

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 The length of a supported telecommunications service may not exceed the distance between the rural health care provider and the nearest large city.⁴ The Commission defined "nearest large city" as the city located in the eligible health care provider's state with a population of at least 50,000 that is nearest to the health provider's location.⁵ In addition, an eligible health care provider that cannot obtain toll-free Internet access is entitled to receive the lesser of \$180 per month in toll charge credits per month, or the toll charges incurred for 30 hours per month, for telecommunications access to an Internet service provider.⁶

In 1999, the FCC adopted two orders that significantly changed the universal service support program for rural health care providers starting in Funding Year 2000 (July 1, 2000 – June 30, 2001). The Fifteenth Order on Reconsideration 1) removed the per-location funding limit; 2) ended the 1.544 Mbs of bandwidth restriction and authorized support for any commercially available telecommunications service regardless of bandwidth; 3) simplified the application process by allowing discounts to be based on actual long distance charges instead of basing them on a comparison of tariffed rates in urban and rural areas; and 4) affirmed the ability of rural health care providers to join consortia and allowed new members to be added to a consortium at any time after the rural health care provider applies for support.⁷ The Fourteenth Order on Reconsideration

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 47 C.F.R. § 54.601(c).

5 47 C.F.R. § 54.605(c).

6 47 C.F.R. § 54.621.

7 *Fifteenth Order on Reconsideration*, 14 FCC Rcd 18756.

eliminated the requirement that rural health care providers receive services from eligible telecommunications carriers.⁸

USAC recently streamlined the application process for the Rural Health Care mechanism. USAC combined the information from two forms onto one,⁹ allowed the new form to be filled out electronically, and, where possible, prefilled the form with that applicant's information.¹⁰ The new process is as follows. To apply for funding, an eligible rural health care provider must first submit FCC Form 465 (description of services requested and certification form) to the Rural Health Care Division (RHCD).¹¹ If the RHCD determines that the health care provider is eligible, it posts the Form 465 on its website.¹² After 28 days from posting, 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 that notifies it of the preliminary approval of the request for support, 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 support to the rural health care provider, then invoices the RHCD for the support, and upon approval, USAC reimburses the carrier.

By rule, the Commission 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

8 *Federal-State Board on Universal Service*, CC Docket No. 96-45, Fourteenth Order on Reconsideration, 14 FCC Rcd 20106 (1999).

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

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

11 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).

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

13 47 C.F.R. § 54.623(a).

For details on the first two funding years, see the previous editions of the *Monitoring Report*.¹⁵ Funding Year 2000 began on July 1, 2000, and ran through June 30, 2001. The filing window for FCC Forms 465 opened on March 30, 2000, and closed on June 13, 2000. Because the requests filed within the filing window totaled an amount that was less than the funding cap set by the Commission, USAC continued to receive and process requests for support for Funding Year 2000 after the window closed. All activity for Funding Year 2000 is complete, except for one appeal that is pending before the FCC.¹⁶ As of April 30, 2003, \$10.754 million had been committed, and \$10.314 million had been disbursed.¹⁷

Funding Year 2001 began on July 1, 2001, and ran through June 30, 2002. The filing window for FCC Forms 465 opened on March 31, 2001.¹⁸ As of April 30, 2003, \$19.540 million had been committed, and \$16.513 million had been disbursed.¹⁹

Funding Year 2002 began on July 1, 2002, and ran through June 30, 2003. The filing window for FCC Forms 465 opened on March 31, 2002.²⁰ As of April 30, 2003, \$15.480 million had been committed, and \$3.110 million had been disbursed.²¹

USAC supplied the Commission with funding commitments and disbursements information as of April 30, 2003.²² Table 5.1 summarizes funding commitments and authorizations on a state-

14 See www.rhc.universalservice.org .

15 *Universal Service Monitoring Report*, CC Docket No. 98-202, October 2001 and October 2002.

16 Universal Service Administrative Company, *Federal Universal Service Support Mechanisms Fund Size Projections for the Third Quarter 2003*, at 21.

17 See Table 5.1.

18 Universal Service Administrative Company, *Federal Universal Service Support Mechanisms Fund Size Projections for the Third Quarter 2003*, at 21.

19 See Table 5.1.

20 Universal Service Administrative Company, *Federal Universal Service Support Mechanisms Fund Size Projections for the Third Quarter 2003*, at 22.

