



# Use of Telemedicine in Rural Communities

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## Our Program



- Partnered up with NOWCAP and CNS for mobile screening in Montana, Utah, and Wyoming
- Screen coal miners for occupational lung disease
  - Screening includes Audiometry, CXR, PFT, a PA/NP visit, and the option of using telemedicine to speak to our pulmonologist



## Benefit to the Community

- Gives miners in rural communities access to a yearly specialized screening for dust related lung disease
- Helps with access to benefits counseling services for eligible miners
- Gives the miner a support system



# How Do You Use Telemedicine?



# How We Use Telemedicine

- Zoom Program
  - During clinic
  - Weekly reporting calls
  - Education of partners and staff



## Miners Wellness TeleECHO

- Clinical providers, respiratory therapists, home health professionals, benefits counselors, attorneys (and possibly mine safety officers) engaged in the care of miners in Western target states





## Benefits of Telemedicine

- To support the healthcare professionals in the rural areas
- Education for both the patient and the rural healthcare provider
- To better understand the prevalence of disease in rural communities



**Questions?**