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**Wireline Competition Bureau Approves Fifth Group Of Funding Awards In Round 2 Of COVID-19 Telehealth Program**

***68 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 fifth group of funding commitments under Round 2 of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Telehealth Program (Program) and commits $42,702,383 million in funding to 68 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. A full list of the funding awardees receiving funding commitments today is included in Appendix A of this Public Notice. To date, 348 awardees have received funding commitments totaling $208,428,464.

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 was 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) As directed by the *Second COVID-19 Report and Order*, once at least $150 million was awarded, the Bureau issued a Public Notice announcing the remaining funding available for the final commitment window,[[9]](#footnote-11) along with guidance, as directed by the Commission, on how the applicants that did not receive funding during the initial commitment phase could supplement their applications with additional information.[[10]](#footnote-12) Applicants that did not receive funding in the initial commitment phase had ten days to supplement their application with any additional information they chose to include. The Public Notice announcing the ten-day period for applicants to supplement their applications was released on November 9, 2021, and the ten-day period closed on November 19, 2021.[[11]](#footnote-13) As directed by the Commission, in the second phase, the remaining Program funding will be awarded to the highest-scoring remaining applications, until all funding has been committed.

For further information regarding this Public Notice, please contact Nathan Eagan, Attorney Advisor, Wireline Competition Bureau, Nathan.Eagan@fcc.gov or (202) 418-0991. 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** |
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| Adena Regional Medical Center | $532,000 |
| AllianceChicago | $975,124 |
| Aspirus Wausau Hospital | $999,463 |
| Atrium Health | $774,414 |
| Aunt Martha’s Health and Wellness | $156,000 |
| Axis Health System | $300,027 |
| Beaumont Hospital | $850,789 |
| Bingham Memorial Hospital | $840,111 |
| Burnett Medical Center | $174,634 |
| Carle Foundation Hospital | $643,231 |
| University of Cincinnati Medical Center | $1,000,000 |
| University of Colorado Hospital Authority | $779,447 |
| Community Care Network of Kansas | $404,923 |
| Community Health Center of Central Missouri | $329,215 |
| Community Health Center of the North Country | $328,104 |
| Community Health Centers, Inc. | $956,655 |
| Community HealthNet | $885,000 |
| Compass Community Health | $151,879 |
| Compass Health | $967,371 |
| Cook County Health | $513,356 |
| Coos County Family Health Services | $68,750 |
| County of Los Angeles – Department of Health Services | $1,000,000 |
| CoxHealth Consortium | $553,551 |
| Family Medicine Clinic for Health Equity | $360,200 |
| Heart of Florida Health Center | $165,509 |
| Henry County Memorial Hospital | $338,511 |
| Hutchinson Regional Medical Center | $1,000,000 |
| Jackson Parish Hospital | $442,144 |
| Kalkaska Memorial Health Center | $526,250 |
| Kenosha Community Health Center | $988,540 |
| Kettering Medical Center | $273,194 |
| Klickitat County Public Hospital | $711,739 |
| LaSante Health Center | $867,684 |
| Little Rivers Health Care | $872,381 |
| Louisiana Primary Care Association | $890,860 |
| Lower Umpqua Hospital District | $989,628 |
| Marana Health Center | $794,998 |
| Mercy Hospital Fort Smith | $647,154 |
| Monongahela Valley Hospital | $498,726 |
| Na Pu’uwai | $275,000 |
| Nationwide Children’s Hospital | $964,076 |
| Neighborhood Healthcare | $998,675 |
| Neosho Memorial Regional Medical Center | $176,054 |
| Northern Arizona Healthcare | $969,884 |
| Northwestern Memorial HealthCare | $1,000,000 |
| Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center and James Cancer Hospital | $526,613 |
| Piedmont Healthcare | $197,789 |
| Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Services | $398,825 |
| Putnam County Hospital | $934,736 |
| Rehoboth McKinley Christian Health Care Services | $697,179 |
| The Ritchie County Primary Care Association | $960,444 |
| Sacopee Valley Health Center | $616,532 |
| Seattle Children’s Hospital | $1,000,000 |
| Shands Jacksonville Medical Center | $470,553 |
| Sinai Health System | $1,000,000 |
| Siouxland Community Health Center | $977,978 |
| Sky Lakes Medical Center | $226,092 |
| Southeast, Inc. | $51,733 |
| St. Claire Medical Center | $308,894 |
| St. Joseph’s Hospital | $416,403 |
| Summit Pacific Medical Center | $977,994 |
| Sun Life Family Health Center | $907,887 |
| Talbert House Health Center | $153,208 |
| Trinitas Reginal Medical Center | $639,832 |
| Union Hospital | $173,450 |
| University Hospitals Cleveland Medical Center | $999,015 |
| Watauga Medical Center | $131,975 |
| Westchester County Health Care Corporation | $1,000,000 |

1. *See FCC Announces Awards For Round 2 of the COVID-19 Telehealth Program*, WC Docket No. 20-89, Public Notices, DA 21-1052, 21-1221, 21-1319, and 21-1403 (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. *Id.* at 7157, para. 38. [↑](#footnote-ref-10)
9. *Id.* at 7172, para. 64. [↑](#footnote-ref-11)
10. *Id.* at 7172, para. 65. [↑](#footnote-ref-12)
11. *See Wireline Competition Bureau Completes Initial Phase of COVID-19 Telehealth Program Round 2 Awards and Commences Ten-day Resubmission Period*, WC Docket No. 20-89, Public Notice, DA 21-1403 (WCB Nov. 9, 2021). [↑](#footnote-ref-13)