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WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU APPROVES FIRST GROUP OF FUNDING AWARDEES IN ROUND 2 OF COVID-19 TELEHEALTH PROGRAM

Health Care Providers in Every State, Territory, and the District of Columbia to Receive Critical Support for Telehealth and Connected Care Services

WC Docket No. 20-89

Today, the Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) approves the first group of funding commitments under Round 2 of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Telehealth Program (Program) and commits \$41,980,345 in funding to 62 health care providers in every state, territory, and the District of Columbia. The funding commitments made today will provide critical support to health care providers on the front lines in the fight against the ongoing coronavirus pandemic.

The Federal Communications Commission (Commission) established the Program in April 2020 pursuant to the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act¹ to provide \$200 million in emergency funding to health care providers for telehealth and connected care services in response to COVID-19.² To build on the Program's success, Congress appropriated an additional \$249.95 million to fund the second round of the Program as part of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021.³ On March 30, 2021, the Commission released the *Second COVID-19 Report and Order*,⁴ which initiated Round 2 of the Program by adopting additional requirements and processes to implement Congressional direction and improve Program administration. Applications for Round 2 were accepted from April 29, 2021, through May 6, 2021.⁵

¹ *Promoting Telehealth for Low-Income Consumers; COVID-19 Telehealth Program*, WC Docket Nos. 18-213, 20-89, Report and Order, 35 FCC Rcd 3366 (2020) (*First COVID-19 Report and Order*); Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, Pub. L. No 116-136, 134 Stat. 281 (2020) (CARES Act).

² From April 16, 2020, through July 8, 2020, the Commission fully obligated the \$200 million by issuing awards on a rolling basis to 539 applications. Press Release, FCC, FCC Approves Final Set of COVID-19 Telehealth Program Applications (July 8, 2020), <https://www.fcc.gov/document/fcc-approves-final-set-covid-19-telehealth-program-applications>.

³ Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, Pub. L. No: 116-260, Division N-Additional Coronavirus Response and Relief, Title IX-Broadband Internet Access Service, § 903 "FCC COVID-19 Telehealth Program" (2020), available at <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/133/text> (Consolidated Appropriations Act).

⁴ *COVID-19 Telehealth Program; Promoting Telehealth for Low-Income Consumers*, WC Docket Nos. 20-89 and 18-213, Report and Order and Order on Reconsideration, 36 FCC Rcd 7141 (2021) (*Second COVID-19 Report and Order*).

⁵ *Wireline Competition Bureau Announces Application Filing Window for Round 2 of COVID-19 Telehealth Program Will Open April 29, 2021*, WC Docket No. 20-89, Public Notice, 36 FCC Rcd 7321 (WCB 2021).

As the Commission established in the *Second COVID-19 Report and Order*, funding for Round 2 of the Program is to be awarded in two phases.⁶ In the initial commitment phase, at least \$150 million will be awarded based in part on geographic considerations and on the objective evaluation metrics outlined in the *Second COVID-19 Report and Order*.⁷ This Public Notice announces funding commitments for health care providers in each state, territory, and the District of Columbia to ensure nationwide distribution of funding. This Public Notice also announces a second funding commitment to an applicant in the states and territories that did not have an applicant receive Round 1 funding as directed by the Commission in the *Second COVID-19 Report and Order*.⁸ A full list of the funding awardees is included in Appendix A of this Public Notice.

The Bureau will next commit funding to the highest-scoring applications, in descending order, until at least \$150 million has been committed,⁹ and it will then issue a Public Notice announcing the complete list of those awardees, the amount of their awards, and the remaining funding available for the final commitment window.¹⁰ That Public Notice will also provide guidance, as directed by the Commission, on how the applicants that did not receive funding during the initial commitment phase may supplement their applications with additional information.¹¹

For further information regarding this Public Notice, please contact Connor Ferraro, Attorney Advisor, Wireline Competition Bureau, Connor.Ferraro@fcc.gov or (202) 418-1322. For more information about Round 2, refer to USAC's website at www.usac.org/about/covid-19-telehealth-program.

For inquiries and support related to Round 2 invoicing, please contact Round2TelehthInvoiceSupp@FCC.gov.

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⁶ *Second COVID-19 Report and Order*, 36 FCC Rcd at 7171-73, paras. 61-69.

⁷ *Second COVID-19 Report and Order*, 36 FCC Rcd at 7157, para. 38.

