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September 19, 2014

The Honorable Robert E. Latta
U.S. House of Representatives
2448 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Latta:

Thank you for your letter urging the Commission to clarify the meaning of the term "not-for-profit hospital." Your views are important to me and will be considered as part of the Commission's review of this matter.

As part of its oversight of the implementation of the Healthcare Connect Fund (HCF) program, the Commission has received questions regarding the definition of the term "not-for-profit-hospital" and its application to some health care providers. As you may know, "not-for-profit-hospital" is a statutory term that appears in Section 254(h)(7)(B) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended. Commission staff are actively reviewing questions about the term's definition and seek to reach a determination in as expeditious a manner as possible. In general, it is important that the types of health care consortia envisioned by the HCF program have the flexibility to include as members those entities which will provide as broad an array of telehealth and telemedicine applications as possible, while also ensuring the program maintains sufficient funding to aid the beneficiaries for which it is primarily intended: rural health care providers.

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The Honorable Mike Coffman
U.S. House of Representatives
2443 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Coffman:

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The Honorable Rodney Davis
U.S. House of Representatives
1740 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Davis:

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The Honorable Cory Gardner
U.S. House of Representatives
213 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Gardner:

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The Honorable Adam Kinzinger
U.S. House of Representatives
1221 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Kinzinger:

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The Honorable Luke Messer
U.S. House of Representatives
508 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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The Honorable Todd Rokita
U.S. House of Representatives
236 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Rokita:

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The Honorable Marlin Stutzman
U.S. House of Representatives
1728 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Stutzman:

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The Honorable Jackie Walorski
U.S. House of Representatives
419 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman Walorski:

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