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FCC ANNOUNCES SECOND MEETING OF THE HOSPITAL ROBOCALL PROTECTION GROUP

This Public Notice serves as notice that, consistent with the Federal Advisory Committee Act¹ and the Telephone Robocall Abuse Criminal Enforcement and Deterrence Act of 2019 (TRACED Act),² the FCC's Hospital Robocall Protection Group (HRPG) will hold a meeting on **Monday, December 14, 2020, beginning at 10:00 a.m. EST.** Notice of this meeting was published in the Federal Register on October 28, 2020.³ The meeting will take place via video conference and will be publicly available via the Internet at <u>http://www.fcc.gov/live.⁴</u> The public may submit questions to <u>livequestions@fcc.gov</u>.

The TRACED Act provides that the HRPG must issue recommended best practices regarding the following: (1) How voice service providers can better combat unlawful robocalls made to hospitals; (2) How hospitals can better protect themselves from such calls, including by using unlawful robocall mitigation techniques; and (3) How the Federal Government and State governments can help combat such calls.⁵ Accordingly, three working groups were established to address these specifically enumerated TRACED Act tasks.⁶

For the agenda of the December 14, 2020 final meeting, the HRPG will be briefed by the HRPG working groups on their respective recommendations for the best practices as required by the TRACED Act, after which the full HRPG will vote on those recommendations.⁷ The agenda may be modified at the discretion of the HRPG Chair and its Designated Federal Officer.

To ensure accessibility for the meeting, open captioning will be provided in the live stream. Other reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities can be made available upon request. To

³ See Federal Communications Commission, Hospital Robocall Protection Group; Announcement of Virtual Meeting, 85 Fed. Reg. 68327 (Oct. 28, 2020).

https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2020/10/28/2020-23859/hospital-robocall-protection-groupannouncement-of-virtual-meeting.

⁴ The public may also follow the meeting on Twitter, @fcc, or via the Commission's Facebook page at <u>www.facebook.com/fcc</u>.

⁵ TRACED Act § 14(c).

⁶ FCC Announces the Membership and Agenda of the First Meeting for Hospital Robocall Protection Group, Public Notice, DA 20-734, 35 FCC Rcd 6997 (July 14, 2020).

⁷ TRACED Act § 14(c).

¹ Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2 (FACA).

² Pub. L., 116-105, 133 Stat 3274.

request an accommodation, or for materials in accessible formats for persons with disabilities (e.g., Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), send an email to $\underline{fcc504@fcc.gov}$ or call the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau at (202) 418-0530 (voice). Such requests should include a detailed description of the accommodation(s) needed. In addition, requesters should include their contact information should Commission staff need to reach them to fulfill the request. Please provide at least five days' advance notice for your request; last-minute requests will be accepted but may not be possible to accommodate.

More information about the HRPG is available <u>here</u>. You may also contact Donna Cyrus, Designated Federal Officer of the HRPG, at (202) 418-7325, or at <u>Donna.Cyrus@fcc.gov</u>; or Aliza Katz, Deputy Designated Federal Officer, at (202) 418-1737, or at <u>Aliza.Katz@fcc.gov</u>.

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