

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 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 Twenty-eight 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/or 466-A (Internet Service 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 30, 2006.¹⁶ Table 5.1 summarizes funding disbursements for all funding years by service speed. Tables 5.2 through 5.4 show details for Funding Years 2003 through 2005. For details on the preceding funding years, see the previous editions of the *Monitoring Report*.¹⁷ Table 5.2 summarizes funding commitments and disbursements on a state-by-state basis.

Funding Year 2003 was July 1, 2003, through June 30, 2004. USAC estimates Funding Year 2003 demand will be \$26.25 million.¹⁸

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

14 47 C.F.R. § 54.623(a).

15 See www.rhc.universalservice.org.

16 Because of the appeals process, funding commitments and disbursements may be made after the program year ended.

17 Earlier editions of the *Monitoring Reports* are available at this URL: www.fcc.gov/wcb/iatd/monitor.html.

18 Universal Service Administrative Company, *Federal Universal Service Support Mechanisms Fund Size Projections for the Third Quarter 2006*, at 15.

Funding Year 2004 was July 1, 2004, through June 30, 2005. USAC reports that 2,999 FCC Forms 465 have been posted and that it received 4,667 Form 466 and 466-A packets, including 801 packets from applicants seeking support for Internet access only.¹⁹ Of the 4,667 packets, 133 were denied, 332 were withdrawn by the applicant, two were complete and ready to process, and the rest were completely processed.²⁰ As of June 30, 2006, over \$35.5 million had been committed, and nearly \$25.5 million had been disbursed.²¹

Funding Year 2005 was July 1, 2005, through June 30, 2006. USAC reports that it posted 3,413 Form 465 packets, and received 2,985 Form 466 and 466-A packets. Of these packets, 1,281 have been completely processed, 295 are awaiting supervisory approval only, 39 are complete and ready to process, 158 have been withdrawn by the applicant, 15 have been denied, and 1,197 were incomplete or require clarification.²² As of June 30, 2006, more than \$22.6 million had been committed, and more than \$7.7 million had been disbursed.²³ USAC estimates Funding Year 2005 demand will be approximately 36% higher than demand in Funding Year 2004, resulting in Funding Year 2005 demand of about \$38.165 million.²⁴

Table 5.3 shows state-by-state disbursements by service speed for Funding Years 2003 through 2005. 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 2003 and 2004, 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 2006*, at 15.

20 Universal Service Administrative Company, *Federal Universal Service Support Mechanisms Fund Size Projections for the Third Quarter 2006*, at 16.

21 See Table 5.2.

22 Universal Service Administrative Company, *Federal Universal Service Support Mechanisms Fund Size Projections for the Third Quarter 2006*, at 16-17.

23 See Table 5.2.

24 Universal Service Administrative Company, *Federal Universal Service Support Mechanisms Fund Size Projections for the Third Quarter 2006*, at 16-17.

**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	423,756	10,639,476	10,405,314	0	21,468,545
2003	474,651	11,027,242	13,095,924	7,559	24,605,376
2004	529,770	10,215,472	14,274,426	471,754	25,491,422
2005	18,375	3,381,790	4,121,309	234,404	7,755,878

