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Dr. Rutter speaking from her office.

## Dr. Rutter:

Hello, everyone. I’m back. I’m here to talk to you today about the health care provider organization award program that we have.

Since July of last year, we have brought on 14 primary awardee sites to lead our enrollment center efforts, and they have—those 14 primary awardees have covered 27 states, as well as the direct volunteer program that covers sort of the gaps in between and all of the other geographic regions. But I’m excited today to tell you a little bit about the three new enrollment centers that we have just brought on board as health care provider organizations, or HPOs, as we call them.

The Southern *All of Us* Network is led by the University of Alabama at Birmingham, and they have 10 partners in Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana. Then there’s the SouthEast Enrollment Center, led by the University of Miami, with three partners in Florida and Georgia; and then finally the *All of Us* Wisconsin team, led by the Marshfield Clinic Research Institute, with three other Wisconsin-based partners. These three sets of awardees and partners will join our current network of HPOs to enroll interested individuals into the network.

And collectively, these new partners bring on a variety of new strengths and talents to the table of our repertoire of enrollment centers. They cover six new states and help us expand our reach into some geographic regions that we have previously sort of been less strong in that coverage. They also expand our ability to understand how environmental factors might influence health and wellness. We’ll be able to look more at air quality or geographic locations. We’ve added also depth to our research with underserved communities, including lower-income, Hispanic and Latino, African American, American Indian, and rural communities, through these partners. And then finally, another strength that these partnerships bring is that they will be joining forces with Federally Qualified Health Centers within their regions, and that will be strengthening our programs in the Federally Qualified Health Center space as well.

The new partners also bring with them a great deal of community engagement and research expertise, and we know that we will benefit greatly from their experience engaging diverse communities, as well as their expertise in bioethics and other really important considerations for the program that we look forward to bringing on board.

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