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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.<sup>1</sup> 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<sup>2</sup> to provide \$200 million in emergency funding to health care providers for telehealth and connected care services in response to COVID-19.<sup>3</sup> 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.<sup>4</sup> On March 30, 2021, the Commission released the *Second COVID-19 Report and Order*,<sup>5</sup> which initiated Round 2 of the Program by adopting additional requirements and processes to implement Congressional direction and

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<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> *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).

<sup>3</sup> 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>.

<sup>4</sup> 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).

<sup>5</sup> *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*).

improve Program administration. Applications for Round 2 were accepted from April 29, 2021, through May 6, 2021.<sup>6</sup>

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.<sup>7</sup> 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*.<sup>8</sup> 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,<sup>9</sup> 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.<sup>10</sup> 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.<sup>11</sup>

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 [Round2TelehlthInvoiceSupp@FCC.gov](mailto:Round2TelehlthInvoiceSupp@FCC.gov).

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<sup>6</sup> *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).

<sup>7</sup> *Second COVID-19 Report and Order*, 36 FCC Rcd at 7171-73, paras. 61-69.

<sup>8</sup> *Second COVID-19 Report and Order*, 36 FCC Rcd at 7157, para. 38.

<sup>9</sup> *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.*

<sup>10</sup> *Id.* at 7172, para. 64.

<sup>11</sup> *Id.* at 7172, para. 65.

## APPENDIX A

<b>Lead Health Care Provider or Applicant</b>	<b>Eligible Funding Amount</b>
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

<b>Lead Health Care Provider or Applicant</b>	<b>Eligible Funding Amount</b>
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

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<b>Lead Health Care Provider or Applicant</b>	<b>Eligible Funding Amount</b>
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