

30 (2) promote collaborative efforts to establish technical compatibility, uniform policies,
31 and privacy features to meet legal, financial, commercial, and other societal requirements;

32 (3) serve as a clearinghouse on emerging telehealth technologies;

33 (4) identify, address, and seek to resolve the legal, ethical, regulatory, financial,
34 medical, and technological issues that may serve as barriers to telehealth;

35 (5) explore and encourage the development of telehealth systems as a means of
36 reducing health costs and increasing health care quality and access, including assisting rural
37 health care providers with access to or development of electronic medical records;

38 (6) seek public input on telehealth issues;

39 (7) educate the public, state officials, and the health care community on telehealth
40 issues; and

41 (8) advise the governor and Legislature on:

42 (a) the role of telehealth in the state;

43 (b) the policy issues related to telehealth;

44 (c) the changing telehealth needs and resources in the state; and

45 (d) state budgetary matters related to telehealth.

46 **Section 2. Appropriation.**

47 As an ongoing appropriation subject to future budget constraints, there is appropriated
48 from the General Fund for fiscal year 2006-07, \$500,000 to the University of Utah for the Utah
49 Telehealth Network.