

**ORH PL110-329 Funding Execution - Summary of Selected VISN Projects**

Project Code	Project Title	Project Summary	Award FY09 Funds
FY09IDEA-V01-A	Enhancing Primary Care and Mental Health Services for Rural Veterans in Rhode Island using CCHT	The project is an expansion of the current Providence CCHT Program. This project will provide the resources needed to implement and enhance the Providence Care Coordination Home Telehealth program, which focuses on innovative care for Veterans in rural and highly rural areas with both chronic medical and high risk mental health conditions. Services will provide treatment for Veterans with suicidal or homicidal ideation, manage interventions on an outpatient basis to prevent decompensation of conditions, monitor medication compliance and medication benefits, and engage combat Veterans suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder and/or substance abuse.	\$ 541,368
FY09RFP-V01-A	Veteran-Centered Medical Home	The purpose of this project is to increase access to comprehensive, safe, quality healthcare for rural Veterans through the implementation of the Patient Centered Medical Home (PCMH) model at all Community Based Outpatient Clinics (CBOCs) affiliated with the Togus VA Medical Center in Maine and the White River Junction VA Medical Center in Vermont. PCMH is a comprehensive integrated care coordination and case management approach to health care, centered on the primary care team, as the model for medical practice to enhance effective and coordinated medical care. While there is collaboration with local non-VA providers, all care flows through the VA primary care team and care provided by a non-VA community provider will be tracked by the VA primary care team as part of the PCMH project. The project will implement an innovative pilot project based on a comprehensive integrated care management approach to healthcare with a strong community collaboration component.	\$ 2,173,217
FY09RFP-V01-B	Extending Telemental Health in Rural Vermont	This program will provide access to specialized VA mental health services for Veterans whose travel to a Community-Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC) is difficult or prohibitive. Services will be provided within existing community primary care practices in the most rural and inaccessible areas of Vermont and New Hampshire.	\$ 842,000
FY09RFP-V01-C	In-Home services for High-Risk Mental Patients	The program will 1) provide earlier intervention and treatment for Veterans at risk for suicide or homicide; 2) provide in-home assessment to reduce the need for inpatient hospitalizations; 3) monitor medication compliance; 4) engage combat Veterans with PTSD and/or substance abuse; and 5) involve Veterans as active participants in the management of their conditions.	\$ 345,700
FY09RFP-V02-A	Rural Outreach Clinic - The Pennsylvania Connection	The Pennsylvania Connection will contract with local primary care providers to provide health care to rural Veterans through a part-time rural outreach clinic in Wellsboro, Pennsylvania, to be operated by the Elmira CBOC.	\$ 1,100,000
FY09RFP-V02-B	Behavioral Health Care Line Carthage	The Behavioral Health Care Line Carthage Initiative aims to provide enhanced mental health services and a vocational rehabilitation program to the underserved North Country region by contracting with local providers. The initiative will expand current behavioral health services provided by two (2) part-time, contract psychiatrists and one (1) contract social worker to meet current and anticipated future demands based upon increased growth and to implement vocational services.	\$ 847,000
FY09RFP-V02-C	Behavioral Health Care Line Rome	The Behavioral Health Care Line Rome Initiative aims contract with local providers to provide access to vocational rehabilitation at the Rome Community-Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC). The initiative will expand current vocational services and implement a Mental Health Intensive Case Management (MHICM) program.	\$ 527,000

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FY09RFP-V02-D	WNY HBPC Expansion Proposal	The Western New York Home Based Primary Care (HBPC) Expansion Initiative aims to provide access to HBPC from the Jamestown Community-Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC). HBPC is comprehensive, longitudinal primary care delivered in the homes of Veterans with complex chronic disease and disability – Veterans for whom routine clinic-based care is no longer effective. The VA Western New York Health System HBPC uses a team of health care professionals who work together to create an individualized plan of care for each Veteran. The program is designed to meet the specific needs of Veterans who are homebound due to illness, caregiver issues, or whose care needs may best be met within the comfort of their own home.	\$ 398,284
