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Join Us for a Virtual Conversation: Creating Equitable Telehealth Policies in Pediatric Specialty Care

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Telehealth is a promising way to address pediatric workforce challenges and improve access to care, particularly for families who don't live close to specialty care. However, PolicyLab research has highlighted reason to be concerned about equity of telehealth access, particularly for families who prefer a language other than English (PLOE), with less experience using digital technology and who encounter socioeconomic hardship.

With a focus on how telehealth does, or doesn't, improve access issues to developmental behavioral pediatrics specifically, we must examine policies surrounding telehealth and work together with researchers, policymakers, and health care providers to create policies supportive of all families, especially PLOE families, in order to close the digital divide.

Join PolicyLab and the SPROUT-CTSA Collaborative Telehealth Research Network on June 14 at 12 p.m. ET for "Creating Equitable Telehealth Policies in Pediatric Specialty Care," a virtual conversation with pediatricians, researchers, policymakers, and family advocates who will discuss innovative ways to create telehealth policies that provide more equitable access to pediatric specialty care for families who have been left behind by the initial wave of telehealth implementation.

Panelists:

- **David Bentz**, deputy director of healthcare reform at the Delaware Department of Health and Social Services, former member of the Delaware House of Representatives
- **Sansanee Craig, MD**, attending physician, assistant professor and clinical informatician in the Department of Biomedical and Health Informatics at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP)
- **Roseani Sánchez Algarín, M.Ed**, director of programs at Family Voices National
- **Kate E. Wallis, MD, MPH**, faculty member at PolicyLab, attending physician in CHOP's Division of Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics, assistant professor in the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Pennsylvania, and associate fellow in Penn's Center for Public Health Initiatives (moderator)

Can't join us live? Visit our website on Thursday, June 15 for a link to the archived video.

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