21 See Table 5.1.

22 Funding authorizations are the step before payment is actually made.

by-state basis for Funding Years 2000, 2001 and 2002. Table 5.2 shows service speed information for Funding Years 2000 through 2002. In some instances, the service speed was not clearly identifiable, such as with frame relay service. Where possible, the most likely speed for that service was chosen. 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 5.3 shows, for Funding Years 2000 and 2001, on a state-by-state basis, disbursements from the Rural Health Care Support Mechanism, the population of the rural counties, and the disbursements per person in rural counties.

**Table 5.1
Rural Health Care Funding Commitments and Authorizations by State**

Funding Year 2000: July 1, 2000 through June 30, 2001

State	Total Funds Committed	Providers Receiving Commitments	Total Funds Disbursed	Providers Receiving Support
Alabama	\$4,409	3	\$4,409	3
Alaska	6,379,537	128	6,068,466	124
Arizona	343,765	24	343,765	24
Arkansas	108,306	27	103,668	27
California	138,762	13	138,762	13
Colorado	93,711	12	89,107	12
Connecticut	0	0	0	0
Delaware	0	0	0	0
District of Columbia	0	0	0	0
Florida	0	0	0	0
Georgia	0	0	0	0
Hawaii	223,884	14	221,293	14
Idaho	54,898	8	53,932	8
Illinois	74,748	9	74,748	9
Indiana	0	0	0	0
Iowa	141,706	29	140,998	29
Kansas	182,995	57	165,144	56
Kentucky	15,987	8	14,488	6
Louisiana	8,478	1	8,478	1
Maine	367,542	39	362,245	39
Maryland	0	0	0	0
Massachusetts	0	0	0	0
Michigan	0	0	0	0
Minnesota	464,646	58	457,225	58
Mississippi	25,225	7	25,225	7
Missouri	59,494	9	53,058	8
Montana	356,782	45	354,834	44
Nebraska	463,715	20	412,990	20
Nevada	5,230	2	4,685	1
New Hampshire	23,384	6	21,799	6
New Jersey	0	0	0	0
New Mexico	149,371	36	136,710	36
New York	1,241	1	1,241	1
North Carolina	146,453	16	144,929	16
North Dakota	255,452	34	254,739	34
Ohio	4,703	3	4,703	3
Oklahoma	54,863	10	54,863	10
Oregon	55,354	13	53,184	13
Pennsylvania	2,481	5	2,481	5
Rhode Island	0	0	0	0
South Carolina	22,351	2	22,351	2
South Dakota	154,169	26	154,169	26
Tennessee	10,788	4	10,587	3
Texas	99,204	20	96,682	20
Utah	0	0	0	0
Vermont	0	0	0	0
Virgin Islands	88,814	11	88,814	11
Virginia	38,527	4	38,527	4
Washington	79,421	26	77,289	25
West Virginia	6,881	4	6,402	4
Wisconsin	23,062	4	22,901	4
Wyoming	24,100	5	23,948	5
Totals	\$10,754,442	743	\$10,313,838	731

Activity through April 30, 2003.

