

5. Rural Health Care Support

The portion of the 1996 Telecommunications Act that covers universal service support for rural health care providers states that “[a] telecommunications carrier shall . . . provide telecommunications services . . . to any public or non-profit health care provider . . . at rates that are reasonably comparable to rates charged for similar services in urban areas in that state.”¹ The Commission’s universal service rules permit eligible health care providers² to receive support for any telecommunications service.³

In 2003, the FCC significantly changed the universal service support mechanism for rural health care providers, effective in Funding Year 2004 (July 1, 2004 – June 30, 2005). Dedicated emergency departments of rural for-profit hospitals that participate in Medicare are now deemed “public” health care providers eligible to receive prorated rural health care support.⁴ Further, rural health providers may now receive support for any form of Internet access reasonably related to the health care needs of the facility.⁵ Rural health care providers may also use “safe harbor” categories to compare the urban and rural rates for functionally similar services as viewed from the perspective of the end user.⁶ Also, rural health care providers may compare their rural rates to urban rates in any city with a population of at least 50,000 in the state, as opposed to the nearest city with a population of 50,000.⁷ Finally, rural health care providers may

1 47 U.S.C. § 254(h)(1)(A).

2 47 C.F.R. § 54.601.

3 A 1.544 Mbps (T1) maximum bandwidth cap was employed in Funding Years 1 and 2. *See Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service*, CC Docket No. 96-45, Report and Order, 12 FCC Rcd 8776, 8952-94 (1997). The Commission removed the bandwidth cap for year three and beyond. *See Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service*, CC Docket Nos. 97-21 and 96-45, Sixth Order on Reconsideration in CC Docket No. 97-21, Fifteenth Order on Reconsideration in CC Docket No. 96-45, 14 FCC Rcd 18756 (1999) (*Fifteenth Order on Reconsideration*).

4 *See Rural Health Care Support Mechanism*, WC Docket No. 02-60, Report and Order, Order on Reconsideration and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 18 FCC Rcd 24546 (2003) (*Rural Health Care Order*) at 13.

5 *See Rural Health Care Order* at 22.

6 *See Rural Health Care Order* at 33.

7 *See Rural Health Care Order* at 37.

receive discounts for satellite services even where alternative terrestrial-based services may be available.⁸

In December 2004, the Commission released a *Second Order*⁹ that further modified the Commission's rules for rural health care support. In this *Second Order*, the Commission changed its definition of rural for the purposes of the rural health care support mechanism. Now a "rural area" is an area that is not located within or near a large population base. Specifically, a "rural area" is an area that (a) is entirely outside of a Core Based Statistical Area (CBSA); (b) is within a CBSA that does not have any urban area with a population of 25,000 or greater; or (c) is in a CBSA that contains an urban area with a population of 25,000 or greater, but is within a specific census tract that itself does not contain any part of a place or urban area with a population of greater than 25,000. This new definition was effective as of Funding Year 2005 (July 1, 2005 – June 30, 2006). Several other rules also were changed. The Commission expanded funding for mobile rural health care providers by subsidizing the difference between the rate for the satellite service and the rate for an urban wireline service with a similar bandwidth. June 30 is now the final deadline for applications for support for health care providers seeking discounts for a specific funding year under the rural health care support mechanism. In addition a rural health care provider in a state that is entirely rural may now receive support for advanced telecommunications and information services.

USAC recently streamlined the application process for the Rural Health Care mechanism. USAC combined the information from two forms onto one,¹⁰ allowed the new form to be filled out electronically, and, where possible, prefilled the form with that applicant's information.¹¹ Now, an eligible rural health care provider seeking funding must first submit FCC Form 465 (description of services requested and certification form) to the Rural Health Care Division (RHCD).¹² If the

8 See *Rural Health Care Order* at 44.

9 See *Rural Health Care Support Mechanism*, WC Docket No. 02-60, Second Report and Order, Order on Reconsideration, and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 19 FCC Rcd 24613 (2004) (*Second Order*).

