

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 December 2004, the Commission released a *Second Order*⁴ that 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.

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, Second Report and Order, Order on Reconsideration, and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 19 FCC Rcd 24613 (2004) (*Second Order*).

To receive funding under the Rural Health Care Program, 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).⁵ If the RHCD determines that the health care provider is eligible, it posts the Form 465 on its website.⁶ 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.

In September 2006, the FCC established the Rural Health Care Pilot Program to provide funding to stimulate deployment of the broadband infrastructure necessary to support innovative telehealth and telemedicine services to those areas of the country where the need for these benefits is most acute.⁷ Specifically, the Pilot Program will provide funding to support the design and construction of state or regional broadband networks dedicated to health care and the advanced services provided over those networks, as well as connecting those networks to Internet2, National LambdaRail, Inc. (both dedicated nationwide backbones), or the public Internet.⁸

On November 19, 2007, the Commission released the *Rural Health Care Pilot Program Selection Order*, which selected 69 applicants covering 42 states and three U.S. territories

5 The Rural Health Care Corporation merged into the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) 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).

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

7 *Rural Health Care Support Mechanism*, WC Docket No. 02-60, Order, 21 FCC Rcd 11111 (2006) (*Rural Health Care Pilot Program Order*).

8 *Rural Health Care Support Mechanism*, WC Docket No. 02-60, Order on Reconsideration, 22 FCC Rcd 2555 (2007).

to participate in the Pilot Program.⁹ The *Rural Health Care Pilot Program Selection Order* makes available to these participants approximately \$139 million in rural health care support per funding year for three years, beginning with Funding Year 2007 of the existing Rural Health Care program.¹⁰ The *Rural Health Care Pilot Program Selection Order* further provides instructions to selected participants concerning submission of FCC forms to the RHCD and on Pilot Program administration.¹¹ For more information on the Pilot Program, visit the Pilot Program website.¹²

By rule, the Commission has established a \$400 million per funding year cap for the rural health care mechanism.¹³ For more information on the Universal Service Program for Rural Health Care providers, visit the RHCD website.¹⁴

USAC supplied the Commission with funding commitments and disbursements information as of June 30, 2007.¹⁵ Table 5.1 summarizes funding disbursements for all funding years by service speed. Tables 5.2 through 5.4 show details for Funding Years 2004 through 2006. 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 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 810 packets from applicants seeking support for Internet access only. USAC estimates Funding Year 2004 demand will be \$31.65 million.¹⁷

9 *Rural Health Care Support Mechanism*, WC Docket No. 02-60, Order, FCC 07-198 (rel. Nov. 19, 2007) (*Rural Health Care Pilot Program Selection Order*).

10 *See id.* at para. 33.

11 *See id.* at paras. 22 to 123.

12 *See Rural Health Care Pilot Program* at <http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/rural/rhcp.html> .

13 47 C.F.R. § 54.623(a).

14 *See Rural Health Care* at <http://www.universalservice.org/rhc/> .

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

16 Earlier editions of the *Monitoring Reports* are available at www.fcc.gov/wcb/iatd/monitor.html.

17 Universal Service Administrative Company, *Federal Universal Service Support Mechanisms Fund Size Projections for the Third Quarter 2007*,

Funding Year 2005 was July 1, 2005, through June 30, 2006. USAC reports that 3,482 FCC Forms 465 have been posted and that it received 5,487 Form 466 and 466-A packets.¹⁸ Of the 5,487 packets, 4,774 were completely processed, six were complete and ready to process, 535 were withdrawn by the applicant, 98 were denied, and the rest were incomplete or required clarification.¹⁹ As of June 30, 2007, over \$41.7 million had been committed, and nearly \$34.4 million had been disbursed.²⁰ USAC estimates Funding Year 2005 demand will be approximately \$40.69 million.