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

**Table 5.1
Rural Health Care Funding Commitments and Authorizations by State**

Funding year 2001: July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2002

State	Total Funds Committed	Providers Receiving Support	Total Funds Disbursed	Providers Receiving Support
Alabama	\$9,556	4	\$7,794	3
Alaska	13,038,014	145	10,952,882	130
Arizona	672,747	47	634,381	44
Arkansas	105,966	36	52,094	35
California	235,847	52	193,766	45
Colorado	143,968	13	127,916	11
Connecticut	0	0	0	0
Delaware	0	0	0	0
District of Columbia	0	0	0	0
Florida	180,406	51	1,775	2
Georgia	5,770	2	5,770	2
Hawaii	235,701	15	213,354	14
Idaho	57,494	17	50,620	14
Illinois	105,873	19	100,459	18
Indiana	0	0	0	0
Iowa	105,337	30	95,437	24
Kansas	217,135	51	216,287	51
Kentucky	359,764	169	353,930	166
Louisiana	10,823	1	10,823	1
Maine	19,121	1	18,876	1
Maryland	0	0	0	0
Massachusetts	0	0	0	0
Michigan	519,210	49	418,348	44
Minnesota	559,296	74	526,827	67
Mississippi	34,946	9	34,794	9
Missouri	36,646	12	32,686	9
Montana	466,812	52	440,402	49
Nebraska	454,358	24	451,928	24
Nevada	81,330	19	81,330	19
New Hampshire	251	1	251	1
New Jersey	0	0	0	0
New Mexico	193,661	38	140,616	20
New York	12,662	2	9,345	1
North Carolina	147,732	16	147,551	16
North Dakota	394,718	44	371,441	41
Ohio	11,405	4	11,405	4
Oklahoma	63,918	12	63,918	12
Oregon	65,934	15	65,934	15
Pennsylvania	3,193	6	3,193	6
Rhode Island	0	0	0	0
South Carolina	7,751	2	7,751	2
South Dakota	262,199	37	254,414	35
Tennessee	21,396	7	18,736	6
Texas	48,218	16	6,058	11
Utah	123,816	8	44,402	6
Vermont	0	0	0	0
Virgin Islands	96,872	10	0	0
Virginia	135,861	9	67,679	4
Washington	64,359	26	61,101	25
West Virginia	61,401	8	58,818	8
Wisconsin	72,234	23	61,283	17
Wyoming	96,742	11	96,742	11
Totals	\$19,540,444	1,187	\$16,513,116	1,023

Activity through April 30, 2003.

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

**Table 5.1
Rural Health Care Funding Commitments and Authorizations 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	\$18,513	2	\$0	0
Alaska	11,021,264	98	2,443,247	28
Arizona	536,306	31	25,426	6
Arkansas	67,246	28	18,170	17
California	165,060	21	2,696	1
Colorado	12,973	2	0	0
Connecticut	0	0	0	0
Delaware	0	0	0	0
District of Columbia	0	0	0	0
Florida	240,050	49	0	0
Georgia	43,465	3	0	0
Hawaii	193,810	16	0	0
Idaho	34,291	4	0	0
Illinois	62,207	17	3,040	2
Indiana	7,854	6	0	0
Iowa	85,022	19	57,913	18
Kansas	147,834	27	1,758	4
Kentucky	170,006	84	14,690	10
Louisiana	0	0	0	0
Maine	41,856	1	0	0
Maryland	0	0	0	0
Massachusetts	0	0	0	0
Michigan	224,099	15	0	0
Minnesota	340,787	38	34,145	10
Mississippi	53,605	11	32,184	7
Missouri	29,738	8	0	0
Montana	302,061	34	117,452	17
Nebraska	395,908	10	11,880	1
Nevada	23,993	9	7,711	6
New Hampshire	0	0	0	0
New Jersey	0	0	0	0
New Mexico	22,000	2	0	0
New York	15,631	1	0	0
North Carolina	106,665	10	36,701	5
North Dakota	348,822	38	156,909	25
Ohio	19,473	4	3,760	2
Oklahoma	29,920	6	12,048	3
Oregon	29,206	6	0	0
Pennsylvania	0	0	0	0
Rhode Island	0	0	0	0
South Carolina	20,974	2	12,248	1
South Dakota	147,315	16	63,550	10
Tennessee	32,533	12	2,772	1
Texas	8,595	3	0	0
Utah	248,503	10	3,735	1
Vermont	0	0	0	0
Virgin Islands	0	0	0	0
Virginia	0	0	0	0
Washington	33,807	8	0	0
West Virginia	13,423	3	1,809	1
Wisconsin	112,013	17	27,261	7
Wyoming	73,233	6	18,447	1
Totals	\$15,480,062	677	\$3,109,552	184

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

Table 5.2
Service Speeds Acquired by Rural Health Care Providers
Funding Year 2000: July 1, 2000 Through June 30, 2001