10 FCC Forms 466 and 468 were combined into the new FCC form 466.

11 See <http://www.rhc.universalservice.org/whatsnew/062003.asp#2>

12 The Rural Health Care Corporation merged into the Universal Service Administrative and became the Rural Health Care Division on January 1, 1999. See *Changes to the Board of Directors of the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc., Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service*, CC Docket Nos. 97-21 and 96-45, Third Report and Order in CC Docket No. 97-21 and Fourth Order on Reconsideration in CC Docket No. 97-21 and Eighth Order on Reconsideration in CC Docket No. 96-45, 13 FCC Rcd 25058, 25064-65, para. 12 (1998).

RHCD determines that the health care provider is eligible, it posts the Form 465 on its website.¹³ 28 days thereafter, the rural health care provider may contract with the most cost-effective bidder. The health care provider then fills out FCC Form 466 (funding request and certification form), and submits it to the RHCD. Upon receipt and approval of FCC Form 466, the RHCD sends a Funding Commitment Letter to the rural health care provider. The letter explains that the request has received preliminary approval, and provides an estimate of the amount of support that can be expected. The rural health care provider must respond by submitting FCC Form 467 (receipt of service confirmation form) to verify that the service has begun. RHCD then sends a Support Schedule to the carrier and the health care provider. The carrier provides service to the rural health care provider, and then invoices the RHCD for the support amount. Upon approval of the invoice, USAC reimburses the carrier.

By rule, the Commission has established a \$400 million per funding year cap for the rural health care mechanism.¹⁴ For more information on the Universal Service Program for Rural Health Care providers, visit the RHCD website.¹⁵

USAC supplied the Commission with funding commitments and disbursements information as of June 2, 2005. Table 5.1 summarizes funding disbursements for all funding years by service speed. Tables 5.2 through 5.4 show details for Funding Years 2002 through 2004. For details on the preceding funding years, see the previous editions of the *Monitoring Report*.¹⁶ Table 5.2 summarizes funding commitments and disbursements on a state-by-state basis.

Funding Year 2002 was July 1, 2002, through June 30, 2003. All activity for Funding Year 2002 is complete.¹⁷ Final figures show that over \$23.3 million was committed, and over \$21.3 million was disbursed.¹⁸

Funding Year 2003 was July 1, 2003, through June 30, 2004. USAC reports that it received 3,172 Form 466 packets.¹⁹ Of those, 56 were denied, 231 were withdrawn by the applicant, and 14

13 The forms may be viewed at
<<http://www.rhc.universalservice.org/telecomcarriers/searchpostings/default.asp>>.

14 47 C.F.R. § 54.623(a).

15 See www.rhc.universalservice.org.

16 *Universal Service Monitoring Report*, CC Docket No. 98-202, November 6, 2001, October 9, 2002, and December 22, 2003.

17 Universal Service Administrative Company, *Federal Universal Service Support Mechanisms Fund Size Projections for the Third Quarter 2005*, at 15.

18 See Table 5.2.

were incomplete or require clarification. As of June 2, 2005, over \$26.0 million had been committed, and over \$18.7 million had been disbursed.²⁰

Funding Year 2004 was July 1, 2004, through June 30, 2005. USAC reports that it posted 2,793 Form 465 packets, and received 1,981 Form 466 packets. Of the 1,981 Form 466 packets, 1,029 have been completely processed, 89 are awaiting supervisory approval only, 120 are complete and ready to process, 88 have been withdrawn by the applicant, 15 have been denied, and 640 were incomplete or require clarification.²¹ As of June 2, 2005, over \$20.1 million had been committed, and over \$2.1 million had been disbursed.²²

Table 5.3 shows state-by-state disbursements by service speed. In some instances, such as with frame relay service, the service speed was not clearly identifiable. Whenever possible, the most likely speed for each service was assumed. For example, Frame Relay theoretically could be provided at voice grade speeds, but the vast majority of it is provided at broadband speeds (200K to 1.49Mb), so Frame Relay was assumed to be broadband at that level.