Note: Disbursements through June 30, 2006. 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 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	\$28,736	4
Alaska	16,882,404	203	15,060,505	155
Arizona	1,182,242	62	786,478	55
Arkansas	113,247	36	103,347	32
California	378,376	77	351,385	70
Colorado	142,852	15	132,206	14
Connecticut	0	0	0	0
Delaware	0	0	0	0
District of Columbia	0	0	0	0
Florida	259,622	44	101,963	7
Georgia	70,580	5	69,731	4
Hawaii	211,966	20	211,966	20
Idaho	212,171	22	153,385	21
Illinois	91,725	25	76,544	21
Indiana	26,375	8	24,857	7
Iowa	186,674	41	146,264	36
Kansas	377,833	62	343,413	56
Kentucky	477,586	207	457,856	198
Louisiana	6,501	3	6,501	3
Maine	83,600	9	23,108	5
Maryland	0	0	0	0
Massachusetts	0	0	0	0
Michigan	570,029	50	518,918	46
Minnesota	1,006,345	102	865,528	95
Mississippi	113,354	14	111,454	11
Missouri	111,082	27	100,956	25
Montana	551,206	61	503,664	58
Nebraska	615,389	33	607,192	32
Nevada	66,767	18	57,757	15
New Hampshire	0	0	0	0
New Jersey	0	0	0	0
New Mexico	317,874	50	221,996	31
New York	14,252	3	13,651	2
North Carolina	149,423	16	146,147	16
North Dakota	460,135	58	440,865	58
Ohio	142,734	8	99,302	8
Oklahoma	106,114	35	97,233	30
Oregon	21,586	9	21,586	9
Pennsylvania	47,646	13	35,291	12
Rhode Island	0	0	0	0
South Carolina	7,323	3	6,355	2
South Dakota	421,819	49	398,292	45
Tennessee	31,717	14	26,166	12
Texas	139,929	28	130,034	25
Utah	687,450	28	646,542	27
Vermont	1,265	3	1,265	3
Virgin Islands	115,575	9	113,637	8
Virginia	166,495	28	166,464	28
Washington	68,592	28	63,336	25
West Virginia	123,204	29	87,577	19
Wisconsin	987,303	92	915,723	90
Wyoming	155,530	12	130,202	11
Totals	\$27,932,628	1,663	\$24,605,376	1,451

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Alabama	\$18,693	5	\$16,608	4
Alaska	20,547,595	229	15,097,072	162
Arizona	1,207,764	73	628,858	55
Arkansas	163,213	34	100,445	27
California	564,724	76	340,384	36
Colorado	155,686	16	122,289	14
Connecticut	0	0	0	0
Delaware	0	0	0	0
District of Columbia	0	0	0	0
Florida	351,825	53	163,022	9
Georgia	216,861	21	194,413	15
Hawaii	305,536	21	242,690	19
Idaho	136,905	28	73,940	20
Illinois	597,529	68	394,696	45
Indiana	175,949	9	123,495	7
Iowa	218,683	53	175,606	42
Kansas	547,607	73	237,389	25
Kentucky	919,990	202	836,017	192
Louisiana	7,536	6	4,700	2
Maine	42,258	11	31,450	6
Maryland	0	0	0	0
Massachusetts	1,638	1	0	0
Michigan	835,089	75	532,569	52
Minnesota	1,031,874	140	857,430	116
Mississippi	175,424	25	129,477	8
Missouri	124,185	29	85,329	15
Montana	582,426	62	494,145	52
Nebraska	857,484	76	734,167	66
Nevada	64,099	10	0	0
New Hampshire	5,388	2	2,483	1
New Jersey	0	0	0	0
New Mexico	276,523	55	107,972	10
New York	41,782	8	7,274	1
North Carolina	199,975	22	129,854	11
North Dakota	577,294	89	484,338	70
Ohio	196,045	10	93,072	6
Oklahoma	168,105	35	69,508	5
Oregon	40,054	11	18,994	2
Pennsylvania	80,716	17	51,293	10
Rhode Island	0	0	0	0
South Carolina	45,433	11	38,528	9
South Dakota	574,325	76	443,024	55
Tennessee	97,352	29	52,874	5
Texas	451,913	37	6,669	3
Utah	661,538	36	558,595	28
Vermont	35,336	9	27,973	8
Virgin Islands	113,841	12	104,232	12
Virginia	364,973	50	307,182	39
Washington	88,533	31	44,713	8
West Virginia	131,324	20	68,750	12
Wisconsin	1,459,699	170	1,158,130	132
Wyoming	109,001	9	99,776	7
Totals	\$35,569,725	2,135	\$25,491,422	1,423