State	Voice Grade	Broadband		Other Service or Speed Unknown	Total
	56K to 199K	200K to 1.49Mb	1.5Mb and faster		
Alabama	\$0	\$0	\$4,409	\$0	\$4,409
Alaska	341,362	1,229,653	3,435,358	1,062,093	6,068,466
Arizona	944	0	342,821	0	343,765
Arkansas	0	5,931	97,737	0	103,668
California	125,947	4,924	7,891	0	138,762
Colorado	16,730	11,877	60,500	0	89,107
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	0	0	0
Hawaii	0	0	221,293	0	221,293
Idaho	1,632	29,177	23,123	0	53,932
Illinois	0	0	74,748	0	74,748
Indiana	0	0	0	0	0
Iowa	2,266	3,956	134,775	0	140,998
Kansas	36,723	35,758	92,663	0	165,144
Kentucky	0	0	14,488	0	14,488
Louisiana	0	0	8,478	0	8,478
Maine	0	0	0	0	0
Maryland	0	0	0	0	0
Massachusetts	0	0	0	0	0
Michigan	17,646	6,211	338,388	0	362,245
Minnesota	4,398	143,777	309,050	0	457,225
Mississippi	15,387	0	9,837	0	25,225
Missouri	0	0	53,058	0	53,058
Montana	2,123	4,549	348,162	0	354,834
Nebraska	16,980	60,426	335,584	0	412,990
Nevada	0	4,685	0	0	4,685
New Hampshire	1,940	2,427	17,432	0	21,799
New Jersey	0	0	0	0	0
New Mexico	0	88,038	48,673	0	136,710
New York	0	0	1,241	0	1,241
North Carolina	296	2,072	142,562	0	144,929
North Dakota	12,771	14,180	227,788	0	254,739
Ohio	2,299	0	2,404	0	4,703
Oklahoma	787	0	54,075	0	54,863
Oregon	0	24,778	28,406	0	53,184
Pennsylvania	2,481	0	0	0	2,481
Rhode Island	0	0	0	0	0
South Carolina	4,442	0	17,909	0	22,351
South Dakota	3,974	14,256	135,939	0	154,169
Tennessee	0	7,051	3,536	0	10,587
Texas	0	90,867	5,815	0	96,682
Utah	0	0	0	0	0
Vermont	0	0	0	0	0
Virgin Islands	1,610	0	46,276	40,928	88,814
Virginia	0	38,527	0	0	38,527
Washington	0	26,530	50,759	0	77,289
West Virginia	856	0	5,546	0	6,402
Wisconsin	0	18,752	4,149	0	22,901
Wyoming	0	18,132	5,816	0	23,948
Totals	\$613,595	\$1,886,532	\$6,710,689	\$1,103,021	\$10,313,838

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

Table 5.2
Service Speeds Acquired by Rural Health Care Providers
Funding Year 2001: July 1, 2001 Through June 30, 2002

State	Voice Grade	Broadband		Other Service or Speed Unknown	Total
	56K to 199K	200K to 1.49Mb	1.5Mb and faster		
Alabama	\$0	\$0	\$7,794	\$0	\$7,794
Alaska	5,328	5,199,341	5,056,226	691,987	10,952,882
Arizona	0	197,144	437,237	0	634,381
Arkansas	0	21,164	30,930	0	52,094
California	117,703	64,579	11,483	0	193,766
Colorado	0	907	127,009	0	127,916
Connecticut	0	0	0	0	0
Delaware	0	0	0	0	0
District of Columbia	0	0	0	0	0
Florida	0	1,775	0	0	1,775
Georgia	0	0	5,770	0	5,770
Hawaii	0	0	213,354	0	213,354
Idaho	0	43,303	7,317	0	50,620
Illinois	0	0	100,459	0	100,459
Indiana	0	0	0	0	0
Iowa	1,739	3,752	89,946	0	95,437
Kansas	33,181	90,574	92,531	0	216,287
Kentucky	0	173,217	180,714	0	353,930
Louisiana	0	0	10,823	0	10,823
Maine	18,876	0	0	0	18,876
Maryland	0	0	0	0	0
Massachusetts	0	0	0	0	0
Michigan	16,604	22,464	379,280	0	418,348
Minnesota	3,250	214,986	308,591	0	526,827
Mississippi	16,839	0	17,954	0	34,794
Missouri	0	6,526	26,161	0	32,686
Montana	1,879	15,336	423,187	0	440,402
Nebraska	15,295	69,315	367,318	0	451,928
Nevada	0	56,366	24,965	0	81,330
New Hampshire	0	251	0	0	251
New Jersey	0	0	0	0	0
New Mexico	0	119,119	21,496	0	140,616
New York	0	0	9,345	0	9,345
North Carolina	1,864	3,310	142,376	0	147,551
North Dakota	17,018	49,306	305,117	0	371,441
Ohio	143	3,692	7,570	0	11,405
Oklahoma	204	0	63,714	0	63,918
Oregon	2,690	24,612	38,632	0	65,934
Pennsylvania	1,982	1,211	0	0	3,193
Rhode Island	0	0	0	0	0
South Carolina	4,621	0	3,130	0	7,751
South Dakota	2,598	91,292	160,524	0	254,414
Tennessee	2,174	7,938	8,624	0	18,736
Texas	0	0	6,058	0	6,058
Utah	0	5,818	38,583	0	44,402
Vermont	0	56,424	11,255	0	67,679
Virgin Islands	0	0	0	0	0
Virginia	0	0	0	0	0
Washington	0	17,661	43,440	0	61,101
West Virginia	0	34,782	24,036	0	58,818
Wisconsin	0	36,493	24,790	0	61,283
Wyoming	4,127	29,810	62,805	0	96,742
Totals	\$268,116	\$6,662,469	\$8,890,544	\$691,987	\$16,513,116

