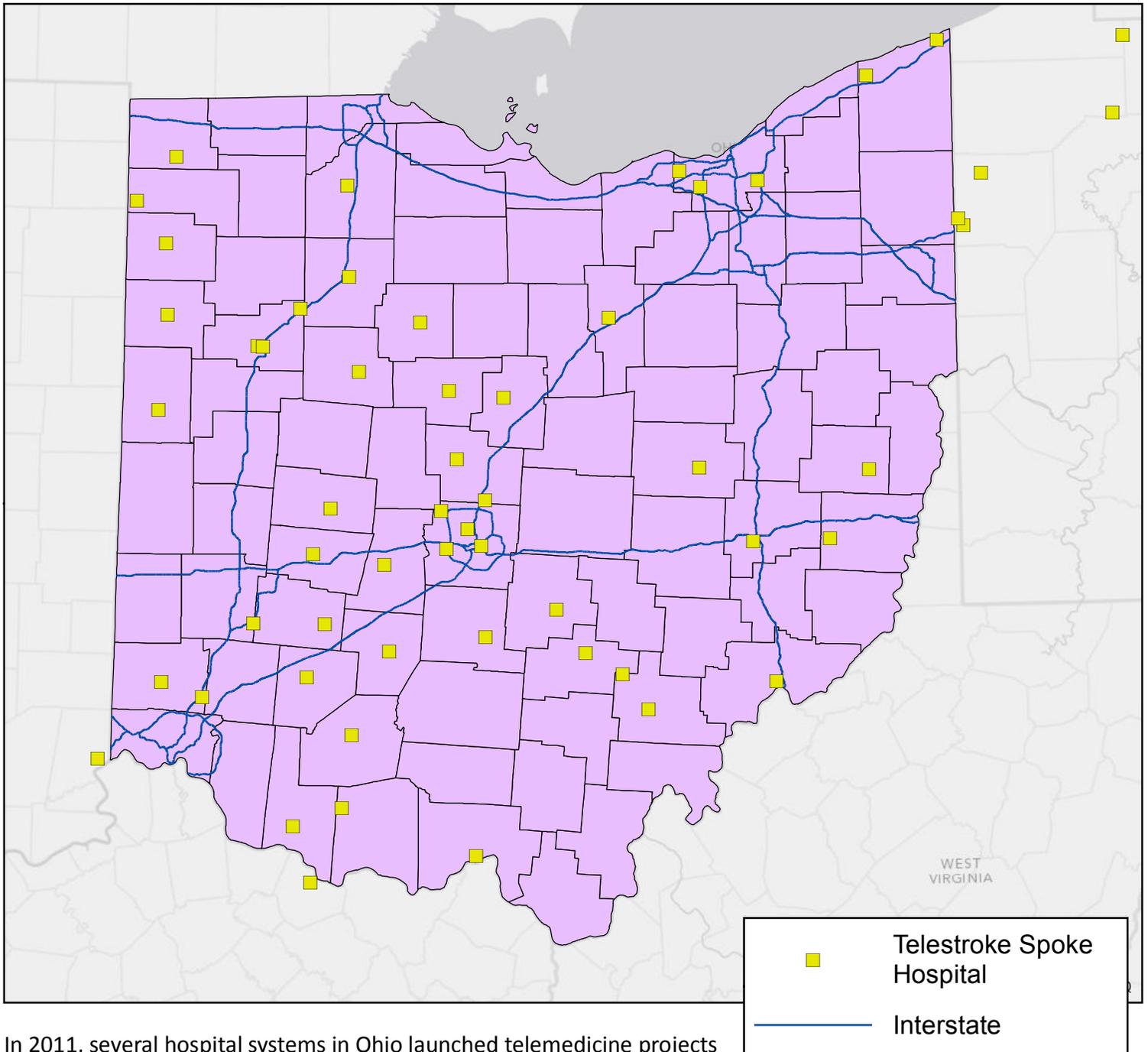


# Telestroke "Spoke" Hospitals, July 2013



In 2011, several hospital systems in Ohio launched telemedicine projects to increase access of small rural hospitals to life-saving stroke care. In these systems, the “hub” hospital and the “spoke” hospitals are connected electronically for the sharing of records, medical tests, and even real time physical exams via video. This allows the spoke hospital 24/7 access to the resources to best care for patients experiencing stroke. The neurologist on call at the hub hospital can access all necessary information about a patient to determine drug therapy and dosage, transfer plans, or other time-sensitive decisions. As of July 15, 2013 there were over 50 spoke hospitals participating in telestroke networks that served Ohio residents.