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State	Total Funds Committed	Providers Receiving Commitments	Total Funds Disbursed	Providers Receiving Support
Alabama	\$62,401	19	\$35,319	10
Alaska	11,273,201	147	3,970,024	56
Arizona	942,121	49	387,458	12
Arkansas	59,698	12	788	3
California	224,644	28	92,911	9
Colorado	22,310	5	301	1
Connecticut	0	0	0	0
Delaware	0	0	0	0
District of Columbia	0	0	0	0
Florida	59,645	2	0	0
Georgia	264,698	32	122,741	9
Hawaii	217,524	19	148,277	14
Idaho	84,860	21	42,500	13
Illinois	405,990	34	70,297	7
Indiana	133,767	7	69,014	3
Iowa	168,619	29	102,806	14
Kansas	438,507	66	98,261	12
Kentucky	110,665	46	27,926	12
Louisiana	207,635	24	88,396	10
Maine	11,476	10	0	0
Maryland	0	0	0	0
Massachusetts	35,487	2	0	0
Michigan	291,103	30	22,853	4
Minnesota	898,465	96	294,583	38
Mississippi	181,496	11	31,208	5
Missouri	84,619	17	5,094	8
Montana	255,523	27	22,225	4
Nebraska	1,396,985	79	749,046	50
Nevada	0	0	0	0
New Hampshire	4,816	1	0	0
New Jersey	0	0	0	0
New Mexico	277,405	32	22,857	2
New York	25,204	8	12,419	1
North Carolina	7,041	2	2,934	1
North Dakota	561,777	71	234,615	40
Ohio	80,087	2	17,930	1
Oklahoma	82,927	5	0	0
Oregon	0	0	0	0
Pennsylvania	47,805	5	0	0
Rhode Island	0	0	0	0
South Carolina	55,102	12	31,268	8
South Dakota	783,607	46	555,802	38
Tennessee	106,077	13	3,064	3
Texas	637,711	46	2,475	1
Utah	246,459	22	233,466	18
Vermont	78,704	12	65,688	11
Virgin Islands	79,786	10	498	1
Virginia	129,983	24	24,540	5
Washington	29,646	10	11,232	4
West Virginia	45,281	12	0	0
Wisconsin	1,447,543	118	155,063	16
Wyoming	42,354	4	0	0
Totals	\$22,600,754	1,267	\$7,755,878	444

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Table 5.3
Disbursements by Service Speeds Acquired by Rural Health Care Providers
Funding Year 2003: July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004

