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WC Docket No. 18-213

VIA E-MAIL

Sean Whiteley-Ross
Chief Financial Officer
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Dear Mr. Whiteley-Ross,

The Federal Communications Commission received OCHIN, Inc.'s November 10, 2022 notice of withdrawal from the Connected Care Pilot Program. By this letter, we confirm OCHIN, Inc.'s withdrawal from the Program. If there are any questions regarding this withdrawal confirmation, please contact ConnectedCare@fcc.gov. Thank you for your interest in the Connected Care Pilot Program.

Sincerely,

/s/ Jodie Griffin

Jodie Griffin
Chief, Telecommunications Access Policy
Division
Wireline Competition Bureau

Attachment



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November 10, 2022

Jodie Griffin
Division Chief, Telecommunications Access Policy Division
Wireline Competition Bureau
Federal Communications Commission
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Re: Connected Care Pilot Program Application No. CCPP2020000030

Dear Chief Griffin,

As the Chief Financial Officer at OCHIN, Inc. I am writing this letter to formally withdraw my organization's pilot project from the Connected Care Pilot Program.

I thank the Commission for its ongoing partnership with OCHIN and our consortia of participating health centers across the United States. The FCC has been instrumental in partnering with us to connect rural health care providers with subsidized medical-grade broadband service through the [Healthcare Connect Fund Program](#), and providing community health centers across the country with telehealth technologies that connect underserved communities to health care in the wake of a global pandemic through the [COVID-19 Telehealth Program](#).

As you know, in January 2021, the Commission also selected OCHIN to administer up to \$5.8 million on behalf of a consortium of members to directly subsidize internet services to patient homes in Ohio, Oregon, and Washington states through the [Connected Care Pilot Program](#). Following a period of analysis and discussion with your attorney advisory team, we have made the hard decision to withdraw from the program. Despite both OCHIN and the FCC's desire and efforts to find a workable solution, unfortunately we are not able to move the project forward.

This program was authorized during the worst of the pandemic, and community health care has since pivoted. Health care institutions have changed drastically to accommodate today's reality, with precious provider capacity directed to preserving patient access in a contracting economy. Accordingly, OCHIN's anchor health care providers have encountered operational barriers and limited capacity to implement this pilot project according to the Connected Care Pilot Program's complex requirements.

On OCHIN's behalf I express our sincere gratitude for the Commission's selection of our pilot project. We continue to be committed to advancing the critical digital equity work of FCC programs through our long-standing consortia efforts. We look forward to sharing our learnings in supporting rural, tribal, frontier, and safety net providers and continuing our successful partnership with the FCC. If we can ever be of assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

Respectfully,

DocuSigned by:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sean Whiteley-Ross". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Sean Whiteley-Ross
Chief Financial Officer