



Funding Opportunity for SNF, NF & ALC Facilities

The South Dakota Department of Health has funding available to provide telemedicine technology and infrastructure to assisted living centers and nursing homes in remote and underserved parts of South Dakota.

SECTION I: OVERVIEW

During the 2024 legislative session, the legislature passed Senate Bill 209 which appropriated \$5,000,000 in federal fund authority relating to the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). This funding is to be used to provide grants to assisted living centers and nursing homes with telemedicine technology and infrastructure necessary to use the telemedicine technology.

CRITERIA FOR ELIGIBILITY

- Skilled nursing facilities (SNF), nursing facilities (NF), and assisted living centers (ALC)
Facility must be a state-licensed SNF, NF, or ALC Medicaid provider
State-owned facilities are NOT eligible for this funding opportunity

SUPPORTED ACTIVITIES

Allowable use of funds supporting telemedicine include, but are not limited to:

- Infrastructure development
Technology or hardware (new or upgrades)
Subscription costs
Broadband/Wi-Fi connectivity upgrades
Electronic medical record upgrades

The SDDOH will accept applications for other innovative requests supporting telemedicine infrastructure and technology provided the request is supported with appropriate documentation and justification, and meets the intent of the funding opportunity.

FACILITY FUNDING

Facilities may apply for an award up to the funding amounts outlined below based on the facility's number of licensed beds.

Table with 2 columns: Number of Licensed Beds, Funding Available. Rows include 0-25 Beds (\$30,000), 26-50 Beds (\$35,000), 51-100 Beds (\$40,000), and 100+ Beds (\$45,000).

Funding will be first come, first served throughout both phases. Upon SDDOH approval, the SDDOH will contact the applicant to begin initiating contracts. If the SDDOH needs additional information to approve the facilities request, the SDDOH will contact the applicant. Please note, these contracts will be subrecipient agreements and there are several requirements that must be met before the SDDOH can enter into a contract with the facility.

Please also note that facilities awarded the grants are expected to cover the ongoing costs when the grants have been depleted.

No pre-award costs will be eligible for reimbursement. Completion of activities is subject to the scope of what is being proposed.

All requests for funding must not affect a facility's compliance with state licensing and/or federal certification requirements and regulations.

APPLICATION TIMELINES

The SDDOH will be prioritizing facility applications without current telemedicine capabilities. To ensure prioritization, the SDDOH will be accepting applications in two phases. Facilities without current telemedicine capabilities include those without the equipment, technology, hardware, and connectivity necessary for telemedicine. For example, if a provider wants to upgrade their electronic medical record or existing hardware, but already has existing technology, they already have current telemedicine capability and will have an opportunity to submit an application in Phase II.

Application Phases	
Phase I	Facilities without current telemedicine capability are eligible to apply for funding based on their number of licensed beds.
Phase II	All eligible facilities with or without telemedicine capability are eligible to apply for funding based on their number of licensed beds.

AVAILABLE FUNDING AND CHECKLIST

Application Deadline: The final application deadline is 5:00 PM CT on September 15th, 2024. Facilities that were eligible to apply in Phase I, but missed the August 15th application close deadline may still apply during Phase II, but will be prioritized as first come first serve with all applicants.

Important Dates	
Phase I: Application Opens	8:00 AM CT, July 15 th , 2024
Phase I: Application Closes	5:00 PM CT, August 15 th , 2024
Phase II: Application Opens	8:00 AM CT, September 1 st , 2024
Phase II: Application Closes	5:00 PM CT, September 15 th , 2024
Tentative Contract Period	October 1 st , 2024 – September 30 th , 2026
End of Funding Period	December 31 st , 2026

How to Submit an Application:

Send the completed application form and required attachments (see below) to DOHLCTeam@state.sd.us

Please indicate in the subject line: "SDDOH Telemedicine Funding Opportunity"

Application Checklist:

The following documents should be provided to ensure your application is received as complete.

- Completed, signed Application Form
- Completed Budget

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS?

Please contact the South Dakota Department of Health, Office of Health Facilities Licensure and Certification at DOHLCTeam@state.sd.us or by phone at 605-773-3356.

Application Form

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Instructions: SNF, NF & ALC facilities seeking funding for telemedicine must fill out the application below.

SECTION A: APPLICANT INFORMATION

CONTRACT SIGNATORY & FACILITY APPLICANT

NAME & TITLE:

ADDRESS:

CITY/STATE:

ZIP:

E-MAIL:

PRIMARY CONTACT:

TELEPHONE NO:

FAX NO:

TAX IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:

SECTION B: FUNDING JUSTIFICATION

Attach a separate page describing your facility's specific needs to support telemedicine, how your facility is considered remote or underserved, number of residents this funding will impact and how it will impact residents, and any other information you feel would help justify the award for your facility.

SECTION C: REQUIRED ATTACHMENT: COMPLETED BUDGET

Applicants must include a detailed budget as a separate attachment (.pdf, .xlsx, or .docx) to this application form.

Costs should be itemized, and calculations/assumptions provided to allow the state full understanding of how requested funds are being calculated.

The Cost Proposal must also include a detailed narrative providing justification for each item requested.

SECTION D: TERMS AND CONDITIONS

By signing this application form, applicants understand and will adhere to the following terms:

- The State reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, waive technicalities, and make awards as deemed to be in the best interest of the State of South Dakota.
- The State, upon satisfactory review and notice of award to the Applicant, will execute a contract for services using its standard agreement terms and conditions.
- If awarded, the Applicant acknowledges that it will submit for reimbursement of expenses as outlined in the executed contract monthly and that pre-payment for expenses is not allowable.

Date Application
Submitted: _____

Organization's Authorizing
Official Signature _____