Table 5.4 shows, for Funding Years 2002 and 2003, state-by-state disbursements from the Rural Health Care Support Mechanism, the population of the rural areas, and the disbursements per person in rural areas.

19 Universal Service Administrative Company, *Federal Universal Service Support Mechanisms Fund Size Projections for the Third Quarter 2005*, at 16.

20 See Table 5.2.

21 Universal Service Administrative Company, *Federal Universal Service Support Mechanisms Fund Size Projections for the Third Quarter 2005*, at 17.

22 See Table 5.2.

Table 5.1
Rural Health Care Funding Disbursements by Funding Year

Funding Year	Voice Grade	Broadband		Other Service or Speed Unknown	Total
	56K to 199K	200K to 1.49Mb	1.5Mb and faster		
1998	\$202,778	\$880,375	\$2,292,252	\$0	\$3,375,405
1999	452,992	1,073,816	2,719,619	58,132	4,304,559
2000	613,595	3,015,004	6,685,573	0	10,314,172
2001	319,539	8,110,537	10,125,267	0	18,555,343
2002	423,522	10,614,090	10,342,844	0	21,380,456
2003	415,461	7,878,340	10,455,720	2,200	18,751,722
2004	83,859	534,105	1,491,558	16,300	2,125,823

Note: Disbursements through June 2, 2005. Because of the appeals process, funding commitments and disbursements may be made after the program year ended.

Source: USAC data. Rollups performed by the Industry Analysis and Technology Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, FCC.

Table 5.2
Rural Health Care Funding Commitments and Disbursements by State

Funding Year 2002: July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003

State	Total Funds Committed	Providers Receiving Support	Total Funds Disbursed	Providers Receiving Support
Alabama	\$25,969	4	\$23,988	4
Alaska	14,008,346	164	12,670,097	158
Arizona	1,201,363	57	997,097	48
Arkansas	69,264	30	60,442	26
California	354,689	70	345,832	69
Colorado	140,658	13	140,658	13
Connecticut	0	0	0	0
Delaware	0	0	0	0
District of Columbia	0	0	0	0
Florida	249,386	51	220,004	45
Georgia	43,465	3	43,465	3
Hawaii	230,975	16	227,758	16
Idaho	110,423	17	94,748	16
Illinois	114,643	30	111,572	28
Indiana	14,672	6	14,565	6
Iowa	160,686	40	158,091	40
Kansas	228,222	51	220,499	51
Kentucky	540,945	162	534,665	160
Louisiana	1,552	1	1,552	1
Maine	43,472	4	19,305	4
Maryland	0	0	0	0
Massachusetts	0	0	0	0
Michigan	597,812	49	590,740	48
Minnesota	894,318	91	836,859	85
Mississippi	80,628	16	76,389	13
Missouri	49,883	11	33,383	9
Montana	510,429	56	501,491	55
Nebraska	549,256	29	524,119	29
Nevada	65,337	18	55,608	16
New Hampshire	0	0	0	0
New Jersey	0	0	0	0
New Mexico	238,893	25	234,954	24
New York	20,620	3	20,620	3
North Carolina	196,481	21	170,665	18
North Dakota	478,202	49	466,897	49
Ohio	124,651	9	124,651	9
Oklahoma	75,955	25	71,437	24
Oregon	55,583	15	25,556	10
Pennsylvania	12,211	7	12,211	7
Rhode Island	0	0	0	0
South Carolina	20,974	2	20,974	2
South Dakota	374,660	45	355,608	44
Tennessee	81,733	26	55,836	16
Texas	33,054	9	20,658	7
Utah	400,322	21	361,311	17
Vermont	0	0	0	0
Virgin Islands	66,209	8	66,209	8
Virginia	195,418	20	195,186	20
Washington	78,333	29	77,199	28
West Virginia	49,022	8	49,022	8
Wisconsin	425,357	82	395,886	81
Wyoming	155,387	12	152,648	12
Totals	\$23,369,457	1,405	\$21,380,456	1,330

Note: All activity for Funding Year 2002 is complete.