Funding Year 2006 was July 1, 2006, through June 30, 2007. USAC reports that it received 3,043 Form 466 and 466-A packets. Of these packets, 1,611 have been completely processed, 120 are awaiting supervisory approval only, 199 are complete and ready to process, 162 have been withdrawn by the applicant, 12 have been denied, and 939 were incomplete or require clarification.²¹ As of June 30, 2007, more than \$27.4 million had been committed, and more than \$10.3 million had been disbursed.²² USAC estimates Funding Year 2006 demand will be \$100 million. The increase in funding commitments from Funding Year 2005 is due to the pilot program described above.²³

Table 5.3 shows state-by-state disbursements by service speed for Funding Years 2004 through 2006. 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.

<http://www.universalservice.org/about/governance/fcc-filings/2007/> at 16.

18 Universal Service Administrative Company, *Federal Universal Service Support Mechanisms Fund Size Projections for the Third Quarter 2007*, at 16.

19 Universal Service Administrative Company, *Federal Universal Service Support Mechanisms Fund Size Projections for the Third Quarter 2007* at 17.

20 See Table 5.2.

21 Universal Service Administrative Company, *Federal Universal Service Support Mechanisms Fund Size Projections for the Third Quarter 2007*, at 18.

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23 Universal Service Administrative Company, *Federal Universal Service Support Mechanisms Fund Size Projections for the Third Quarter 2007*, at 18.

Table 5.4 shows, for Funding Years 2004 and 2006, 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.

**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	428,506	10,660,185	10,528,679	0	21,617,369
2003	477,146	11,353,665	13,572,815	7,559	25,411,185
2004	588,599	11,798,524	16,997,168	117,111	29,501,402
2005	805,153	15,266,288	17,965,181	362,936	34,399,557
2006	114,931	4,681,973	5,508,965	54,021	10,359,890

Note: Disbursements through June 30, 2007. 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 2004: July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005

State	Total Funds Committed	Providers Receiving Support	Total Funds Disbursed	Providers Receiving Support
Alabama	\$18,693	5	\$17,243	5
Alaska	20,555,405	229	16,312,290	186
American Samoa	0	0	0	0
Arizona	1,207,764	73	1,016,322	55
Arkansas	163,213	34	103,876	26
California	564,724	76	527,222	72
Colorado	155,686	16	136,171	15
Connecticut	0	0	0	0
Delaware	0	0	0	0
District of Columbia	0	0	0	0
Florida	351,825	53	166,461	12
Georgia	216,861	21	207,353	16
Guam	0	0	0	0
Hawaii	305,536	21	242,690	19
Idaho	136,905	28	116,374	27
Illinois	597,529	68	541,580	59
Indiana	175,949	9	134,993	9
Iowa	218,683	53	205,127	47
Kansas	547,697	73	491,574	64
Kentucky	919,990	202	839,753	156
Louisiana	7,536	6	7,536	6
Maine	42,258	11	37,716	10
Maryland	0	0	0	0
Massachusetts	1,638	1	1,638	1
Michigan	835,089	75	660,623	62
Minnesota	1,030,301	139	982,738	133
Mississippi	175,424	25	164,365	16
Missouri	124,185	29	86,101	16
Montana	582,426	62	505,879	55
Nebraska	857,484	76	740,221	69
Nevada	64,099	10	35,353	6
New Hampshire	5,388	2	5,103	2
New Jersey	0	0	0	0
New Mexico	276,523	55	205,718	41
New York	41,782	8	7,274	1
North Carolina	199,975	22	190,241	17
North Dakota	577,294	89	551,066	86
Northern Mariana Is.	4,938	7	0	0
Ohio	196,045	10	178,257	10
Oklahoma	168,105	35	157,412	30
Oregon	40,054	11	37,903	11
Pennsylvania	80,716	17	57,618	12
Puerto Rico	0	0	0	0
Rhode Island	0	0	0	0
South Carolina	45,433	11	38,528	9
South Dakota	574,325	76	510,834	65
Tennessee	97,352	29	82,213	20
Texas	451,913	37	437,176	36
Utah	661,538	36	641,212	35
Vermont	35,336	9	31,970	8
Virgin Islands	113,841	12	111,881	12
Virginia	364,973	50	350,736	50
Washington	88,533	31	70,642	26
West Virginia	131,324	20	97,714	13
Wisconsin	1,459,699	170	1,348,233	152
Wyoming	109,001	9	108,468	8
Totals	\$35,580,991	2,141	\$29,501,402	1,786

Note: Disbursements through June 30, 2007. 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.

