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WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU ANNOUNCES EFFECTIVE DATE OF REVISED FORM 497 USED TO FILE LOW INCOME CLAIMS WITH USAC

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Beginning October 15, 2004, eligible telecommunications carriers seeking reimbursement for federal low income universal service support must use the revised Form 497. This form may be found at the Universal Service Administrative Company's web site: http://www.universalservice.org/li/whatsnew/2004.asp#091704.

More specifically, carriers that file Form 497s on a monthly basis shall use the revised Form 497 for their October 15 filing, which will contain their September 2004 data. Carriers that file Form 497s on a quarterly basis shall file three forms on October 15: September 2004 data shall be filed using the revised Form 497; July and August 2004 data shall be filed using the old Form 497. A copy of the old form may also be found at the link provided above.

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