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

***71 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 third group of funding commitments under Round 2 of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Telehealth Program (Program) and commits $40.46 million in funding to 71 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, 205 awardees have received funding commitments totaling $123,562,376.

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 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.

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**APPENDIX A**

| **Lead Health Care Provider or****Applicant** | **Eligible Funding****Amount** |
| --- | --- |
| Adelante Healthcare | $868,857 |
| Alleghany Memorial Hospital | $92,041 |
| Archie Hendricks Sr. Skilled Nursing Facility | $688,084 |
| The Asian Human Services Family Health Center | $400,725 |
| Baptist Health Medical Center | $999,277 |
| Berkshire Health Systems | $1,000,000 |
| CareSouth Carolina | $242,334 |
| The Center for Family and Child Enrichment | $78,204 |
| CenterPlace Health | $91,179 |
| Chestnut Health Systems | $271,866 |
| Collier Health Services | $506,652 |
| Community Health Centers of Pinellas | $962,184 |
| Community Health Center of Richmond | $335,995 |
| The C.W. Williams Community Health Center | $312,399 |
| Denver Health | $529,250 |
| DuBois Regional Medical Center | $530,800 |
| El Paso County Hospital District | $763,050 |
| Empower U Community Health Center | $301,554 |
| Erie Family Health Center, Inc. | $409,678 |
| Evergreen Health | $160,806 |
| Family Christian Health Center | $124,667 |
| Family First Health Corporation | $620,510 |
| Family Health Centers | $212,164 |
| First Nations Community HealthSource | $655,395 |
| Forsyth Memorial Hospital | $1,000,000 |
| FoundCare, Inc. | $942,083 |
| Golden Valley Health Centers | $509,048 |
| Great Lakes Bay Health Centers | $963,947 |
| Gundersen Health System | $999,909 |
| Hampton Roads Community Health Center | $195,666 |
| HealthPoint | $839,091 |
| The Holyoke Medical Center | $795,090 |
| Holzer Health System | $667,723 |
| Indiana University Health | $908,061 |
| The University of Kansas Health System | $659,146 |
| Kaleida Health | $968,131 |
| Kodiak Island Health Care Foundation | $86,033 |
| La Casa de Salud | $419,875 |
| Lawndale Christian Health Center | $172,354 |
| Loretto Hospital | $823,600 |
| Marion County Public Health Department | $299,799 |
| Marlette Regional Hospital | $382,730 |
| Mercy Health | $793,788 |
| Mercy Hospitals | $776,620 |
| Michigan Primary Care Association | $990,000 |
| The Minnie Hamilton Health System | $457,568 |
| Mohawk Valley Health System | $697,382 |
| Montefiore St. Luke’s Cornwall Hospital | $749,385 |
| Mount Vernon Neighborhood Health Center | $761,314 |
| Nathan Littauer Hospital and Nursing Home | $283,254 |
| The North Miami Center | $213,834 |
| Novant Health | $574,413 |
| Okeene Municipal Hospital | $221,821 |
| Oonalaska Wellness Center | $79,892 |
| Palmetto Care Connections | $782,575 |
| Pillars Community Health | $598,504 |
| Prairie Ridge Health, Inc. | $50,470 |
| Regions Hospital | $1,000,000 |
| Robeson Health Care Corporation | $495,633 |
| Saint Joseph’s Hospital | $927,213 |
| Skagit Regional Health | $38,515 |
| St. Barnabas Hospital | $998,624 |
| St. Bernard’s Healthcare | $547,270 |
| St. John’s Episcopal Hospital | $372,744 |
| Swope Health Services | $843,387 |
| Union Community Health Center | $999,075 |
| UnityPoint Health | $1,000,000 |
| University Hospital of Brooklyn | $945,421 |
| The University of Virginia Health System | $388,574 |
| Wellstar Health System | $1,000,000 |
| Wheeler Clinic | $91,612 |

1. *See FCC Announces Awards For Round 2 of the COVID-19 Telehealth Program*, WC Docket No. 20-89, Public Notices, DA 21-1052 and 21-1221 (WCB 2021). [↑](#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)