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Funding Year 2005: July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006

State	Total Funds Committed	Providers Receiving Commitments	Total Funds Disbursed	Providers Receiving Support
Alabama	\$339,679	121	\$299,451	97
Alaska	21,747,418	237	19,814,812	217
American Samoa	0	0	0	0
Arizona	1,451,093	71	990,613	38
Arkansas	118,644	24	31,216	10
California	538,387	74	358,908	35
Colorado	131,810	15	107,569	11
Connecticut	0	0	0	0
Delaware	0	0	0	0
District of Columbia	0	0	0	0
Florida	181,718	15	104,955	8
Georgia	550,062	60	438,924	40
Guam	3,642	1	0	0
Hawaii	237,388	20	184,004	17
Idaho	123,670	28	93,739	20
Illinois	562,103	50	388,188	32
Indiana	195,019	11	101,297	7
Iowa	310,607	55	251,434	40
Kansas	504,173	78	165,695	30
Kentucky	244,242	87	193,693	53
Louisiana	853,489	45	738,256	33
Maine	47,358	19	3,883	2
Maryland	418	1	0	0
Massachusetts	35,487	2	35,375	2
Michigan	789,641	62	710,776	50
Minnesota	1,493,255	162	1,247,711	141
Mississippi	208,293	25	195,618	17
Missouri	90,996	21	76,890	14
Montana	526,640	59	439,589	50
Nebraska	1,632,066	93	1,133,386	77
Nevada	37,478	7	0	0
New Hampshire	4,873	2	4,816	1
New Jersey	0	0	0	0
New Mexico	404,849	45	232,056	24
New York	41,876	15	27,062	8
North Carolina	152,304	16	145,615	12
North Dakota	760,284	88	673,456	79
Northern Mariana Is.	0	0	0	0
Ohio	167,869	9	80,087	2
Oklahoma	232,458	26	91,098	7
Oregon	11,868	9	0	0
Pennsylvania	85,746	11	55,857	7
Puerto Rico	0	0	0	0
Rhode Island	0	0	0	0
South Carolina	57,699	16	51,051	15
South Dakota	995,541	80	832,671	60
Tennessee	178,764	40	166,560	34
Texas	1,631,984	65	895,902	21
Utah	752,228	36	437,145	31
Vermont	82,653	12	82,653	12
Virgin Islands	101,021	11	41,465	7
Virginia	344,120	57	262,524	45
Washington	82,778	27	35,954	11
West Virginia	138,870	21	92,172	14
Wisconsin	2,436,036	223	2,010,774	186
Wyoming	125,409	13	74,656	9
Totals	\$41,744,006	2,265	\$34,399,557	1,626

Note: Disbursements through June 30, 2007. Because of the appeals process, funding commitments and disbursements may be made after the program year ended.

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Funding Year 2006: July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007