Source: USAC data. Rollups performed by the Industry Analysis and Technology Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, FCC.

Table 5.2
Rural Health Care Funding Commitments and Disbursements by State

Funding Year 2003: July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004

State	Total Funds Committed	Providers Receiving Support	Total Funds Disbursed	Providers Receiving Support
Alabama	\$28,736	4	\$26,591	3
Alaska	15,006,652	193	11,138,143	111
Arizona	1,182,242	62	460,643	41
Arkansas	113,247	36	51,236	19
California	378,376	77	242,427	32
Colorado	142,852	15	105,305	12
Connecticut	0	0	0	0
Delaware	0	0	0	0
District of Columbia	0	0	0	0
Florida	259,622	44	96,526	6
Georgia	70,580	5	69,731	4
Hawaii	211,966	20	211,966	20
Idaho	212,171	22	80,396	16
Illinois	91,725	25	57,857	12
Indiana	26,375	8	18,976	5
Iowa	186,674	41	127,441	32
Kansas	377,833	62	316,036	48
Kentucky	477,586	207	449,609	197
Louisiana	6,501	3	1,198	1
Maine	83,600	9	1,580	1
Maryland	0	0	0	0
Massachusetts	0	0	0	0
Michigan	551,152	50	432,552	37
Minnesota	1,005,904	101	748,323	63
Mississippi	113,354	14	97,482	7
Missouri	101,525	26	63,214	18
Montana	551,206	61	463,343	55
Nebraska	615,389	33	594,167	29
Nevada	66,767	18	21,397	7
New Hampshire	0	0	0	0
New Jersey	0	0	0	0
New Mexico	314,361	49	155,135	13
New York	14,252	3	13,651	2
North Carolina	149,423	16	71,038	8
North Dakota	460,135	58	389,599	49
Ohio	142,734	8	80,352	6
Oklahoma	106,114	35	30,296	11
Oregon	21,586	9	3,152	1
Pennsylvania	47,646	13	19,251	8
Rhode Island	0	0	0	0
South Carolina	7,323	3	4,320	1
South Dakota	421,819	49	301,947	28
Tennessee	31,717	14	9,201	3
Texas	139,929	28	2,560	1
Utah	687,450	28	548,384	24
Vermont	1,265	3	1,040	3
Virgin Islands	115,575	9	113,637	8
Virginia	166,495	28	162,199	27
Washington	68,592	28	37,565	11
West Virginia	123,204	29	72,180	18
Wisconsin	983,229	92	739,355	71
Wyoming	155,530	12	120,722	10
Totals	\$26,020,414	1,650	\$18,751,722	1,079

Note: Disbursements through June 2, 2005. Because of the appeals process, funding commitments and disbursements may be made after the program year ended.