FY09RFP-V02-E	Expanding Rural Veteran Access to Behavioral Care	The proposal to Expand Rural Veterans' Access to Behavioral Health Care will increase access to behavioral health services for underserved rural Veterans via telehealth by contracting with local providers. The initiative will build existing capacity and expand the portfolio of services provided by the Behavioral Health Assessment Center (BHAC), in collaboration with primary care, specialty behavioral health care, substance abuse care, and the Care Coordination Home Telehealth (CCHT) Program.	\$ 277,226
FY09RFP-V03-A	Expansion of Telehealth Services and Teleretinal Imaging	The project proposes to increase access to healthcare via telehealth technology for Veterans residing in designated rural areas in New Jersey, New York/Hudson Valley, and New York/Eastern Long Island by increasing in home telehealth services and expanding teleretinal imaging.	\$ 369,310
FY09RFP-V04-A	Expand Care Coordination Home Telehealth	The project proposes providing additional care coordinators and program support staff at nine (9) VA facilities to do marketing, enrollment, monitoring and disease management of Veterans residing in rural counties. Utilization of CCHT has the potential to improve access for rural Veterans, while at the same time offering these Veterans improved disease management, the avoidance of hospitalizations and institutionalization through early detection and treatment of health issues, improved outcomes, and improved quality of life.	\$ 3,165,615
FY09RFP-V04-B	OEF/OIF Outreach Clinic	The project will provide convenient part-time VA services at Ft. Indiantown Gap, the home of the PA National Guard, PA Air National Guard and National Guard Training Center. This site processes many OEF/OIF service members upon deployment and return from combat.	\$ 850,000
FY09RFP-V04-C	E-Consult Program	The project proposes establishing a new approach to specialty care in rural settings at Community-Based Outpatient Clinics (CBOCs) in Veterans Integrated Service Network 4. E-consults are specialty consultations without face-to-face contact by the Veteran with the specialist. This innovation circumvents the barriers and challenges of traditional methods to provide specialty care. E-consults eliminate the need for both the specialist to travel to the CBOC or the Veteran to the larger VA facility.	\$ 918,319
FY09RFP-V05-A	Physical and Occupational Therapy in Selected Rural CBOCs	The project aims to improve access to care and continuity of care by locating injury-related physical and occupational rehabilitative services closer to the Veterans that need these critical medical services. Funding will support the addition of equipment, facilities, and staff needed to operate three (3) additional rehabilitative outpatient clinics. Funding will also support studies to ensure the new rehabilitation facilities are located in appropriate areas and effective communication to make Veterans and providers aware of the new facilities.	\$ 4,837,698
FY09RFP-V05-B	Transportation Study Program	The project will develop a series of recommendations for additional transportation options for rural Veterans and implement recommended solutions to expand transportation services. Specifically, the program will analyze the number of Veterans requiring transportation to VA facilities within Veteran Integrated Service Network (VISN) 5; determine the specific transportation needs of those Veterans; and generate transportation options for servicing these Veterans. From the proposed solutions, project staff will identify the most cost-effective methods to provide enhanced transportation services and develop implementation plans.	\$ 2,533,860

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FY09RFP-V05-C	Women Veterans Health Program	The project will design and implement a comprehensive, data-driven rural women Veterans program. It will begin by identifying rural women Veteran populations within local markets in rural areas in Veteran Integrated Service Network (VISN) 5 and then analyze this population to determine which services are expected to be in the highest demand. The pilot will also identify services that are already available through the VA; support outreach efforts to these Veterans through health educators, case managers, patient navigators, and community health workers; provide additional services to address identified gaps and disparities; and evaluate both new and expanded programs. The program will also educate Veterans Health Administration (VHA) service providers and their partners in rural areas on gender-specific needs of women Veterans and will develop effective interpersonal communication skills tailored for women Veterans and their families in rural communities.	\$ 1,933,252
FY09RFP-V05-D	Rural Health Communications Strategies and MyHealthVet Expansion Program	This multi-phase communications effort will improve market penetration and enrollment among rural Veterans, as well as expand access to and availability of information concerning health issues for Veterans living within rural and highly rural areas. The program includes a study of the available data to determine market penetration in counties and zip codes that are defined as rural to determine current baseline market penetration. In addition, a baseline market analysis and segmentation study and a review to examine connectivity will be conducted.	\$ 1,837,320