State	Voice Grade	Broadband		Other Service or Speed Unknown	Total
	56K to 199K	200K to 1.49Mb	1.5Mb and faster		
Alabama	\$0	\$2,146	\$26,591	\$0	\$28,736
Alaska	22,766	8,838,145	6,199,594	0	15,060,505
Arizona	0	120,169	666,308	0	786,478
Arkansas	0	31,001	72,346	0	103,347
California	176,002	84,707	90,676	0	351,385
Colorado	15,114	9,476	106,578	1,037	132,206
Connecticut	0	0	0	0	0
Delaware	0	0	0	0	0
District of Columbia	0	0	0	0	0
Florida	0	5,225	96,737	0	101,963
Georgia	0	0	69,731	0	69,731
Hawaii	0	0	211,966	0	211,966
Idaho	0	90,534	62,852	0	153,385
Illinois	0	25,359	51,185	0	76,544
Indiana	0	2,859	21,998	0	24,857
Iowa	0	41,456	104,808	0	146,264
Kansas	26,207	225,069	92,136	0	343,413
Kentucky	1,795	222,255	233,805	0	457,856
Louisiana	0	5,303	1,198	0	6,501
Maine	21,529	1,580	0	0	23,108
Maryland	0	0	0	0	0
Massachusetts	0	0	0	0	0
Michigan	6,301	18,993	493,625	0	518,918
Minnesota	6,133	220,774	638,621	0	865,528
Mississippi	0	17,961	93,493	0	111,454
Missouri	0	50,151	50,805	0	100,956
Montana	0	9,356	494,308	0	503,664
Nebraska	22,517	79,245	505,430	0	607,192
Nevada	0	23,486	34,271	0	57,757
New Hampshire	0	0	0	0	0
New Jersey	0	0	0	0	0
New Mexico	0	138,212	83,784	0	221,996
New York	1,975	0	11,676	0	13,651
North Carolina	0	13,296	132,851	0	146,147
North Dakota	12,054	63,947	364,864	0	440,865
Ohio	179	1,332	97,791	0	99,302
Oklahoma	956	70,959	25,318	0	97,233
Oregon	0	18,434	3,152	0	21,586
Pennsylvania	2,669	35	32,587	0	35,291
Rhode Island	0	0	0	0	0
South Carolina	4,320	0	2,035	0	6,355
South Dakota	5,435	102,848	290,009	0	398,292
Tennessee	5,547	0	20,619	0	26,166
Texas	2,560	40,340	87,135	0	130,034
Utah	0	118,862	527,679	0	646,542
Vermont	0	1,265	0	0	1,265
Virgin Islands	0	0	113,637	0	113,637
Virginia	0	4,319	162,145	0	166,464
Washington	0	13,414	49,922	0	63,336
West Virginia	0	47,661	39,915	0	87,577
Wisconsin	140,592	203,731	564,877	6,521	915,723
Wyoming	0	63,338	66,864	0	130,202
Totals	\$474,651	\$11,027,242	\$13,095,924	\$7,559	\$24,605,376

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	56K to 199K	200K to 1.49Mb	1.5Mb and faster		
Alabama	\$0	\$724	\$15,883	\$0	\$16,608
Alaska	1,325	8,689,366	6,362,388	43,993	15,097,072
Arizona	0	90,905	529,703	8,249	628,858
Arkansas	3,160	20,166	73,303	3,817	100,445
California	170,734	10,467	154,687	4,495	340,384
Colorado	16,168	0	105,280	841	122,289
Connecticut	0	0	0	0	0
Delaware	0	0	0	0	0
District of Columbia	0	0	0	0	0
Florida	0	4,380	158,642	0	163,022
Georgia	0	30,150	160,953	3,310	194,413
Hawaii	0	0	236,103	6,586	242,690
Idaho	0	26,402	43,221	4,317	73,940
Illinois	0	14,624	346,125	33,947	394,696
Indiana	0	0	123,495	0	123,495
Iowa	22,266	21,800	125,639	5,900	175,606
Kansas	23,000	19,685	189,453	5,251	237,389
Kentucky	0	244,245	493,620	98,152	836,017
Louisiana	0	0	4,700	0	4,700
Maine	21,565	6,189	2,802	894	31,450
Maryland	0	0	0	0	0
Massachusetts	0	0	0	0	0
Michigan	5,741	21,479	482,713	22,636	532,569
Minnesota	2,952	109,302	690,741	54,435	857,430
Mississippi	0	3,980	124,830	667	129,477
Missouri	0	6,768	70,141	8,419	85,329
Montana	0	33,072	459,794	1,279	494,145
Nebraska	0	45,704	673,568	14,895	734,167
Nevada	0	0	0	0	0
New Hampshire	0	0	2,483	0	2,483
New Jersey	0	0	0	0	0
New Mexico	0	41,346	64,379	2,248	107,972
New York	1,975	0	4,099	1,200	7,274
North Carolina	0	3,707	124,543	1,604	129,854
North Dakota	10,715	191,236	276,123	6,264	484,338
Ohio	0	0	73,512	19,560	93,072
Oklahoma	0	58,868	10,640	0	69,508
Oregon	0	0	18,994	0	18,994
Pennsylvania	5,237	147	35,746	10,163	51,293
Rhode Island	0	0	0	0	0
South Carolina	0	23,990	14,538	0	38,528
South Dakota	4,859	27,827	409,676	662	443,024
Tennessee	0	37,029	14,905	940	52,874
Texas	0	0	4,574	2,095	6,669
Utah	0	120,497	437,576	522	558,595
Vermont	0	6,377	13,492	8,104	27,973
Virgin Islands	1,987	0	94,481	7,763	104,232
Virginia	0	118,384	186,915	1,882	307,182
Washington	0	0	43,113	1,600	44,713
West Virginia	4,095	12,457	51,243	955	68,750
Wisconsin	233,991	134,348	706,395	83,396	1,158,130
Wyoming	0	39,852	59,214	711	99,776
Totals	\$529,770	\$10,215,472	\$14,274,426	\$471,754	\$25,491,422

