

What is the **NBP**?



In 2010, the National Broadband Plan (**NBP**) was enacted as part of the National Recovery & Reinvestment Act.

Goals of the plan include ensuring that **100 million** U.S. homes have affordable access to internet.

Unfortunately, many homes still lack adequate internet access.

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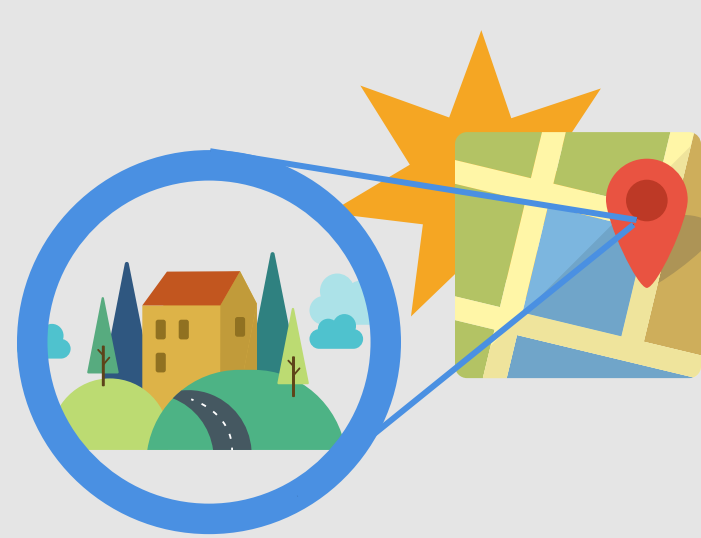
The recent **repeal of net neutrality** may mean that rural consumers will have fewer options for internet service providers, and may cause higher prices. This can adversely affect telemedicine in these areas.

The **Truth** About **BROADBAND** Internet Availability

And what it means for **health care** access in rural areas

The **Current State** of the Internet

6% The number of Americans that lack internet access at minimum connection speeds.



Fraction of the population in rural and tribal locations that lacks appropriate internet access.

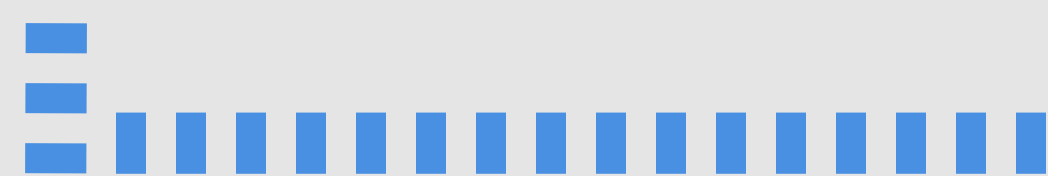
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This disparity is known as the "**digital divide**."

Impact on **Telemedicine**

*once internet access is improved

***Increased** internet access.

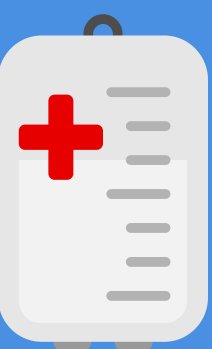


Treatment and prevention efforts can be delivered via digital platforms.

Improved healthcare for high-risk rural communities that are more likely to face a lack of healthcare providers and services.



Lower mortality rates in these communities.



What **Must** Be Done

Protect and promote NBP.

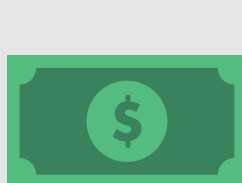


Appropriate **budgeted funds** to meet the internet access needs of vulnerable populations.



\$40B

The cost, according to an estimate by the FCC, to provide internet access to 98% of Americans.



Support **new funding** to improve rural broadband infrastructure.

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