⁸ *Second COVID-19 Report and Order*, 36 FCC Rcd at 7165-66, para. 48. The *Second COVID-19 Report and Order* directed USAC, with Bureau oversight, to commit funding to the two highest-scoring applications in states and territories where a lead applicant did not receive Round 1 funding. *Id.* at 7165-66, para. 48 & n.178. However, only one application with a lead health care provider in the Northern Mariana Islands was submitted.

⁹ *Id.* at 7172, para. 64. Once \$150 million in funding has been committed, any applications with the same score as the last application to receive a funding commitment will also receive a funding commitment. *Id.*

¹⁰ *Id.* at 7172, para. 64.

¹¹ *Id.* at 7172, para. 65.

APPENDIX A

Lead Health Care Provider or Applicant	Lead Health Care Provider State	Eligible Funding Amount
Mobile County Health Department	AL	\$803,979
SouthEast Alaska Regional Health Consortium	AK	\$804,092
Norton Sound Health Corporation	AK	\$416,250
LBJ Tropical Medical Center	AS	\$334,519
Tafuna Family Health Center	AS	\$187,297
Tuba City Regional Health Care	AZ	\$266,946
University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences	AR	\$982,589
Los Angeles Jewish Home for the Aging	CA	\$862,906
Peak Vista Community Health Centers	CO	\$999,565
Community Health Center, Inc.	CT	\$999,023
La Red Health Center	DE	\$287,765
Elaine Ellis Center of Health	DC	\$332,124
MCR Health, Inc.	FL	\$1,000,000
Georgia Primary Care Association	GA	\$998,514
Guam Memorial Hospital Authority	GU	\$722,000
Queen's Medical Center	HI	\$924,603
University of Hawaii Maternal Telehealth Network for Maternal Fetal Medicine	HI	\$899,106
St. Luke's Health System	ID	\$699,815
Mercy Health System	IL	\$1,000,000
HealthLinc Valparaiso	IN	\$362,696

Shenandoah Medical Center	IA	\$946,100
Community Health Center of Southeast Kansas, Inc.	KS	\$366,167
Dayspring Health	KY	\$455,420
Baton Rouge General Medical Center - Bluebonnet Campus	LA	\$377,439
Alfond Center for Health	ME	\$603,315
University of Maryland, Baltimore	MD	\$977,066
St. Luke's Hospital	MA	\$1,000,000
Sparrow Health System	MI	\$586,375
Essentia Health	MN	\$981,204
Magnolia Regional Health Center	MS	\$471,885
SSM Health	MO	\$914,400
Bighorn Valley Health Center, Inc.	MT	\$930,000
University of Montana College of Health	MT	\$679,441
Nebraska Urban Indian Health Medical Center	NE	\$190,875
Nevada Health Centers	NV	\$995,087
Harbor Care Health and Wellness Center	NH	\$801,768
Neighborhood Health Services Corporation	NJ	\$491,308
Presbyterian Medical Services	NM	\$357,725
United Health Services Hospitals	NY	\$562,116
Cape Fear Valley Health System	NC	\$998,357
McKenzie County Healthcare Systems, Inc.	ND	\$194,267
Commonwealth Health Center	MP	\$522,752

Mercy Health	OH	\$812,876
INTEGRIS Health Baptist Medical Center	OK	\$998,854
La Clinica del Valle Family Health Center	OR	\$123,792
Allegheny Health Network	PA	\$999,910
Med Centro Healthcare System	PR	\$909,391
Centro de Salud Integral en Naranjito	PR	\$869,990
East Bay Family Health Center	RI	\$164,950
St. Francis Hospital	SC	\$853,062
Sanford Health	SD	\$967,438
Mountain States Health Alliance	TN	\$994,354
El Centro de Corazón, Magnolia Health Center	TX	\$999,880
Gunnison Valley Hospital	UT	\$275,850
University of Vermont Medical Center	VT	\$606,997
Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital	VA	\$933,385
Governor Juan F. Luis Hospital and Medical Center	VI	\$345,566
Virgin Islands Healthcare Foundation	VI	\$416,002
NEW Health Programs Association	WA	\$485,047
Cabin Creek Health Systems	WV	\$304,521
Bellin Memorial Hospital, Inc.	WI	\$682,016
American Telemedicine Connect Consortium	WY	\$949,592