FY09RFP-V06-A	Effective Rural Health Communications and Low Health Literacy Program	The project will expand access to and availability of health information for Veterans living within rural areas and seeks to improve market penetration and enrollment among rural and highly rural Veterans. The project aims to increase Veterans' knowledge of VA services and access points and provide Veterans with access to MyHealthVet. The project also will attempt to increase appropriate health education availability and healthcare quality through health literacy training programs.	\$ 4,890,374
FY09RFP-V06-B	Rural Women Veterans Health Care Program	This initiative seeks to improve access to and quality of care for rural women Veterans by establishing a comprehensive, evidence-based rural women Veterans education and outreach program.	\$ 1,915,636
FY09RFP-V06-C	Mental Health and Substance Abuse Coordination	This pilot project seeks to identify trends in substance abuse and mental health problems among rural Veterans in Veteran Integrated Service Network (VISN) 6, while also establishing a regional multi-agency coordination center that links together and leverages resources within state, private, and federal mental health and substance abuse networks.	\$ 1,963,856
FY09RFP-V07-A	Alabama Veterans Rural Health Initiative	The primary objective of the Alabama Veterans Rural Health Initiative is to increase VA enrollment, health care utilization, and healthcare delivery to Veterans residing in rural areas of Alabama. The initiative aims to understand the barriers to care, demographics and influences on Veterans residing in rural state areas by conducting a comprehensive study and analysis of the demographics, primary and mental healthcare needs, health issues, access and barriers to healthcare, socioeconomic burdens, healthcare and delivery preferences, and educational needs and preferences in two populations of Alabama Veterans residing in rural areas.	\$ 1,991,059
FY09RFP-V07-B	Evidence-Based Telemental Health	The primary purpose and objective of this initiative is to establish a sustainable Center of Telemental Health in order to provide evidence-based psychotherapies and pharmacotherapies to Veterans living in rural areas of Veterans Integrated Service Network (VISN) 7.	\$ 4,072,660
FY09RFP-V07-C	HBPC Expansion to Selma Outreach Clinic and Athens CBOC	Home Based Primary Care (HBPC) is comprehensive, longitudinal primary care delivered in the homes of Veterans with complex chronic disease and disability – Veterans for whom routine clinic-based care is no longer effective. This plan calls for the expansion of the HBPC Programs at 1) Tuscaloosa Veterans Affairs Medical Center to the proposed part-time Outreach Clinic in Selma, Alabama, and 2) Charlie Norwood Veterans Affairs Medical Center to the Athens CBOC. This project may use local providers to assist in staffing.	\$ 2,273,755

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FY09RFP-V07-D	MHICM Range for Selma Outreach Clinic	This project will provide case management services to Veterans in rural areas where traditional Mental Health Intensive Case Management (MHICM) is not feasible/practical. The program additionally will facilitate attention to healthcare needs via advocacy, coordination, education, and patient-centered initiatives.	\$ 334,182
FY09RFP-V08-A	Rural Veterans Telerehabilitation Initiative	The primary objective of the Rural Veterans Telerehabilitation Initiative (RVTRI) is to deliver and enable access to universally high quality rehabilitation to rural Veterans using telehealth. The project will conduct three (3) programs: 1) the Rural Exercise Intervention Program; 2) the Rural TBI Cognitive Coaching Program; and 3) the Rural Distance Rehabilitation Service Program.	\$ 2,136,030
FY09RFP-V08-B	Taylor County Florida Outreach Clinic	The objective of this project is to establish a part-time rural health clinic in the Northern Market of Veteran Integrated Service Network (VISN) 8 in order to improve access to primary care and mental health services, better manage chronic diseases, and reduce civilian emergency department visits and civilian hospital admissions. Services may be contracted out if no agreement can be reached with the Big Bend Rural Health Network regarding access to their facilities and medical staff.	\$ 1,100,000
FY09RFP-V08-C	Vieques Rural Health Clinic	This initiative seeks to establish a part-time rural health clinic that will provide primary care services near Veterans' communities in Vieques, Puerto Rico. The clinic will be modeled off of existing clinics with access to Care Coordination/General Telehealth hardware, software, peripherals, etc.	\$ 884,579