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State	Total Funds Committed	Providers Receiving Commitments	Total Funds Disbursed	Providers Receiving Support
Alabama	\$792	1	\$619,536	11
Alaska	12,798,279	148	37,450	5
Arizona	428,833	38	11,863	3
Arkansas	75,970	13	48,961	10
California	295,331	32	8,969	1
Colorado	39,258	5	0	0
Connecticut	0	0	0	0
Delaware	0	0	0	0
District of Columbia	0	0	0	0
Florida	135,344	17	0	0
Georgia	109,557	7	27,124	2
Hawaii	267,772	21	7,800	1
Idaho	58,210	16	23,184	9
Illinois	172,666	29	5,868	5
Indiana	127,905	6	0	0
Iowa	132,756	30	84,710	12
Kansas	387,708	50	24,686	5
Kentucky	657,288	175	262,245	148
Louisiana	498	1	0	0
Maine	32,295	6	0	0
Maryland	0	0	0	0
Massachusetts	0	0	0	0
Michigan	176,567	21	19,856	6
Minnesota	649,921	80	177,540	29
Mississippi	144,804	11	44,302	6
Missouri	105,996	23	4,406	9
Montana	458,301	47	86,466	12
Nebraska	700,612	42	11,296	5
Nevada	24,558	4	0	0
New Hampshire	2,483	1	1,241	1
New Jersey	0	0	0	0
New Mexico	74,493	21	9,500	1
New York	7,274	1	0	0
North Carolina	24,687	7	9,984	1
North Dakota	458,017	71	223,898	36
Ohio	37,344	5	22,518	4
Oklahoma	32,851	2	0	0
Oregon	3,667	1	0	0
Pennsylvania	36,016	9	0	0
Rhode Island	0	0	0	0
South Carolina	42,679	10	0	0
South Dakota	358,208	29	283,216	23
Tennessee	41,621	19	6,235	1
Texas	365,695	26	0	0
Utah	149,152	19	20,600	14
Vermont	23,549	6	4,105	4
Virgin Islands	0	0	0	0
Virginia	15,459	2	9,221	1
Washington	42,243	10	0	0
West Virginia	40,871	10	0	0
Wisconsin	412,911	48	29,045	8
Wyoming	43,620	4	0	0
Totals	\$20,194,060	1,124	\$2,125,823	373

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Table 5.3
Disbursements by Service Speeds Acquired by Rural Health Care Providers
Funding Year 2002: July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003

State	Voice Grade	Broadband		Other Service or Speed Unknown	Total
	56K to 199K	200K to 1.49Mb	1.5Mb and faster		
Alabama	\$0	\$153	\$23,835	\$0	\$23,988
Alaska	0	8,315,687	4,354,410	0	12,670,097
Arizona	0	142,394	854,703	0	997,097
Arkansas	4,160	5,483	50,799	0	60,442
California	181,726	111,820	52,286	0	345,832
Colorado	2,432	0	138,226	0	140,658
Connecticut	0	0	0	0	0
Delaware	0	0	0	0	0
District of Columbia	0	0	0	0	0
Florida	0	168,333	51,671	0	220,004
Georgia	0	0	43,465	0	43,465
Hawaii	0	0	227,758	0	227,758
Idaho	0	78,152	16,596	0	94,748
Illinois	0	11,257	100,315	0	111,572
Indiana	0	1,194	13,371	0	14,565
Iowa	530	31,633	125,928	0	158,091
Kansas	31,973	74,483	114,044	0	220,499
Kentucky	35,267	303,816	195,581	0	534,665
Louisiana	0	1,552	0	0	1,552
Maine	17,689	1,616	0	0	19,305
Maryland	0	0	0	0	0
Massachusetts	0	0	0	0	0
Michigan	16,492	31,626	542,622	0	590,740
Minnesota	3,066	348,498	485,295	0	836,859
Mississippi	14,937	17,763	43,689	0	76,389
Missouri	0	10,034	23,349	0	33,383
Montana	1,769	16,676	483,046	0	501,491
Nebraska	0	70,107	454,011	0	524,119
Nevada	0	31,615	23,993	0	55,608
New Hampshire	0	0	0	0	0
New Jersey	0	0	0	0	0
New Mexico	0	161,609	73,345	0	234,954
New York	0	1,129	19,491	0	20,620
North Carolina	0	22,658	148,007	0	170,665
North Dakota	23,733	55,507	387,657	0	466,897
Ohio	173	4,632	119,847	0	124,651
Oklahoma	199	5,109	66,128	0	71,437
Oregon	0	20,111	5,445	0	25,556
Pennsylvania	1,566	0	10,645	0	12,211
Rhode Island	4,644	0	16,330	0	20,974
South Carolina	5,364	98,457	251,788	0	355,608
South Dakota	0	0	0	0	0
Tennessee	9,596	26,124	20,116	0	55,836
Texas	1,726	1,841	17,091	0	20,658
Utah	0	105,963	255,348	0	361,311
Vermont	0	0	0	0	0
Virgin Islands	1,128	0	65,081	0	66,209
Virginia	0	77,709	117,477	0	195,186
Washington	1,267	26,574	49,358	0	77,199
West Virginia	0	41,365	7,657	0	49,022
Wisconsin	64,084	141,429	190,373	0	395,886
Wyoming	0	49,980	102,668	0	152,648
Totals	\$423,522	\$10,614,090	\$10,342,844	\$0	\$21,380,456

