

## 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.”<sup>1</sup> The Commission's universal service rules permit eligible health care providers<sup>2</sup> to receive support for any telecommunications service.<sup>3</sup>

In 2003, the FCC adopted an order that significantly changed the universal service support mechanism for rural health care providers starting in Funding Year 2004 (July 1, 2004 – June 30, 2005). The Commission concluded that dedicated emergency departments of rural for-profit hospitals that participate in Medicare should be deemed “public” health care providers eligible to receive prorated rural health care support.<sup>4</sup> Further, the Commission expanded the Internet access for which rural health providers can receive support to any form of Internet access reasonably related to the health care needs of the facility.<sup>5</sup> The Commission also created “safe harbor” categories that allow rural health care providers to compare the urban and rural rates for functionally similar services as viewed from the perspective of the end user.<sup>6</sup> Also, rural health care providers can now compare 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.<sup>7</sup> The

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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.

Commission's Order also allows rural health care providers to receive discounts for satellite services even where alternative terrestrial-based services may be available.<sup>8</sup>

USAC recently streamlined the application process for the Rural Health Care mechanism. USAC combined the information from two forms onto one,<sup>9</sup> allowed the new form to be filled out electronically, and, where possible, prefilled the form with that applicant's information.<sup>10</sup> The 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).<sup>11</sup> If the RHCD determines that the health care provider is eligible, it posts the Form 465 on its website.<sup>12</sup> 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.<sup>13</sup> For more information on the Universal Service Program for Rural Health Care providers, visit the RHCD website.<sup>14</sup>

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8 See *Rural Health Care Order* at 44.

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

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).

14 See [www.rhc.universalservice.org](http://www.rhc.universalservice.org).

USAC supplied the Commission with funding commitments and disbursements information as of June 14, 2004. Table 5.1 summarizes funding disbursements for all funding years by service speed. Tables 5.2 through 5.4 show details for Funding Years 2001 through 2003. For details on the preceding funding years, see the previous editions of the *Monitoring Report*.<sup>15</sup>

Funding Year 2001 began on July 1, 2001, and ran through June 30, 2002. All activity for Funding Year 2001 is complete.<sup>16</sup> Final figures show that \$19.7 million was committed, and \$18.6 million was disbursed.<sup>17</sup>

Funding Year 2002 began on July 1, 2002, and ran through June 30, 2003. USAC reports that it received 2,779 Form 466/468 packets.<sup>18</sup> Of those, 86 were denied, 103 were withdrawn by the applicant, and 6 were incomplete or require clarification. As of June 14, 2004, \$23.3 million had been committed, and \$19.2 million had been disbursed.<sup>19</sup>

Funding Year 2003 began on July 1, 2003, and ran through June 30, 2004. USAC reports that it received 2,515 Forms 465 and 1,523 Form 466 packets. Of those 1,523 packets, 883 have been completely processed, 136 are awaiting supervisory approval, 134 are complete and ready to process, 37 have been withdrawn, 2 have been denied, and 331 are incomplete or require clarification.<sup>20</sup> As of June 14, 2004, \$15.3 million had been committed, and \$2.1 million had been disbursed.<sup>21</sup>

Table 5.2 summarizes funding commitments and disbursements on a state-by-state basis for Funding Years 2001, 2002 and 2003. Table 5.3 shows state-by-state disbursements by service speed for the same period. In some instances, the service speed was not clearly identifiable, such as with

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

16 Universal Service Administrative Company, *Federal Universal Service Support Mechanisms Fund Size Projections for the Third Quarter 2004*, at 17.

17 See Table 5.2.

18 Universal Service Administrative Company, *Federal Universal Service Support Mechanisms Fund Size Projections for the Third Quarter 2004*, at 18.

19 See Table 5.2.

20 Universal Service Administrative Company, *Federal Universal Service Support Mechanisms Fund Size Projections for the Third Quarter 2004*, at 19.

21 See Table 5.2.

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 5.4 shows, for Funding Years 2001 and 2002, on a state-by-state basis, 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	1,040,529	2,719,619	91,419	4,304,559
2000	613,595	2,927,805	6,685,573	87,198	10,314,172
2001	319,539	8,110,537	10,124,171	0	18,554,248
2002	418,378	9,153,747	9,625,988	0	19,198,112
2003	14,939	753,017	1,318,786	1,315	2,088,057