FY09RFP-V08-D	Comerio Rural Health Clinic	The objective of this project is to establish a rural clinic in Comerio, Puerto Rico to provide easier access to care to Veterans by: 1) providing services to Veterans in their community; 2) reducing the travel time for Veterans and providing access to VA care within thirty minutes or less; and 3) reducing the fee basis services through the utilization of Community Care General Telehealth (CCHT). This project will provide primary care services at the rural clinic and speciality services via video teleconferencing.	\$ 1,085,292
FY09RFP-V09-A	VISN Rural Health Institute	The purpose of the Rural Health Institute is to assist in preparing VA staff who serve Veterans in rural areas to facilitate better delivery of rural healthcare. VA staff will attend the Institute in teams and complete a series of half-day modules focused around topical objectives and learning methods. Proposed module topics include: special characteristics of rural practice; differences in serving Veterans; the role of culture in rural practice; overview of VA tools that are available to serve rural Veterans; and the successful treatment of rural Veterans.	\$ 922,400
FY09RFP-V09-B	Rural Telephone Consultant Program	The intent of the Rural Telephone Consultant Program is to improve access to specialty care through a telephone appointment system that will enable remotely located primary care providers to consult in real-time with specialists located at parent facilities and/or academic affiliates.	\$ 519,400
FY09RFP-V10-A	Outpatient Specialty Video Consultation Service	The purpose of this project is to establish and maintain a reliable videoconference capability between rural Veteran patients receiving treatment at the Chillicothe VA Medical Center and the medical staff working at the VA Medical Centers located in Cincinnati and Dayton. The funding will also support necessary tele-radiology services to rural patients served by the Chillicothe VA and its five Community-Based Outpatient Clinics (CBOCs) in order to improve timeliness of radiological interpretations.	\$ 3,259,029
FY09IDEA-V11-A	Transportation Expansion	This project aims to improve the patient transportation services between Veteran Integrated Service Network (VISN) 11 rural VA Medical Centers, Community-Based Outpatient Clinics (CBOCs), and tertiary referral sites.	\$ 1,965,835
FY09RFP-V11-A	Improving Chronic Disease Management in Rural CBOCs	The proposed program will structure and catalyze untapped resources for patients' chronic disease self-management support available through their network of informal caregivers (ICGs).	\$ 680,000

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FY09RFP-V12-A	Telemedicine in Central and Northern Market	This project will expand telemedicine capabilities to include the provision of specialty services to enhance rural Veterans' access to specialty services; reduce Veterans' travel time; increase the quality of health of rural Veterans; maximize the use of scarce human resources, namely specialists; and increase the collaboration between Veteran Integrated Service Network (VISN) 12 facilities.	\$ 2,964,172
FY09RFP-V15-A	Marion VA HBPC Expansion	Home Based Primary Care (HBPC) is comprehensive, longitudinal primary care delivered in the homes of Veterans with complex chronic disease and disability – Veterans for whom routine clinic-based care is no longer effective. This proposal is to expand the HBPC Program into areas that have been identified as rural and beyond the VA primary care access standard drive time of thirty minutes. The HBPC team will deliver comprehensive primary care services to Veterans for whom access to primary care is limited by developing a comprehensive interdisciplinary treatment plan that identifies Veterans' needs including medical/treatment services, nursing care, patient/caregiver education, rehabilitation, nutrition, and psychosocial issues.	\$ 2,498,680
FY09RFP-V15-B	Collaborative Discharge Planning for Veterans Returning to Rural Areas	This project will improve communications between Jefferson Barracks Division of the St. Louis VA Medical Center and the rural Poplar Bluff, MO, and Marion, IL, VA Medical Centers regarding inpatient psychiatric-to-outpatient treatment planning.	\$ 174,000
FY09RFP-V16-A	Assisting Communities to Collaborate for Expanded Soldier Support	The purpose of this proposal is to create, implement and evaluate programs that will enhance access to mental health and substance use care for returning OEF/OIF Veterans through community collaborations, stakeholder education/training, and use of technology.	\$ 1,201,665
FY09RFP-V16-B	Biloxi Rural Access and Home Telehealth Expansion	The purpose of this project is to expand the VA Gulf Coast Veterans Health Care System (VAGCVHCS) and Care Coordination Home Telehealth (CCHT) Program to service areas currently underserved. Expansion of the CCHT Program would provide the opportunity for Veterans in outlying areas to receive care through this program as opposed to making lengthy trips to a Community-Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC). The CCHT program's foci are the diagnoses of Congestive Heart Failure, Diabetes, Mental Health, and Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease.	\$ 615,971
