

# Providing Public Health Subject Matter Expertise to State Health Departments: Telehealth Technical Assistance Opportunity with Kentucky

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# About ASTHO

ASTHO is the national nonprofit organization representing the state and territorial public health agencies of the United States, the U.S. territories and freely associated states, and the District of Columbia. ASTHO's members, the chief health officials of these jurisdictions, are dedicated to formulating and influencing sound public health policy and assuring excellence in public health practice.

## Vision

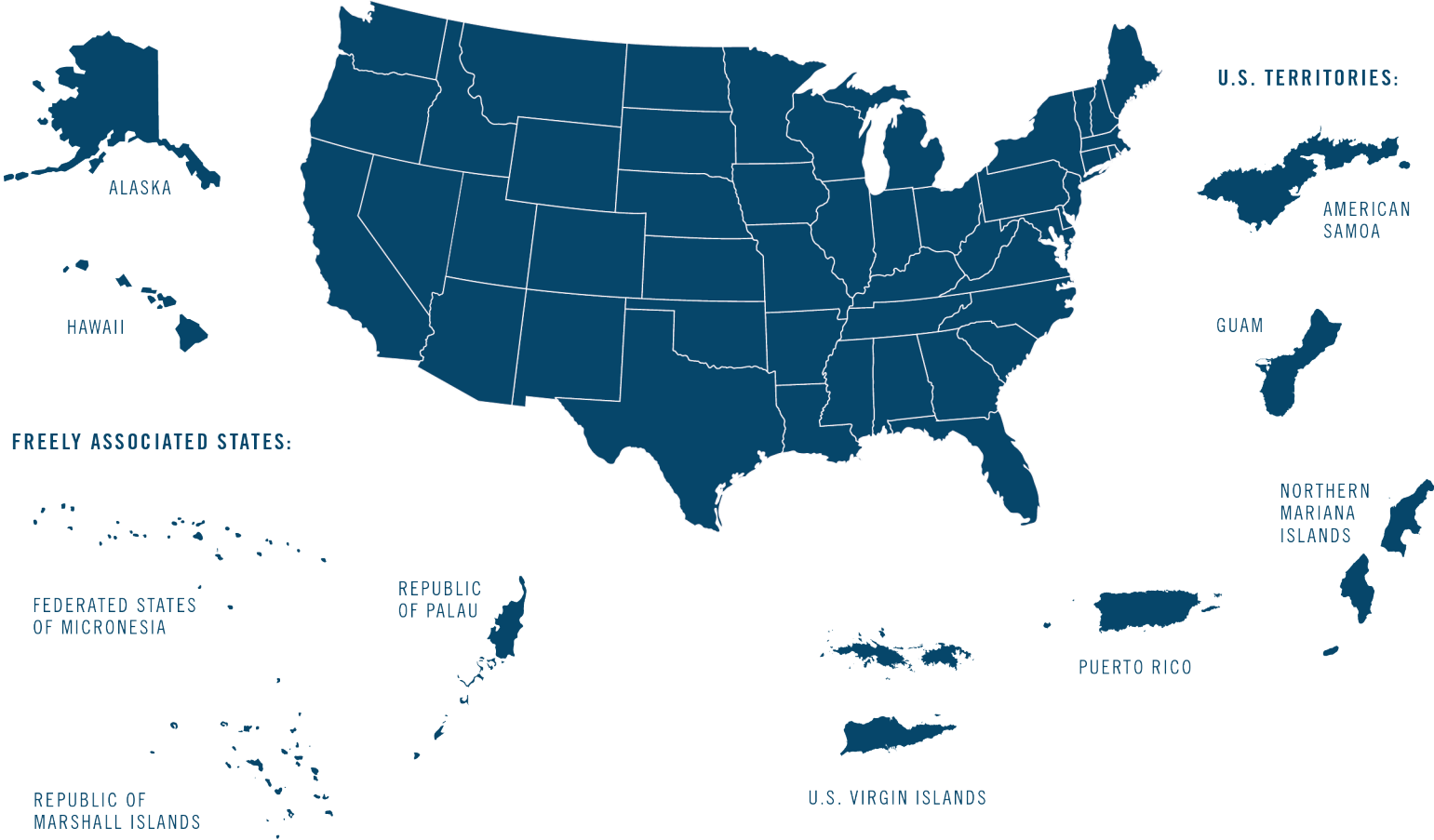
Healthy people thriving in a nation free of preventable illness and injury.

## Mission

To transform public health within states and territories to help members dramatically improve health and wellness.



# ASTHO Membership



# ASTHO Telehealth TA Opportunity for States

- **Goal:** Advance states' telehealth goals by providing subject matter expertise through facilitated calls, webinars and on-site technical assistance (TA) and resource development to state health departments.
- **Partners:** CDC/OSTLTS and the Center for Connected Health Policy (CCHP)
- **Duration:** October 31, 2016 to June 30, 2017
- **States:** Kentucky, Oklahoma, Massachusetts, and Pennsylvania



# Activities to Date

## TA activities

- Regular TA calls with ASTHO and CCHP
- Presentation to the Kentucky Telehealth Board – March 6, 2017
- Opportunities to listen into webinars with other states
- **Strategic Planning site-visit – June 13 from 10-2:30 p.m. CDT**

## Resource Development

- State Medicaid policies for remote patient monitoring
- State cost saving evidence for telehealth
- Analysis of legislative language
- State strategic plan approaches
- **Framework for developing a statewide strategic plan**

# Preliminary Goals for Planning

## Overall goals:

- Create a statewide telehealth strategy that helps drive every individual healthcare system as they develop their own strategy

## Strategies under consideration:

- Updating state laws and regulations to support Medicaid parity, remote patient monitoring, and other changes.
- Funding for the state initiative and resource centers
- Clarifying the role of Kentucky TeleHealth Board
- Collaborating with Kentucky professional licensure boards and associations to establish, define or revise telemedicine practices

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