State	Total Funds Committed	Providers Receiving Support	Total Funds Disbursed	Providers Receiving Support
Alabama	\$2,051	1	\$0	0
Alaska	17,082,480	154	6,880,041	74
American Samoa	0	0	0	0
Arizona	776,218	40	133,711	8
Arkansas	48,495	15	1,472	4
California	164,756	49	38,709	15
Colorado	26,448	7	377	1
Connecticut	0	0	0	0
Delaware	0	0	0	0
District of Columbia	0	0	0	0
Florida	142,844	13	11,519	2
Georgia	552,745	47	226,967	7
Guam	0	0	0	0
Hawaii	214,309	18	0	0
Idaho	74,010	19	26,389	7
Illinois	309,335	32	143,659	15
Indiana	264,093	17	22,737	5
Iowa	207,217	36	44,126	11
Kansas	311,768	51	15,450	12
Kentucky	110,161	26	7,779	11
Louisiana	58,354	16	36,377	9
Maine	1,341	1	0	0
Maryland	0	0	0	0
Massachusetts	52,751	2	43,443	2
Michigan	506,243	32	45,318	6
Minnesota	955,234	114	322,944	51
Mississippi	43,036	13	15,220	8
Missouri	105,734	16	53,335	4
Montana	386,290	42	144,473	16
Nebraska	781,635	55	487,548	41
Nevada	6,308	5	0	0
New Hampshire	0	0	0	0
New Jersey	0	0	0	0
New Mexico	137,073	38	11,736	2
New York	64,545	16	36,979	7
North Carolina	15,924	7	1,931	1
North Dakota	492,457	66	278,353	51
Northern Mariana Is.	0	0	0	0
Ohio	51,829	5	17,930	1
Oklahoma	297,803	28	2,363	1
Oregon	52,866	6	0	0
Pennsylvania	13,085	4	1,323	1
Puerto Rico	0	0	0	0
Rhode Island	0	0	0	0
South Carolina	39,030	12	29,170	10
South Dakota	709,740	43	549,697	36
Tennessee	76,283	10	54,915	6
Texas	282,901	43	0	0
Utah	257,815	23	162,517	21
Vermont	114,031	19	76,357	13
Virgin Islands	46,584	10	42,702	10
Virginia	654,900	113	110,335	17
Washington	31,498	17	2,012	1
West Virginia	77,785	11	3,531	1
Wisconsin	784,997	102	232,996	49
Wyoming	99,989	7	43,448	4
Totals	\$27,484,990	1,401	\$10,359,890	541

Note: Disbursements through June 30, 2007. 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 5.3
Disbursements by Service Speeds Acquired by Rural Health Care Providers
Funding Year 2004: July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005

State	Voice Grade	Broadband		Other Service or Speed Unknown	Total
	56K to 199K	200K to 1.49Mb	1.5Mb and faster		
Alabama	\$0	\$1,360	\$15,883	\$0	\$17,243
Alaska	27,138	9,019,547	7,265,606	0	16,312,290
American Samoa	0	0	0	0	0
Arizona	0	134,580	881,742	0	1,016,322
Arkansas	3,160	23,983	76,734	0	103,876
California	175,792	42,919	308,511	0	527,222
Colorado	16,168	11,639	108,365	0	136,171
Connecticut	0	0	0	0	0
Delaware	0	0	0	0	0
District of Columbia	0	0	0	0	0
Florida	0	7,819	158,642	0	166,461
Georgia	0	33,460	173,894	0	207,353
Guam	0	0	0	0	0
Hawaii	0	6,586	236,103	0	242,690
Idaho	0	41,220	75,154	0	116,374
Illinois	0	69,847	471,732	0	541,580
Indiana	0	586	134,407	0	134,993
Iowa	24,432	29,716	150,979	0	205,127
Kansas	23,000	279,121	189,453	0	491,574
Kentucky	0	346,133	493,620	0	839,753
Louisiana	0	2,017	5,519	0	7,536
Maine	21,565	11,750	4,401	0	37,716
Maryland	0	0	0	0	0
Massachusetts	0	139	0	1,500	1,638
Michigan	8,395	53,684	598,544	0	660,623
Minnesota	2,952	155,658	788,516	35,612	982,738
Mississippi	0	15,009	149,356	0	164,365
Missouri	0	15,960	70,141	0	86,101
Montana	0	42,871	463,007	0	505,879
Nebraska	0	66,653	673,568	0	740,221
Nevada	0	0	35,353	0	35,353
New Hampshire	207	0	4,896	0	5,103
New Jersey	0	0	0	0	0
New Mexico	0	113,521	92,197	0	205,718
New York	1,975	1,200	4,099	0	7,274
North Carolina	0	9,022	181,219	0	190,241
North Dakota	10,715	243,338	297,013	0	551,066
Northern Mariana Is.	0	0	0	0	0
Ohio	148	0	158,550	19,560	178,257
Oklahoma	0	95,598	57,812	4,002	157,412
Oregon	0	12,842	25,061	0	37,903
Pennsylvania	6,911	10,310	40,398	0	57,618
Puerto Rico	0	0	0	0	0
Rhode Island	0	0	0	0	0
South Carolina	0	23,990	14,538	0	38,528
South Dakota	4,859	50,582	455,393	0	510,834
Tennessee	0	38,505	43,708	0	82,213
Texas	0	193,150	244,026	0	437,176
Utah	0	121,019	520,192	0	641,212
Vermont	0	18,478	13,492	0	31,970
Virgin Islands	1,987	15,412	94,481	0	111,881
Virginia	0	155,750	194,987	0	350,736
Washington	0	13,076	57,566	0	70,642
West Virginia	4,095	13,578	80,041	0	97,714
Wisconsin	255,101	207,643	829,052	56,438	1,348,233
Wyoming	0	49,255	59,214	0	108,468
Totals	\$588,599	\$11,798,524	\$16,997,168	\$117,111	\$29,501,402

