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## **Lone Star Family Health Center Partners with Link Health to Expand Access to Telehealth**

**CONROE, TEXAS** – Lone Star Family Health Center is partnering with Link Health, a national nonprofit organization, to get access to free or reduced internet access at home through the Affordable Connectivity Program.

Recognized by stalwarts in Boston for its transformative approach in harnessing the health sector to advance connectivity, Link Health is set to further its mission in greater Houston by partnering with large health systems and Federally Qualified Health Centers such as Lone Star Family Health Center.

“We are excited and grateful to partner with Link Health to help our patients access this increasingly vital service, access to broadband in our community,” said Savitri Seupersad, MPH, program manager for the health center.

During the past Texas legislative session, six broadband bills were signed into law, prioritizing access to the internet as a statewide initiative. However, in Houston more than 170,000 households lack access to the internet according to Education Superhighway. The number is even greater statewide because in Texas, over 4 million people face the digital divide. Of the 4 million Texans that are eligible for the ACP benefit, 2.7 million remain unenrolled.

“Through our work with healthcare systems we have helped families recuperate over \$240,000 in discounts from the ACP. We’re helping put this money back into under-resourced households. With the \$75 monthly discount, families can save \$900 a year and use that money for other household expenses,” said Dr. Alister Martin, Link Health founder.

Link Health was founded by ER physician and Harvard Professor Dr. Alister Martin, as a branch of the nonprofit incubator A Healthier Democracy. Link Health epitomizes the commitment to fostering health equity and civic participation. The organization has also successfully collaborated with over 700 hospitals and community centers, assisting thousands of individuals in availing their monthly ACP benefits.

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Founded in 2002, Lone Star Family Health Center is a full-service, state-of-the-art Federally Qualified Health Center and nonprofit 501(c)3. The health center's mission is to provide compassionate, affordable healthcare and prepare tomorrow's family medicine professionals. Primary care services are offered across five clinic locations in Conroe, Willis, Spring, Grangerland and Huntsville.