take the time, but as an hourly employee, this means less money coming into your home. This scenario and variations of it take place throughout South Carolina every day. But there are solutions to some of these challenges."

[Click here for the full article.](#)

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## McLeod Health Introduces Live Video Healthcare System

FLORENCE, SC (WBTW) -New technology at McLeod Health in Florence will let you get a medical



**Mignon Clyburn**  
Commissioner  
Federal Communications Commissioner



**Nina Antoniotti, RN, MBA, PhD**  
Executive Director  
Telehealth and Clinical Outreach  
SIU Health Care and School of Medicine

### **Registration**

Online Registration is now open at a rate of \$185. [Register now!](#) **Registration will close on Friday, March 17, 2017.**

### **Preconference**

FREE! Tuesday, March 28, 2:00PM-5:00PM-Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center. Must register to attend.

### **Networking Reception**

Join us on Wednesday, March 29, at the Hilton Columbia Center at 5:30PM for the Annual Networking Reception sponsored by Polycom!

### **Program Agenda**

The program agenda will be available soon. Be sure to check [www.palmettocareconnections.org](http://www.palmettocareconnections.org) for information about the Summit.

### **Mobile App**

[Download our event mobile app](#) to view the agenda, connect with attendees, participate on discussion boards, and more!

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South Carolina Telehealth Alliance*

*Due to Hurricane Matthew, the 5th Annual Telehealth Summit of South Carolina was postponed to March 28-30, 2017. If you were previously registered as an attendee or sponsor for the event in October and you would like to attend the Summit you will need to register with the new link for March. Refunds were issued in October 2016.*

*Palmetto Care Connections is very grateful for your patience and support. Without your support this event would not be possible.*

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## **Telehealth Awareness Week**

**MARCH 20-24, 2017**

**MARCH 21: PRESS CONFERENCE AT SC STATEHOUSE**

**MARCH 24: LUNCHEON WITH LIVE TELEHEALTH DEMO**  
*MUSC is inviting Charleston area elected officials to view live telemedicine consultations and learn more about telehealth.*

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## **Funding Opportunities**

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**USDA RUS-DLT GRANT PROGRAM**

**Award Amount: \$50,000 - \$500,000**

**Opens: Mid-March 2017**

**Due Date: est. May 2017**



*Program Purpose: The Distance Learning and Telemedicine Program (DLT) is designed specifically to meet the educational and health care needs of rural America. Through this grant program, advanced telecommunications technologies connect rural sites to content or service providers, helping to provide enhanced learning and health care opportunities for rural residents, in an effort to bridge the Digital Divide. [Click here for more info!](#)*

***A special thank you to our partners for working with us to improve the health of South Carolina through telemedicine.***

**Meet Our Partners!**




*Any new announcements, updates, expansions, or changes?  
Email Davia Smith at [davias@palmettocareconnections.org](mailto:davias@palmettocareconnections.org) . We  
will highlight your organization in our Partner Updates.*

*Thanks!*

*If you would like to submit any updates about your telehealth program, email [davias@palmettocareconnections.org](mailto:davias@palmettocareconnections.org).*

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