TRANSCRIPT-Expanding telemedicine education to increase rural access to care

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"This would help us provide some care in a community like that where they don't otherwise have access to health care, and that could potentially avoid them having to use the emergency room for things like ear infections and strep throat," Watkins says. (:17)

Watkins holds up attachments as she explains, "It has an attachable otoscope that would record a full ear exam to determine if the ears are inflamed, and then also has an oral tongue depressor feature that one could examine the back of the throat for potential tonsillitis. (:20)

"This technology would allow nurses to connect with patients on an ongoing basis between provider visits and do that condition specific assessment and also the self-care assessment and make sure that the patient is staying on target with their goals and all of the treatment recommendations made by their provider at the previous visit." (:24)

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"They're going to be talking with their learners about how the interaction made them, as patients, feel from a first-person perspective." (:13)

"I think that having a community health worker present in the home to facilitate the interaction and nurses who are skilled and comfortable working in the digital environment, as well as providers who had similar training is going to be the key to success," Willemsen-Dunlap stresses. (:18)