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VA hosts national telehealth summit to increase health care access for Veterans

WASHINGTON — Today, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is hosting the <u>Anywhere to Anywhere, Together Summit</u> at the United States Institute of Peace with the nation's top industry, government and non-profit leaders to increase connectivity and access to telemedicine for Veterans.

The Anywhere to Anywhere, Together program fosters innovation and facilitates national, partnership-based solutions to promote forward-thinking dialogue and collaboration among world class telehealth and virtual care leadership.

"These types of events will help accelerate our shared journey to fully integrated, seamless access to healthcare no matter where a Veteran resides," said VA Secretary Robert Wilkie. "Indeed, from anywhere to anywhere."

The summit focus is on significantly expanding Veteran heath care access by collaborating with industry partners to amplify the use of emerging technologies that best meet Veteran needs. It also features discussions with nationally renowned virtual care experts, as well as demonstrations of innovative telehealth tools. In addition, VA will spotlight significant industry partnerships that will continue to transform the delivery of health care for Veterans.

As the largest integrated health care system in the United States, VA provides telehealth in over 50 areas of specialty care at more than 900 sites nationwide. VA leads the nation in telemedicine with 2.3 million episodes of care last year. The Summit is another example of VA's efforts to deliver quality health care to Veterans where and when they need it.

Senior VA leadership and event partners from Amazon Web Services, Comcast, Deloitte, EveryoneOn, GE Healthcare, Intel, OptumServe, Philips and T-Mobile will be in attendance.

For more information visit: https://www.va.gov/anywheretoanywhere/.