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	56K to 199K	200K to 1.49Mb	1.5Mb and faster		
Alabama	\$9,617	\$272,164	\$17,669	\$0	\$299,451
Alaska	29,522	11,803,472	7,981,818	0	19,814,812
American Samoa	0	0	0	0	0
Arizona	0	55,676	934,938	0	990,613
Arkansas	0	14,621	16,594	0	31,216
California	159,546	19,648	179,714	0	358,908
Colorado	11,261	6,422	89,886	0	107,569
Connecticut	0	0	0	0	0
Delaware	0	0	0	0	0
District of Columbia	0	0	0	0	0
Florida	0	2,654	102,302	0	104,955
Georgia	7,944	68,970	347,466	14,544	438,924
Guam	0	0	0	0	0
Hawaii	0	3,768	180,236	0	184,004
Idaho	0	24,256	69,483	0	93,739
Illinois	5,099	15,680	367,409	0	388,188
Indiana	0	0	101,297	0	101,297
Iowa	58,045	22,593	140,169	30,627	251,434
Kansas	3,600	19,550	142,544	0	165,695
Kentucky	0	21,156	172,537	0	193,693
Louisiana	0	722,293	15,962	0	738,256
Maine	0	3,265	618	0	3,883
Maryland	0	0	0	0	0
Massachusetts	0	1,497	33,878	0	35,375
Michigan	12,051	58,767	639,958	0	710,776
Minnesota	2,702	101,344	1,079,056	64,610	1,247,711
Mississippi	6,375	135,946	53,298	0	195,618
Missouri	0	13,994	62,896	0	76,890
Montana	0	40,410	399,179	0	439,589
Nebraska	0	58,212	1,075,175	0	1,133,386
Nevada	0	0	0	0	0
New Hampshire	0	4,816	0	0	4,816
New Jersey	0	0	0	0	0
New Mexico	0	109,622	122,434	0	232,056
New York	5,701	2,648	18,713	0	27,062
North Carolina	0	0	145,615	0	145,615
North Dakota	24,405	223,542	425,509	0	673,456
Northern Mariana Is.	0	0	0	0	0
Ohio	0	0	60,527	19,560	80,087
Oklahoma	0	88,503	0	2,595	91,098
Oregon	0	0	0	0	0
Pennsylvania	4,846	12,233	38,778	0	55,857
Puerto Rico	0	0	0	0	0
Rhode Island	0	0	0	0	0
South Carolina	0	23,036	25,418	2,597	51,051
South Dakota	1,687	24,137	806,614	233	832,671
Tennessee	0	6,700	159,860	0	166,560
Texas	0	879,592	16,310	0	895,902
Utah	0	118,935	318,209	0	437,145
Vermont	0	22,120	60,533	0	82,653
Virgin Islands	0	41,465	0	0	41,465
Virginia	0	8,090	254,434	0	262,524
Washington	0	3,574	32,381	0	35,954
West Virginia	3,662	12,720	75,790	0	92,172
Wisconsin	459,091	183,097	1,140,415	228,170	2,010,774
Wyoming	0	15,102	59,554	0	74,656
Totals	\$805,153	\$15,266,288	\$17,965,181	\$362,936	\$34,399,557

