By this Public Notice, the Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) announces that the application filing window for the second round of the COVID-19 Telehealth Program will open on Thursday, April 29, 2021 at 12:00 PM ET. The filing window will last seven calendar days and close on Thursday, May 6, 2021 at 12:00 PM ET.

On December 27, 2020, Congress enacted the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (Consolidated Appropriations Act), providing an additional $249.95 million to the Commission to support Round 2 of the COVID-19 Telehealth Program (Program). The Program was established in April 2020 to administer an initial $200 million in funding appropriated by Congress in the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act “to support efforts of health care providers to address coronavirus by providing telecommunications services, information services, and devices necessary to enable the provision of telehealth services” during the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition to appropriating new funds for the Program, the Consolidated Appropriations Act required the Commission to seek comment on several changes to the Program, including the metrics used to evaluate applications for funding, and how to treat applications filed in Round 1 of the Program. On March 30, 2021, the Commission adopted a Report and Order and Order on Reconsideration that established the requirements and necessary procedures for the Commission to award the additional Round 2 funds appropriated under the Consolidated Appropriations Act.

Applications for the Program may be filed through a dedicated application portal, available on the COVID-19 Telehealth Program webpage: www.fcc.gov/covid19telehealth. Applications will be accepted once the application filing window opens, and all applications will be reviewed after the application filing window has closed.

---


3 See Consolidated Appropriations Act § 903(c).

Additional Information. For additional information, interested parties should review the Application Process Guidance, which is attached to the Commission’s Report and Order and Order on Reconsideration as Appendix C or visit the Universal Service Administrative Company’s COVID-19 Telehealth Program webpage at https://www.usac.org/about/covid-19-telehealth-program/. Questions specific to the application process should be directed to Round2TelehealthApplicationSupport@usac.org. For further information regarding this Public Notice, please contact Connor Ferraro, Attorney Advisor, Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, Connor.Ferraro@fcc.gov or at (202) 418-1322.

-FCC-