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

Table 5.2
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	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Alaska	0	1,143,014	552,264	747,968	2,443,247
Arizona	0	0	25,426	0	25,426
Arkansas	0	0	18,170	0	18,170
California	0	0	2,696	0	2,696
Colorado	0	0	0	0	0
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	0	0	0
Hawaii	0	0	0	0	0
Idaho	0	0	0	0	0
Illinois	0	0	3,040	0	3,040
Indiana	0	0	0	0	0
Iowa	0	433	57,480	0	57,913
Kansas	1,758	0	0	0	1,758
Kentucky	0	10,642	4,048	0	14,690
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	0	0	0	0	0
Minnesota	0	4,414	29,732	0	34,145
Mississippi	9,829	0	22,355	0	32,184
Missouri	0	0	0	0	0
Montana	0	0	117,452	0	117,452
Nebraska	0	0	11,880	0	11,880
Nevada	0	0	7,711	0	7,711
New Hampshire	0	0	0	0	0
New Jersey	0	0	0	0	0
New Mexico	0	0	0	0	0
New York	0	0	0	0	0
North Carolina	0	0	36,701	0	36,701
North Dakota	4,685	2,657	149,568	0	156,909
Ohio	0	0	3,760	0	3,760
Oklahoma	0	0	12,048	0	12,048
Oregon	0	0	0	0	0
Pennsylvania	0	0	0	0	0
Rhode Island	0	0	0	0	0
South Carolina	0	0	12,248	0	12,248
South Dakota	2,126	600	60,825	0	63,550
Tennessee	0	0	2,772	0	2,772
Texas	0	0	0	0	0
Utah	0	0	3,735	0	3,735
Vermont	0	0	0	0	0
Virgin Islands	0	0	0	0	0
Virginia	0	0	0	0	0
Washington	0	0	0	0	0
West Virginia	0	0	1,809	0	1,809
Wisconsin	0	18,926	8,335	0	27,261
Wyoming	0	0	18,447	0	18,447
Totals	\$18,398	\$1,180,686	\$1,162,500	\$747,968	\$3,109,552

Activity through April 30, 2003

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

Table 5.3
Disbursements per Person for Rural Health Care Support Mechanism, by State
Values in Thousands, Except Disbursements per Person in Rural Counties

