

## Telepsychiatry

SCDMH, in partnership with The Duke Endowment (TDE), the University of South Carolina School of Medicine, the South Carolina Hospital Association, and the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SC DHHS), received several grants to provide psychiatric consultations (via telemedicine) in emergency departments (EDs) across South Carolina beginning in March of 2009.

Since July 2012, the program is funded by TDE, state appropriations, SC DHHS, and via subscription fees from participating hospitals.

SC is the first state successfully connecting patients in EDs statewide with telepsychiatrists.

Within the Beckman catchment area, two (2) hospitals are connected to the telepsychiatry system, Greenville Hospital System/Laurens County Memorial Hospital and Abbeville Area Medical Center.