FY09RFP-V16-C	Overton Brooks HBPC Expansion	The purpose of this project is to utilize Home Based Primary Care (HBPC) to improve timely access to care for patients with complex medical needs living in rural to highly rural locations (>30 minutes to >60 minutes drive time) in the Texarkana Community-Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC) catchment area. HBPC is comprehensive longitudinal primary care delivered in the homes of Veterans with complex chronic disease and disability – Veterans for whom routine clinic-based care is no longer effective.	\$ 930,145
FY09RFP-V17-A	VA North Texas HBPC Rural Expansion	Home Based Primary Care (HBPC) is comprehensive longitudinal primary care delivered in the homes of Veterans with complex chronic disease and disability – Veterans for whom routine clinic-based care is no longer effective. The purpose of this initiative is to provide primary care, preventative maintenance, activities of daily living support, end-of-life care and caregiver relief to Veterans living in the southern Oklahoma counties of Bryan and Choctaw and the northern Texas counties of Cooke, Delta, Fannin, Grayson, Hopkins, Hunt, Lamar and Red River. These counties are served by the Sam Rayburn Memorial Veterans Center (SRMVC) in Bonham, Texas which provides a full range of primary and geriatric care. The SRMVC is part of the VA North Texas Health Care System in Dallas, TX.	\$ 6,720,588
FY09RFP-V18-A	Southern AZ Rural Health Care Coordination Centers	Three (3) rural healthcare coordination centers (RHCCs) will increase rural outreach and access to VA healthcare services, establish and coordinate agreements with rural community healthcare providers (fee basis and enhanced contracting), serve as a home base for home care services such as Home Based Primary Care (HBPC) and Care Coordination/Home Telehealth (CCHT), and decrease the travel burden of rural patients resulting in beneficiary travel savings for the patient and the organization.	\$ 8,143,817

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FY09RFP-V18-B	Telemedicine Expansion	This project will enhance Veteran health care access and quality in rural areas of Northern Arizona, New Mexico and West Texas, through expanded telemedicine services for primary and specialty care. The project will increase market penetration with the use of expanded services and also increase Veteran satisfaction through increased access.	\$ 6,116,820
FY09RFP-V18-C	Homeless Grant and Per Diem Program for Rural Veterans	The purpose of this project is to increase availability of temporary shelter for homeless Veterans in Northern Arizona. The project also aims to promote active case management and appropriate access to the medical and mental health services throughout the Northern Arizona VA Health Care System (NAVAHCS) while in temporary shelter placements.	\$ 1,700,862
FY09RFP-V18-D	Patient Transportation Model For Improved Rural Access	The specific aim of this program is to offer a method of transportation to rural Veterans to access Community-Based Outreach Clinics (CBOCs) in Northern Arizona to receive healthcare. Veterans will be selected for the transportation program based on eligibility criteria, such as financial need or lack of access to other transportation.	\$ 1,208,475
FY09RFP-V19-A	Primary Care for Rural Vets	This initiative will expand Primary Care Telehealth Outreach Clinics (PCTOC) across the Veterans Integrated Service Network (VISN) in order to provide access to and increase continuity of healthcare for Veterans in rural areas and to provide healthcare services closer to the Veteran's place of residence.	\$ 7,320,523
FY09RFP-V19-B	Electronic ICU	This project will develop an innovative electronic ICU (eICU) and virtual Rapid Response Team (RRT) monitoring system using currently available Clinical Information Systems integrated with direct point-to-point video conferencing.	\$ 2,845,260
FY09RFP-V19-C	General Telehealth – Specialty Services	This initiative targets rural and highly rural Veterans throughout the Veteran Integrated Service Network (VISN) 19 service area by improving access and continuity of care by locating telehealth technologies at all primary care delivery sites and developing Care Coordination/General Telehealth (CCGT) programs to meet priority specialty care needs of the Veteran population in the facility's service area. Some of these specialties include, but are not limited to: Tele-Endocrinology, Tele-Traumatic Brain Injury, Tele-Pain Management, and Teledermatology.	\$ 3,764,356
FY09RFP-V19-D	Extended Education and Wellness Strategies for Veterans in Rural Communities	This proposal will use telehealth technology to improve access to important information for rural Veterans with traumatic brain injuries, obesity, heart failure, diabetes, pulmonary disease, depression, PTSD, tobacco abuse, substance abuse, and bipolar disorder.	\$ 1,712,542