Note: Disbursements through June 30, 2007. 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 5.3
Disbursements by Service Speeds Acquired by Rural Health Care Providers
Funding Year 2006: July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007

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	\$0	\$0
Alaska	0	4,194,974	2,685,066	0	6,880,041
American Samoa	0	0	0	0	0
Arizona	0	750	132,961	0	133,711
Arkansas	0	1,472	0	0	1,472
California	0	27,213	11,496	0	38,709
Colorado	0	377	0	0	377
Connecticut	0	0	0	0	0
Delaware	0	0	0	0	0
District of Columbia	0	0	0	0	0
Florida	0	1,036	10,483	0	11,519
Georgia	4,299	3,343	209,358	9,968	226,967
Guam	0	0	0	0	0
Hawaii	0	0	0	0	0
Idaho	0	480	25,909	0	26,389
Illinois	0	8,308	135,351	0	143,659
Indiana	10,672	784	11,281	0	22,737
Iowa	0	6,209	37,917	0	44,126
Kansas	0	10,754	4,696	0	15,450
Kentucky	1,067	4,408	2,304	0	7,779
Louisiana	0	16,019	20,358	0	36,377
Maine	0	0	0	0	0
Maryland	0	0	0	0	0
Massachusetts	0	2,063	41,380	0	43,443
Michigan	0	5,974	39,344	0	45,318
Minnesota	3,300	36,792	282,852	0	322,944
Mississippi	8,139	5,040	2,040	0	15,220
Missouri	0	2,735	50,600	0	53,335
Montana	0	758	143,715	0	144,473
Nebraska	0	3,535	484,013	0	487,548
Nevada	0	0	0	0	0
New Hampshire	0	0	0	0	0
New Jersey	0	0	0	0	0
New Mexico	0	1,007	10,729	0	11,736
New York	0	3,837	33,142	0	36,979
North Carolina	221	1,710	0	0	1,931
North Dakota	0	193,345	85,007	0	278,353
Northern Mariana Is.	0	0	0	0	0
Ohio	0	0	0	17,930	17,930
Oklahoma	0	2,363	0	0	2,363
Oregon	0	0	0	0	0
Pennsylvania	0	1,323	0	0	1,323
Puerto Rico	0	0	0	0	0
Rhode Island	0	0	0	0	0
South Carolina	0	17,178	0	11,992	29,170
South Dakota	0	402	549,295	0	549,697
Tennessee	0	0	54,915	0	54,915
Texas	0	0	0	0	0
Utah	0	45,001	117,517	0	162,517
Vermont	0	17,308	59,049	0	76,357
Virgin Islands	0	42,702	0	0	42,702
Virginia	0	4,642	91,563	14,131	110,335
Washington	0	2,012	0	0	2,012
West Virginia	0	0	3,531	0	3,531
Wisconsin	87,233	16,119	129,644	0	232,996
Wyoming	0	0	43,448	0	43,448
Totals	\$114,931	\$4,681,973	\$5,508,965	\$54,021	\$10,359,890

Note: Disbursements through June 30, 2007. 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 2004: July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005

