



## Why Cybersecurity Is Becoming A Top-Priority Investment

Sensitive data like social security numbers, routing numbers, passcodes and other types of relevant information can be stolen for identity theft.

### State adds additional measures for cyber security

Iowa Secretary of State Paul Pate said he would use a nearly 5 million dollar grant from the election assistance commission to boost cyber security in the state during election season.

### California Mulls Guidelines for School Telemental Health Programs

California lawmakers have passed a bill seeking to create guidelines for school telehealth programs that focus on telemental health. The state is one of several looking to boost connected health services in schools.

### US Department of Agriculture in Guntersville working to bring faster internet to rural Alabama

State leaders are working with the federal government to bring high speed internet to rural parts of Alabama. For many access to our favorite websites is just a click of a mouse but for those who live in rural areas, internet access can be painfully slow.

### Skilled nursing facilities look to telemedicine for improved care, Medicare cost cuts

An after-hours telemedicine platform helped a Brooklyn-based skilled nursing facility eliminate almost 100 hospitalizations and save roughly \$1.5 million in Medicare costs in one year, according to mHealth Intelligence.

## **From Internet of Things to Blockchain: How Tech Heals Healthcare**

The World Health Organization reveals that about 45% of its Member States have less than 1 physician per 1000 people, while globally the doctors' shortage is over 5 million specialists. It means that many people from underdeveloped regions don't have access to even basic medicine, not mentioning high-tech therapies.

## **Chattanooga's Broadband Investment Opens the Door to Telehealth**

The Tennessee city has the fastest internet in the country thanks to the Electric Power Board public utility, spurring the adoption of new services.

## **Purdue: Broadband Access Would Benefit Rural Areas and State Economically**

Indiana could reap nearly \$12 billion in present value of net economic benefits over a 20-year period if an investment were made to extend broadband internet into the state's rural areas, according to an analysis conducted by Purdue University agricultural economists.

## **Facebook Partners With Texas A&M-San Antonio to Teach Cybersecurity**

Students will receive mentoring from Facebook professionals and hands-on training to respond to simulated cyberattacks,

## **Law Expands Behavioral, Mental Telehealth Care To Medicaid Recipients**

Telehealth services provide rural communities access to world-class doctors without travel. It also avoids long wait periods for a psychiatrist appointment when many patients require immediate or timely assistance.

## **Closing the digital and economic divides in rural America**

Access to technology has become the lever to avert the expected outcomes of poverty and social isolation, at least for vulnerable populations.

## Rural Telehealth Expands as Companies, Government Seek to Close Connectivity Gaps

The FCC, Microsoft and others are providing the necessary resources to bring virtual visits to those in remote regions of the country.

## The Gig Economy Gets a Boost Thanks to Public Library Tech Upgrades

A new generation of gig workers and entrepreneurs heads to the local library to keep overhead low and opportunity high.



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