FY09RFP-V20-A	Expansion of Outreach Clinic	The objective of this project is to expand primary care and mental health programs to five (5) rural and highly rural areas to increase access for the greatest number of rural Veterans. Four (4) of these part-time clinics will be VA-staffed and one will be contracted.	\$ 5,200,000
FY09RFP-V20-B	Expansion of HBPC	Home Based Primary Care (HBPC) is comprehensive longitudinal primary care delivered in the homes of Veterans with complex chronic disease and disability – Veterans for whom routine clinic-based care is no longer effective. The objective of this project is to provide comprehensive, interdisciplinary care in the homes of rural Veterans by establishing HBPC at the Community-Based Outpatient Clinics (CBOCs) or outreach clinics in Camp Rilea, Newport, Grants Pass, and Burns in Oregon and in Twin Falls and Mountain Home in Idaho.	\$ 4,482,816
FY09RFP-V20-C	Teledermatology	The objective of this project is to implement a teledermatology consultation system with three (3) components: 1) a traditional store-and-forward teledermatology; 2) structured follow-up care; and 3) a consistent, defined curriculum of basic precepted training and continuing education at VA sites across the Veterans Integrated Service Network (VISN).	\$ 3,061,032
FY09RFP-V20-D	Partnering with Primary Care Providers	The project will expand Veterans' access to primary care in their local communities in six (6) rural and highly rural areas that include: Omak/Okanogan, WA; Republic, WA; Colville, WA; Sandpoint, ID; Harmiston, OR; and Kamiah, ID. The contractors will provide for the continuous delivery and management of primary care services for all assigned VA patients.	\$ 911,040

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FY09IDEA-V21-A	Rural Services and Support Expansion	This proposal will improve rural healthcare access in central California by expanding the medical outreach team serving the rural Central Valley area in Tuolumne and Calaveras counties to include an outreach specialist and psychologist. In addition, this proposal will expand mental health services available at the Sonora Community-Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC) located in Tuolumne county.	\$ 1,436,391

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FY09RFP-V21-A	Establishment of Saipan/CNMI VA Outreach Clinic and Rural Health Coordinator	This project will implement a VA Outreach Clinic on the island of Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands (CNMI), to include contracted part-time providers, on-island VA provider(s), and an on-island telehealth capability. It will also establish a Rural Health Coordinator position at VA Pacific Islands Health Care System (VAPIHCS) who will be responsible for all aspects of the community health needs assessment for all VAPIHCS locations/islands.	\$ 891,235
FY09RFP-V22-A	Laughlin Outreach Clinic	This project aims to establish a part-time outreach clinic in Clark County, NV, to improve quality of care by improving access to primary care, mental health, and ancillary healthcare services.	\$ 1,100,000
FY09RFP-V23-A	Office of Rural Co-Management	This initiative will create an Office of Rural Co-Management at nine (9) VA Medical Centers across Veteran Integrated Service Network (VISN) 23 to serve as the primary communication and coordination center for the interface between the VA and the private sector.	\$ 2,425,750
FY09RFP-V23-B	Expansion of CCHT for Patients with Chronic Diseases	This initiative will expand Care Coordination Home Telehealth (CCHT) for Veterans with chronic diseases to twenty-three (23) Community-Based Outpatient Clinics (CBOC). The goal of this initiative is to implement a CBOC-based model of CCHT that is incorporated into the VISN 23 Chronic Disease Management (CDM) Program.	\$ 4,697,000
FY09RFP-V23-C	VISN 23 Telehealth Expansion	This initiative will provide increased access to services beyond mental health and primary care by utilizing state-of-the-art technology to connect Veterans at CBOCs to pharmacists, dietitians, diabetes educators, medicine sub-specialists, and surgery specialists.	\$ 8,899,500
FY09RFP-V23-D	Expansion of CCHT - Mental Health and Palliative Care	This initiative will expand Care Coordination Home Telehealth (CCHT) mental health and palliative care services to Veterans who live in geographically rural areas.	\$ 1,553,007
FY09RFP-V23-E	Expansion of Audiology Services to CBOCs	This initiative will expand audiology service, which are in high demand among elderly rural Veterans who find it difficult to travel, to several community based outpatient clinics.	\$ 932,570
FY09RFP-V23-F	CCHT Rural Health Care Initiatives for Renal Care Patients	This initiative will utilize Care Coordination Home Telehealth (CCHT) to help renal care patients living in rural areas understand and manage hypertension.	\$ 117,012