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	\$0.01
Alaska	16,312	367	44.49
American Samoa	0	57	0.00
Arizona	1,016	954	1.07
Arkansas	104	1,435	0.07
California	527	2,521	0.21
Colorado	136	777	0.18
Connecticut	0	334	0.00
Delaware	0	157	0.00
District of Columbia	0	0	NA
Florida	166	1,427	0.12
Georgia	207	2,520	0.08
Guam	0	155	0.00
Hawaii	243	335	0.72
Idaho	116	862	0.14
Illinois	542	1,878	0.29
Indiana	135	1,691	0.08
Iowa	205	1,600	0.13
Kansas	492	1,193	0.41
Kentucky	840	2,069	0.41
Louisiana	8	1,111	0.01
Maine	38	854	0.04
Maryland	0	385	0.00
Massachusetts	2	335	0.00
Michigan	661	1,769	0.37
Minnesota	983	1,594	0.62
Mississippi	164	1,821	0.09
Missouri	86	1,799	0.05
Montana	506	705	0.72
Nebraska	740	811	0.91
Nevada	35	305	0.12
New Hampshire	5	380	0.01
New Jersey	0	0	NA
New Mexico	206	856	0.24
New York	7	1,537	0.00
North Carolina	190	2,612	0.07
North Dakota	551	367	1.50
Northern Mariana Islands	0	69	0.00
Ohio	178	2,139	0.08
Oklahoma	157	1,378	0.11
Oregon	38	977	0.04
Pennsylvania	58	1,893	0.03
Puerto Rico	0	3,859	0.00
Rhode Island	0	55	0.00
South Carolina	39	1,205	0.03
South Dakota	511	503	1.02
Tennessee	82	1,827	0.04
Texas	437	3,280	0.13
Utah	641	531	1.21
Vermont	32	448	0.07
Virgin Islands	112	109	1.03
Virginia	351	1,503	0.23
Washington	71	1,136	0.06
West Virginia	98	1,043	0.09
Wisconsin	1,348	1,757	0.77
Wyoming	108	354	0.31
Totals	\$29,501	58,795	\$0.50

Note: Disbursements through June 30, 2007. 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 2005: July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2006

State or Jurisdiction	USAC Disbursements on Behalf of Rural Health Care Providers	Population in Rural Areas ¹	Disbursements Per Person in Rural Areas
Alabama	\$299	1,407	\$0.21
Alaska	19,815	367	54.04
American Samoa	0	57	0.00
Arizona	991	954	1.04
Arkansas	31	1,435	0.02
California	359	2,521	0.14
Colorado	108	777	0.14
Connecticut	0	334	0.00
Delaware	0	157	0.00
District of Columbia	0	0	NA
Florida	105	1,427	0.07
Georgia	439	2,520	0.17
Guam	0	155	0.00
Hawaii	184	335	0.55
Idaho	94	862	0.11
Illinois	388	1,878	0.21
Indiana	101	1,691	0.06
Iowa	251	1,600	0.16
Kansas	166	1,193	0.14
Kentucky	194	2,069	0.09
Louisiana	738	1,111	0.66
Maine	4	854	0.00
Maryland	0	385	0.00
Massachusetts	35	335	0.11
Michigan	711	1,769	0.40
Minnesota	1,248	1,594	0.78
Mississippi	196	1,821	0.11
Missouri	77	1,799	0.04
Montana	440	705	0.62
Nebraska	1,133	811	1.40
Nevada	0	305	0.00
New Hampshire	5	380	0.01
New Jersey	0	0	NA
New Mexico	232	856	0.27
New York	27	1,537	0.02
North Carolina	146	2,612	0.06
North Dakota	673	367	1.83
Northern Mariana Islands	0	69	0.00
Ohio	80	2,139	0.04
Oklahoma	91	1,378	0.07
Oregon	0	977	0.00
Pennsylvania	56	1,893	0.03
Puerto Rico	0	3,859	0.00
Rhode Island	0	55	0.00
South Carolina	51	1,205	0.04
South Dakota	833	503	1.66
Tennessee	167	1,827	0.09
Texas	896	3,280	0.27
Utah	437	531	0.82
Vermont	83	448	0.18
Virgin Islands	41	109	0.38
Virginia	263	1,503	0.17
Washington	36	1,136	0.03
West Virginia	92	1,043	0.09
Wisconsin	2,011	1,757	1.14
Wyoming	75	354	0.21
Totals	\$34,400	58,795	\$0.59

Note: Disbursements through June 30, 2007. Because of the appeals process, funding commitments and disbursements may be made after the program year ended.

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