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**Wireline Competition Bureau Approves Second group of Funding Awardees in ROUND 2 OF COVID-19 tELEHEALTH PROGRAM**

***72 Health Care Providers Receive Critical Support for Telehealth and Connected Care Services***

**WC Docket No. 20-89**

Today, the Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) approves the second group of funding commitments under Round 2 of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Telehealth Program (Program) and commits $41,113,186 in funding to 72 health care providers across the Nation.[[1]](#footnote-3) 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) Act[[2]](#footnote-4) to provide $200 million in emergency funding to health care providers for telehealth and connected care services in response to COVID-19.[[3]](#footnote-5) 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.[[4]](#footnote-6) On March 30, 2021, the Commission released the *Second COVID-19 Report and Order*,[[5]](#footnote-7) 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.[[6]](#footnote-8)

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.[[7]](#footnote-9) 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*.[[8]](#footnote-10) A full list of the funding awardees receiving funding commitments today is included in Appendix A of this Public Notice. To date, 134 awardees have received funding commitments for $83,093,531.

The Bureau will continue to commit funding to the highest-scoring applications, in descending order, until at least $150 million has been committed,[[9]](#footnote-11) 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]](#footnote-12) 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]](#footnote-13)

For further information regarding this Public Notice, please contact Connor Ferraro, Attorney Advisor, Wireline Competition Bureau, [Connor.Ferraro@fcc.gov](mailto: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](http://www.usac.org/about/covid-19-telehealth-program).

For inquiries and support related to Round 2 invoicing, please contact [Round2TelehlthInvoicSupp@FCC.gov](mailto:Round2TelehlthInvoicSupp@FCC.gov).

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**APPENDIX A**

| **Lead Health Care Provider or**  **Applicant** | **Eligible Funding**  **Amount** |
| --- | --- |
| AdventHealth | $791,497 |
| Adventist Health System West | $1,000,000 |
| Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (ANTHC) | $798,147 |
| Appalachian Regional Healthcare | $408,140 |
| AtlantiCare Health System | $533,062 |
| Baptist Memorial Health Care | $209,008 |
| Baton Rouge General Medical Center - Mid-City Campus | $367,664 |
| Baylor Scott & White Health | $984,183 |
| Beth Israel Medical Center | $920,000 |
| Bon Secours | $308,246 |
| The Brighter Beginnings Richmond Family Health Clinic | $1,000,000 |
| Camillus Health Concern, Inc. | $983,464 |
| Care Resource Community Health Centers, Inc. | $966,542 |
| Carolina Community Health Center | $1,000,000 |
| Centerville Clinics | $224,204 |
| CentraCare Health System | $234,352 |
| Centura Health | $997,597 |
| Cherokee Health Systems | $861,560 |
| Community Health Net | $327,661 |
| Community Health of South Florida | $347,850 |
| Cornell Scott-Hill Health Corporation | $713,726 |
| Cornerstone Family Healthcare | $390,329 |
| Covenant Health | $987,991 |
| Covenant Living Communities and Services | $95,113 |
| Detroit Health Care for the Homeless | $221,619 |
| East Liberty Family Health Care Center | $427,782 |
| Family Health Care | $713,656 |
| Family Health Centers of Southwest Florida | $13,801 |
| Franciscan Health Indianapolis | $747,665 |
| Gaston Family Health Services | $983,524 |
| The Guthrie Clinic | $949,721 |
| The Health Care Collaborative of Rural Missouri | $285,871 |
| Health Services, Inc. | $533,071 |
| The Heartland Health Centers | $460,635 |
| Hills & Dales General Hospital | $684,801 |
| Horizon Health Services | $697,590 |
| Huntsville Hospital | $394,478 |
| Indiana Regional Medical Center | $295,298 |
| Keck Hospital and School of Medicine of USC | $895,102 |
| Kootenai Health | $784,023 |
| Lee Memorial Health System | $1,000,000 |
| Lone Star Circle of Care | $220,476 |
| Maniilaq Health Center | $637,869 |
| Maple City Health Care Center | $312,073 |
| The Medical Center at Bowling Green | $100,325 |
| The Medical University of South Carolina Medical Center | $607,978 |
| Memorial Healthcare System | $974,968 |
| Methodist Healthcare Memphis Hospitals | $280,211 |
| Morris Heights Health Center | $197,529 |
| Neighborcare Health | $823,563 |
| Nett Lake Health Services | $120,305 |
| Northwest Buffalo Community Health Care Center | $479,019 |
| NSB Health & Social Service Department | $319,409 |
| The North Central Family Medical Center | $269,050 |
| Orange Blossom Family Health | $126,360 |
| OSF Healthcare System | $943,644 |
| Philadelphia FIGHT | $399,183 |
| Presbyterian Healthcare Services | $625,790 |
| Roseland Community Hospital | $44,107 |
| Salud Family Health Center | $433,140 |
| Samaritan Healthcare | $425,449 |
| Shore Memorial Hospital | $770,000 |
| South Boston Community Health Center | $45,557 |
| St. Luke Community Healthcare | $251,609 |
| Tampa General Hospital | $1,000,000 |
| University of Florida College of Medicine | $480,364 |
| University of Rochester Medical Center | $996,280 |
| USA Health University Hospital | $833,250 |
| Vidant Health System | $897,000 |
| Wayne Memorial Community Health Centers | $421,883 |
| Whittier Street Health Center Committee | $936,400 |
| Wyckoff Heights Medical Center | $601,397 |

1. The first funding announcement was made on August 26, 2021. *See FCC Announces Awards For Round 2 of the COVID-19 Telehealth Program*, WC Docket No. 20-89, Public Notice, DA 21-1052 (WCB 2021). Sixty-two health care providers received over $41 million as part of the first funding announcement. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
2. *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). [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
3. 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>. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
4. 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). [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
5. *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*). [↑](#footnote-ref-7)
6. *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). [↑](#footnote-ref-8)
7. *Second COVID-19 Report and Order*, 36 FCC Rcd at 7171-73, paras. 61-69. [↑](#footnote-ref-9)
8. *Second COVID-19 Report and Order*, 36 FCC Rcd at 7157, para. 38. [↑](#footnote-ref-10)
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.* [↑](#footnote-ref-11)
10. *Id.* at 7172, para. 64. [↑](#footnote-ref-12)
11. *Id.* at 7172, para. 65. [↑](#footnote-ref-13)