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	56K to 199K	200K to 1.49Mb	1.5Mb and faster		
Alabama	\$0	\$0	\$26,591	\$0	\$26,591
Alaska	22,766	6,604,768	4,510,609	0	11,138,143
Arizona	0	13,263	447,380	0	460,643
Arkansas	0	3,330	47,906	0	51,236
California	176,002	14,109	52,316	0	242,427
Colorado	15,114	0	90,191	0	105,305
Connecticut	0	0	0	0	0
Delaware	0	0	0	0	0
District of Columbia	0	0	0	0	0
Florida	0	2,244	94,282	0	96,526
Georgia	0	0	69,731	0	69,731
Hawaii	0	0	211,966	0	211,966
Idaho	0	39,609	40,787	0	80,396
Illinois	0	16,056	41,801	0	57,857
Indiana	0	0	18,976	0	18,976
Iowa	0	23,545	103,896	0	127,441
Kansas	21,684	202,215	92,136	0	316,036
Kentucky	1,795	214,797	233,017	0	449,609
Louisiana	0	0	1,198	0	1,198
Maine	0	1,580	0	0	1,580
Maryland	0	0	0	0	0
Massachusetts	0	0	0	0	0
Michigan	3,120	8,528	420,905	0	432,552
Minnesota	6,133	168,028	574,162	0	748,323
Mississippi	0	3,989	93,493	0	97,482
Missouri	0	12,687	50,527	0	63,214
Montana	0	8,428	454,915	0	463,343
Nebraska	22,517	67,708	503,942	0	594,167
Nevada	0	0	21,397	0	21,397
New Hampshire	0	0	0	0	0
New Jersey	0	0	0	0	0
New Mexico	0	85,459	69,676	0	155,135
New York	1,975	0	11,676	0	13,651
North Carolina	0	876	70,162	0	71,038
North Dakota	10,758	24,696	354,146	0	389,599
Ohio	179	1,332	78,841	0	80,352
Oklahoma	0	10,220	20,075	0	30,296
Oregon	0	0	3,152	0	3,152
Pennsylvania	1,686	35	17,530	0	19,251
Rhode Island	4,320	0	0	0	4,320
South Carolina	4,859	7,079	290,009	0	301,947
South Dakota	0	0	0	0	0
Tennessee	5,547	0	3,654	0	9,201
Texas	2,560	0	0	0	2,560
Utah	0	115,225	433,159	0	548,384
Vermont	0	1,040	0	0	1,040
Virgin Islands	0	0	113,637	0	113,637
Virginia	0	451	161,748	0	162,199
Washington	0	0	37,565	0	37,565
West Virginia	0	39,329	32,851	0	72,180
Wisconsin	114,447	133,857	488,851	2,200	739,355
Wyoming	0	53,858	66,864	0	120,722
Totals	\$415,461	\$7,878,340	\$10,455,720	\$2,200	\$18,751,722

