Pursuant to sections 54.507(a) and 54.675(a) of the Commission’s rules, the Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) announces the E-Rate and Rural Health Care (RHC) programs’ funding caps for funding year 2019. The new caps represent a 2.2% inflation-adjusted increase in each program cap from funding year 2018.

**E-Rate Program:** The E-Rate program funding cap for funding year 2019 is $4,151,395,402. The new cap represents a 2.2% inflation-adjusted increase in the $4,062,030,726 cap from funding year 2018. The Commission began indexing the funding cap to inflation in 2010 to ensure that E-Rate program funding keeps pace with the changing broadband and telecommunications needs of schools and libraries.

**RHC Program:** The RHC Program funding cap for funding year 2019 is $593,782,000. The

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1. 47 CFR §§ 54.507(a), 54.675(a).
3. National Income and Product Accounts Table, Bureau of Economic Analysis, revised Feb. 28, 2019, Table 1.1.4, https://apps.bea.gov/iTable/iTable.cfm?reqid=19&step=2#reqid=19&step=3&isuri=1&1910=x&0=-99&1921=survey&1903=4&1904=2015&1905=2017&1906=a&1911=0 (GDP-CPI table; based on gross domestic product of 107.932 in 2017 and 110.337 in 2018, we calculate an increase of 2.2%). Note that the 2017 gross domestic product figure has been revised downward by BEA since the Bureau announced the E-Rate and RHC program funding caps for funding year 2018. See *Wireline Competition Bureau Announces E-rate Inflation-Based Cap for Funding Year 2018*, CC Docket No. 02-06, Public Notice, 33 FCC Rcd 1923, n.3 (WCB 2018) (2018 *Inflation Funding Cap PN*) (using a gross domestic product figure of 113.427 for 2017 to determine E-Rate program funding cap for funding year 2018); *RHC Program Funding Cap Order*, 33 FCC Rcd at 6584, n.75 (using a gross domestic product figure of 113.425 for 2017 to determine RHC program funding cap for funding year 2018).
4. This represents a $89,364,676 increase for the E-Rate program funding cap as a whole, including a $66,450,160 increase for the category one services funding level and a $22,914,516 increase for the category two services funding level. See 47 CFR § 54.507(a)(3) (noting that the Bureau will release a public notice “announcing any (continued….)
new cap represents a 2.2% inflation-adjusted increase in the $581,000,000 cap from funding year 2018. The Commission began indexing the funding cap to inflation in 2018 to ensure that RHC Program funding keeps pace with the changing broadband and telecommunications needs of rural healthcare providers.

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