Funding Year 2000: July 1, 2000 Through June 30, 2001

State or Jurisdiction	USAC Disbursements on Behalf of Rural Health Care Providers	Population in Rural Counties ¹	Disbursements Per Person in Rural Counties
Alabama	\$4	2,044	\$0.002
Alaska	6,068	375	16.191
American Samoa	0	57	0.000
Arizona	344	5,131	0.067
Arkansas	104	1,435	0.072
California	139	24,596	0.006
Colorado	89	2,265	0.039
Connecticut	0	1,699	0.000
Delaware	0	157	0.000
District of Columbia	0	0	NA
Florida	0	5,705	0.000
Georgia	0	2,520	0.000
Guam	0	155	0.000
Hawaii	221	335	0.660
Idaho	54	862	0.063
Illinois	75	1,878	0.040
Indiana	0	1,691	0.000
Iowa	141	1,615	0.087
Kansas	165	1,227	0.135
Kentucky	14	2,069	0.007
Louisiana	8	1,220	0.007
Maine	0	1,275	0.000
Maryland	0	389	0.000
Massachusetts	0	2,502	0.000
Michigan	362	1,769	0.205
Minnesota	457	1,821	0.251
Mississippi	25	1,894	0.013
Missouri	53	1,800	0.029
Montana	355	1,034	0.343
Nebraska	413	811	0.509
Nevada	5	2,007	0.002
New Hampshire	22	1,240	0.018
New Jersey	0	0	NA
New Mexico	137	1,244	0.110
New York	1	1,679	0.001
North Carolina	145	2,612	0.055
North Dakota	255	519	0.491
Northern Mariana Islands	0	69	0.000
Ohio	5	2,139	0.002
Oklahoma	55	1,397	0.039
Oregon	53	1,762	0.030
Pennsylvania	2	2,010	0.001
Puerto Rico	0	3,859	0.000
Rhode Island	0	174	0.000
South Carolina	22	1,205	0.019
South Dakota	154	582	0.265
Tennessee	11	1,827	0.006
Texas	97	8,765	0.011
Utah	0	531	0.000
Vermont	0	609	0.000
Virgin Islands	89	109	0.818
Virginia	39	1,533	0.025
Washington	77	4,337	0.018
West Virginia	6	1,043	0.006
Wisconsin	23	1,892	0.012
Wyoming	24	427	0.056
Totals	\$10,314	113,901	\$0.091

Note: Disbursements through April 30, 2003. Because of the appeals process, funding commitments and disbursements may be made after the program year ended.

¹ Population in rural counties provided by USAC. Some commitments were allowed in non-rural counties in areas affected by the Goldsmith Modification. See 47 C.F.R. § 54.5.

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

Table 5.3
Disbursements per Person for Rural Health Care Support Mechanism, by State
Values in Thousands, Except Disbursements per Person in Rural Counties

Funding Year 2001: July 1, 2001 Through June 30, 2002

State or Jurisdiction	USAC Disbursements on Behalf of Rural Health Care Providers	Population in Rural Counties ¹	Disbursements Per Person in Rural Counties
Alabama	\$8	2,044	\$0.004
Alaska	10,953	375	29.223
American Samoa	0	57	0.000
Arizona	634	5,131	0.124
Arkansas	52	1,435	0.036
California	194	24,596	0.008
Colorado	128	2,265	0.056
Connecticut	0	1,699	0.000
Delaware	0	157	0.000
District of Columbia	0	0	NA
Florida	2	5,705	0.000
Georgia	0	2,520	0.000
Guam	6	155	0.037
Hawaii	213	335	0.636
Idaho	51	862	0.059
Illinois	100	1,878	0.054
Indiana	0	1,691	0.000
Iowa	95	1,615	0.059
Kansas	216	1,227	0.176
Kentucky	354	2,069	0.171
Louisiana	11	1,220	0.009
Maine	19	1,275	0.015
Maryland	0	389	0.000
Massachusetts	0	2,502	0.000
Michigan	418	1,769	0.236
Minnesota	527	1,821	0.289
Mississippi	35	1,894	0.018
Missouri	33	1,800	0.018
Montana	440	1,034	0.426
Nebraska	452	811	0.557
Nevada	81	2,007	0.041
New Hampshire	0	1,240	0.000
New Jersey	0	0	NA
New Mexico	141	1,244	0.113
New York	9	1,679	0.006
North Carolina	148	2,612	0.056
North Dakota	371	519	0.716
Northern Mariana Islands	0	69	0.000
Ohio	11	2,139	0.005
Oklahoma	64	1,397	0.046
Oregon	66	1,762	0.037
Pennsylvania	3	2,010	0.002
Puerto Rico	0	3,859	0.000
Rhode Island	0	174	0.000
South Carolina	8	1,205	0.006
South Dakota	254	582	0.437
Tennessee	19	1,827	0.010
Texas	6	8,765	0.001
Utah	44	531	0.084
Vermont	0	609	0.000
Virgin Islands	0	109	0.000
Virginia	68	1,533	0.044
Washington	61	4,337	0.014
West Virginia	59	1,043	0.056
Wisconsin	61	1,892	0.032
Wyoming	97	427	0.226
Totals	\$16,513	113,901	\$0.145

Note: Disbursements through April 30, 2003. Because of the appeals process, funding commitments and disbursements may be made after the program year ended.

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