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Alabama	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Alaska	13,059	280,353	326,123	0	619,536
Arizona	0	0	37,450	0	37,450
Arkansas	325	0	11,538	0	11,863
California	1,050	8,477	39,434	0	48,961
Colorado	0	0	8,969	0	8,969
Connecticut	0	0	0	0	0
Delaware	0	0	0	0	0
District of Columbia	0	0	0	0	0
Florida	0	0	0	0	0
Georgia	0	0	27,124	0	27,124
Hawaii	0	0	7,800	0	7,800
Idaho	750	12,911	9,523	0	23,184
Illinois	1,666	0	4,202	0	5,868
Indiana	0	0	0	0	0
Iowa	560	3,222	80,928	0	84,710
Kansas	7,198	0	17,489	0	24,686
Kentucky	36,222	118,511	107,512	0	262,245
Louisiana	0	0	0	0	0
Maine	0	0	0	0	0
Maryland	0	0	0	0	0
Massachusetts	0	0	0	0	0
Michigan	7,749	1,355	10,751	0	19,856
Minnesota	2,279	1,746	173,515	0	177,540
Mississippi	0	2,322	41,980	0	44,302
Missouri	4,406	0	0	0	4,406
Montana	485	0	85,980	0	86,466
Nebraska	1,010	0	10,286	0	11,296
Nevada	0	0	0	0	0
New Hampshire	0	0	1,241	0	1,241
New Jersey	0	0	0	0	0
New Mexico	0	0	9,500	0	9,500
New York	0	0	0	0	0
North Carolina	0	0	9,984	0	9,984
North Dakota	402	101,571	121,925	0	223,898
Ohio	0	0	6,218	16,300	22,518
Oklahoma	0	0	0	0	0
Oregon	0	0	0	0	0
Pennsylvania	0	0	0	0	0
Rhode Island	0	0	0	0	0
South Carolina	0	0	0	0	0
South Dakota	2,362	3,637	277,216	0	283,216
Tennessee	0	0	6,235	0	6,235
Texas	0	0	0	0	0
Utah	0	0	20,600	0	20,600
Vermont	2,400	0	1,705	0	4,105
Virgin Islands	0	0	0	0	0
Virginia	1,181	0	8,040	0	9,221
Washington	0	0	0	0	0
West Virginia	0	0	0	0	0
Wisconsin	754	0	28,291	0	29,045
Wyoming	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	\$83,859	\$534,105	\$1,491,558	\$16,300	\$2,125,823

Note: Disbursements through June 2, 2005. Because of the appeals process, funding commitments and disbursements may be made after the program year ended.

Source: USAC data. Rollups performed by the Industry Analysis and Technology Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, FCC.

Table 5.4
Disbursements per Person for Rural Health Care Support Mechanism, by State
Values in Thousands, Except Disbursements per Person in Rural Areas

Funding Year 2002: July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003

State or Jurisdiction	USAC Disbursements on Behalf of Rural Health Care Providers	Population in Rural Areas ¹	Disbursements Per Person in Rural Areas
Alabama	\$24	1,407	\$0.017
Alaska	12,670	367	34.556
American Samoa	0	57	0.000
Arizona	997	954	1.046
Arkansas	60	1,435	0.042
California	346	2,521	0.137
Colorado	141	777	0.181
Connecticut	0	334	0.000
Delaware	0	157	0.000
District of Columbia	0	0	NA
Florida	220	1,427	0.154
Georgia	43	2,520	0.017
Guam	0	155	0.000
Hawaii	228	335	0.679
Idaho	95	862	0.110
Illinois	112	1,878	0.059
Indiana	15	1,691	0.009
Iowa	158	1,600	0.099
Kansas	220	1,193	0.185
Kentucky	535	2,069	0.258
Louisiana	2	1,111	0.001
Maine	19	854	0.023
Maryland	0	385	0.000
Massachusetts	0	335	0.000
Michigan	591	1,769	0.334
Minnesota	837	1,594	0.525
Mississippi	76	1,821	0.042
Missouri	33	1,799	0.019
Montana	501	705	0.712
Nebraska	524	811	0.646
Nevada	56	305	0.182
New Hampshire	0	380	0.000
New Jersey	0	0	NA
New Mexico	235	856	0.274
New York	21	1,537	0.013
North Carolina	171	2,612	0.065
North Dakota	467	367	1.271
Northern Mariana Islands	0	69	0.000
Ohio	125	2,139	0.058
Oklahoma	71	1,378	0.052
Oregon	26	977	0.026
Pennsylvania	12	1,893	0.006
Puerto Rico	0	3,859	0.000
Rhode Island	0	55	0.000
South Carolina	21	1,205	0.017
South Dakota	356	503	0.707
Tennessee	56	1,827	0.031
Texas	21	3,280	0.006
Utah	361	531	0.681
Vermont	0	448	0.000
Virgin Islands	66	109	0.607
Virginia	195	1,503	0.130
Washington	77	1,136	0.068
West Virginia	49	1,043	0.047
Wisconsin	396	1,757	0.225
Wyoming	153	354	0.431
Totals	\$21,380	58,795	\$0.364