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Disbursements by Service Speeds Acquired by Rural Health Care Providers
Funding Year 2005: July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006

State	Voice Grade	Broadband		Other Service or Speed Unknown	Total
	56K to 199K	200K to 1.49Mb	1.5Mb and faster		
Alabama	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$35,319	\$35,319
Alaska	0	3,048,695	889,586	31,743	3,970,024
Arizona	0	0	380,411	7,047	387,458
Arkansas	0	0	0	788	788
California	0	0	91,859	1,052	92,911
Colorado	0	0	0	301	301
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	122,741	0	122,741
Hawaii	0	0	144,824	3,454	148,277
Idaho	0	10,732	29,136	2,633	42,500
Illinois	0	0	66,015	4,283	70,297
Indiana	0	0	69,014	0	69,014
Iowa	0	0	97,960	4,846	102,806
Kansas	3,300	0	92,747	2,214	98,261
Kentucky	0	317	27,609	0	27,926
Louisiana	0	0	0	88,396	88,396
Maine	0	0	0	0	0
Maryland	0	0	0	0	0
Massachusetts	0	0	0	0	0
Michigan	0	0	21,206	1,647	22,853
Minnesota	0	24,311	266,878	3,394	294,583
Mississippi	0	0	28,930	2,278	31,208
Missouri	0	0	0	5,094	5,094
Montana	0	0	22,225	0	22,225
Nebraska	0	22,160	722,540	4,347	749,046
Nevada	0	0	0	0	0
New Hampshire	0	0	0	0	0
New Jersey	0	0	0	0	0
New Mexico	0	4,164	18,348	345	22,857
New York	4,354	0	7,988	78	12,419
North Carolina	0	0	2,934	0	2,934
North Dakota	970	95,258	138,143	244	234,615
Ohio	0	0	0	17,930	17,930
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	13,959	15,753	1,556	31,268
South Dakota	0	3,597	552,026	180	555,802
Tennessee	0	0	0	3,064	3,064
Texas	0	0	0	2,475	2,475
Utah	0	112,153	121,313	0	233,466
Vermont	0	13,662	45,794	6,232	65,688
Virgin Islands	0	0	0	498	498
Virginia	0	0	22,890	1,650	24,540
Washington	0	0	11,232	0	11,232
West Virginia	0	0	0	0	0
Wisconsin	9,752	32,781	111,211	1,320	155,063
Wyoming	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	\$18,375	\$3,381,790	\$4,121,309	\$234,404	\$7,755,878