Note: Disbursements through June 2, 2005. Because of the appeals process, funding commitments and disbursements may be made after the program year ended.

¹ Population in entirely rural counties as of April 1, 2000 from the Census Bureau. Some commitments were allowed in non-rural counties in areas affected by the Goldsmith Modification. See 47 C.F.R. § 54.5. For those counties, the 2000 rural population has been estimated.

Source: USAC data. Rollups performed by the Industry Analysis and Technology Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, FCC.

Table 5.4
Disbursements per Person for Rural Health Care Support Mechanism, by State
Values in Thousands, Except Disbursements per Person in Rural Areas

Funding Year 2003: July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004

State or Jurisdiction	USAC Disbursements on Behalf of Rural Health Care Providers	Population in Rural Areas ¹	Disbursements Per Person in Rural Areas
Alabama	\$27	1,407	\$0.019
Alaska	11,138	367	30.378
American Samoa	0	57	0.000
Arizona	461	954	0.483
Arkansas	51	1,435	0.036
California	242	2,521	0.096
Colorado	105	777	0.136
Connecticut	0	334	0.000
Delaware	0	157	0.000
District of Columbia	0	0	NA
Florida	97	1,427	0.068
Georgia	70	2,520	0.028
Guam	0	155	0.000
Hawaii	212	335	0.632
Idaho	80	862	0.093
Illinois	58	1,878	0.031
Indiana	19	1,691	0.011
Iowa	127	1,600	0.080
Kansas	316	1,193	0.265
Kentucky	450	2,069	0.217
Louisiana	1	1,111	0.001
Maine	2	854	0.002
Maryland	0	385	0.000
Massachusetts	0	335	0.000
Michigan	433	1,769	0.245
Minnesota	748	1,594	0.470
Mississippi	97	1,821	0.054
Missouri	63	1,799	0.035
Montana	463	705	0.658
Nebraska	594	811	0.732
Nevada	21	305	0.070
New Hampshire	0	380	0.000
New Jersey	0	0	NA
New Mexico	155	856	0.181
New York	14	1,537	0.009
North Carolina	71	2,612	0.027
North Dakota	390	367	1.060
Northern Mariana Islands	0	69	0.000
Ohio	80	2,139	0.038
Oklahoma	30	1,378	0.022
Oregon	3	977	0.003
Pennsylvania	19	1,893	0.010
Puerto Rico	0	3,859	0.000
Rhode Island	0	55	0.000
South Carolina	4	1,205	0.004
South Dakota	302	503	0.601
Tennessee	9	1,827	0.005
Texas	3	3,280	0.001
Utah	548	531	1.033
Vermont	1	448	0.002
Virgin Islands	114	109	1.043
Virginia	162	1,503	0.108
Washington	38	1,136	0.033
West Virginia	72	1,043	0.069
Wisconsin	739	1,757	0.421
Wyoming	121	354	0.341
Totals	\$18,752	58,795	\$0.319

Note: Disbursements through June 2, 2005. Because of the appeals process, funding commitments and disbursements may be made after the program year ended.

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