Note: Disbursements through June 30, 2006. 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 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	\$29	1,407	\$0.020
Alaska	15,061	367	41.076
American Samoa	0	57	0.000
Arizona	786	954	0.825
Arkansas	103	1,435	0.072
California	351	2,521	0.139
Colorado	132	777	0.170
Connecticut	0	334	0.000
Delaware	0	157	0.000
District of Columbia	0	0	NA
Florida	102	1,427	0.071
Georgia	70	2,520	0.028
Guam	0	155	0.000
Hawaii	212	335	0.632
Idaho	153	862	0.178
Illinois	77	1,878	0.041
Indiana	25	1,691	0.015
Iowa	146	1,600	0.091
Kansas	343	1,193	0.288
Kentucky	458	2,069	0.221
Louisiana	7	1,111	0.006
Maine	23	854	0.027
Maryland	0	385	0.000
Massachusetts	0	335	0.000
Michigan	519	1,769	0.293
Minnesota	866	1,594	0.543
Mississippi	111	1,821	0.061
Missouri	101	1,799	0.056
Montana	504	705	0.715
Nebraska	607	811	0.748
Nevada	58	305	0.189
New Hampshire	0	380	0.000
New Jersey	0	0	NA
New Mexico	222	856	0.259
New York	14	1,537	0.009
North Carolina	146	2,612	0.056
North Dakota	441	367	1.200
Northern Mariana Islands	0	69	0.000
Ohio	99	2,139	0.046
Oklahoma	97	1,378	0.071
Oregon	22	977	0.022
Pennsylvania	35	1,893	0.019
Puerto Rico	0	3,859	0.000
Rhode Island	0	55	0.000
South Carolina	6	1,205	0.005
South Dakota	398	503	0.792
Tennessee	26	1,827	0.014
Texas	130	3,280	0.040
Utah	647	531	1.218
Vermont	1	448	0.003
Virgin Islands	114	109	1.043
Virginia	166	1,503	0.111
Washington	63	1,136	0.056
West Virginia	88	1,043	0.084
Wisconsin	916	1,757	0.521
Wyoming	130	354	0.368
Totals	\$24,605	58,795	\$0.418

Note: Disbursements through June 30, 2006. 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.

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Values in Thousands, Except Disbursements per Person in Rural Areas

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State or Jurisdiction	USAC Disbursements on Behalf of Rural Health Care Providers	Population in Rural Areas ¹	Disbursements Per Person in Rural Areas
Alabama	\$17	1,407	\$0.012
Alaska	15,097	367	41.176
American Samoa	0	57	0.000
Arizona	629	954	0.659
Arkansas	100	1,435	0.070
California	340	2,521	0.135
Colorado	122	777	0.157
Connecticut	0	334	0.000
Delaware	0	157	0.000
District of Columbia	0	0	NA
Florida	163	1,427	0.114
Georgia	194	2,520	0.077
Guam	0	155	0.000
Hawaii	243	335	0.724
Idaho	74	862	0.086
Illinois	395	1,878	0.210
Indiana	123	1,691	0.073
Iowa	176	1,600	0.110
Kansas	237	1,193	0.199
Kentucky	836	2,069	0.404
Louisiana	5	1,111	0.004
Maine	31	854	0.037
Maryland	0	385	0.000
Massachusetts	0	335	0.000
Michigan	533	1,769	0.301
Minnesota	857	1,594	0.538
Mississippi	129	1,821	0.071
Missouri	85	1,799	0.047
Montana	494	705	0.701
Nebraska	734	811	0.905
Nevada	0	305	0.000
New Hampshire	2	380	0.007
New Jersey	0	0	NA
New Mexico	108	856	0.126
New York	7	1,537	0.005
North Carolina	130	2,612	0.050
North Dakota	484	367	1.318
Northern Mariana Islands	0	69	0.000
Ohio	93	2,139	0.044
Oklahoma	70	1,378	0.050
Oregon	19	977	0.019
Pennsylvania	51	1,893	0.027
Puerto Rico	0	3,859	0.000
Rhode Island	0	55	0.000
South Carolina	39	1,205	0.032
South Dakota	443	503	0.881
Tennessee	53	1,827	0.029
Texas	7	3,280	0.002
Utah	559	531	1.053
Vermont	28	448	0.062
Virgin Islands	104	109	0.956
Virginia	307	1,503	0.204
Washington	45	1,136	0.039
West Virginia	69	1,043	0.066
Wisconsin	1,158	1,757	0.659
Wyoming	100	354	0.282
Totals	\$25,491	58,795	\$0.434

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