Note: Disbursements through June 14, 2004. 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 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	12,097,434	144
Arizona	672,747	47	660,374	47
Arkansas	105,966	36	93,285	36
California	235,847	52	229,928	51
Colorado	143,968	13	143,968	13
Connecticut	0	0	0	0
Delaware	0	0	0	0
District of Columbia	0	0	0	0
Florida	180,406	51	166,004	49
Georgia	5,770	2	5,770	2
Hawaii	235,701	15	232,099	15
Idaho	57,494	17	57,494	17
Illinois	105,873	19	104,916	19
Indiana	0	0	0	0
Iowa	105,337	30	103,268	30
Kansas	217,135	51	216,287	51
Kentucky	359,764	169	356,966	167
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	519,151	49
Minnesota	707,680	81	702,404	81
Mississippi	34,946	9	34,794	9
Missouri	36,646	12	35,421	11
Montana	466,812	52	463,176	52
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	193,369	38
New York	12,662	2	12,662	2
North Carolina	147,732	16	147,551	16
North Dakota	394,718	44	379,964	44
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	258,143	37
Tennessee	21,396	7	21,352	6
Texas	48,218	16	47,654	16
Utah	123,816	8	47,584	6
Vermont	0	0	0	0
Virgin Islands	96,872	10	81,248	9
Virginia	135,861	9	128,703	9
Washington	64,359	26	63,969	26
West Virginia	61,401	8	58,818	8
Wisconsin	72,234	23	70,549	23
Wyoming	96,742	11	96,742	11
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$19,688,828</b>	<b>1,194</b>	<b>\$18,554,248</b>	<b>1,182</b>

Note: All activity for Funding Year 2001 is complete.

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State	Total Funds Committed	Providers Receiving Support	Total Funds Disbursed	Providers Receiving Support
Alabama	\$25,969	4	\$23,835	3
Alaska	14,008,346	164	11,976,171	132
Arizona	1,201,363	57	803,553	42
Arkansas	69,264	30	53,164	20
California	354,689	70	234,616	26
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	48,539	3
Georgia	43,465	3	43,465	3
Hawaii	230,975	16	227,758	16
Idaho	110,423	17	46,436	15
Illinois	114,643	30	98,570	25
Indiana	14,672	6	11,216	6
Iowa	160,686	40	125,352	38
Kansas	228,222	51	191,759	49
Kentucky	540,945	162	448,981	160
Louisiana	1,552	1	0	0
Maine	43,472	4	17,689	1
Maryland	0	0	0	0
Massachusetts	0	0	0	0
Michigan	597,812	49	566,087	46
Minnesota	894,318	91	744,663	76
Mississippi	80,628	16	57,105	9
Missouri	49,883	11	23,349	3
Montana	510,429	56	499,032	54
Nebraska	549,256	29	506,247	27
Nevada	65,337	18	23,993	9
New Hampshire	0	0	0	0
New Jersey	0	0	0	0
New Mexico	238,893	25	171,709	11
New York	20,620	3	19,491	2
North Carolina	196,481	21	153,214	15
North Dakota	478,202	49	408,273	46
Ohio	64,145	6	64,145	6
Oklahoma	75,955	25	63,268	11
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	324,352	39
Tennessee	81,733	26	28,031	14
Texas	33,054	9	9,846	4
Utah	400,322	21	346,273	16
Vermont	0	0	0	0
Virgin Islands	66,209	8	66,209	8
Virginia	195,418	20	5,407	1
Washington	78,333	29	56,652	20
West Virginia	49,022	8	18,601	5
Wisconsin	416,096	82	364,192	73
Wyoming	155,387	12	127,472	11
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$23,299,689</b>	<b>1,402</b>	<b>\$19,198,112</b>	<b>1,077</b>

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State	Total Funds Committed	Providers Receiving Commitments	Total Funds Disbursed	Providers Receiving Support
Alabama	\$13,067	2	\$1,344	1
Alaska	8,852,396	81	753,664	12
Arizona	214,921	25	35,067	8
Arkansas	42,457	13	0	0
California	84,139	23	3,117	1
Colorado	83,300	11	7,888	1
Connecticut	0	0	0	0
Delaware	0	0	0	0
District of Columbia	0	0	0	0
Florida	102,169	7	1,870	2
Georgia	63,222	4	16,000	2
Hawaii	205,590	16	139,063	14
Idaho	141,578	10	16,302	7
Illinois	83,631	20	17,490	4
Indiana	15,268	5	0	0
Iowa	136,994	33	87,500	20
Kansas	286,821	34	40,790	3
Kentucky	351,902	182	147,993	121
Louisiana	0	0	0	0
Maine	81,775	7	0	0
Maryland	0	0	0	0
Massachusetts	0	0	0	0
Michigan	193,808	23	604	1
Minnesota	615,311	51	106,246	18
Mississippi	80,568	3	19,440	2
Missouri	49,581	2	43,989	2
Montana	462,920	53	155,877	25
Nebraska	555,035	26	37,596	6
Nevada	36,859	10	9,844	3
New Hampshire	0	0	0	0
New Jersey	0	0	0	0
New Mexico	32,311	3	8,730	1
New York	7,577	1	5,683	1
North Carolina	107,933	9	0	0
North Dakota	409,563	46	36,736	5
Ohio	17,134	3	7,617	1
Oklahoma	15,126	6	0	0
Oregon	0	0	0	0
Pennsylvania	4,163	2	0	0
Rhode Island	0	0	0	0
South Carolina	5,289	2	0	0
South Dakota	335,722	31	197,922	17
Tennessee	11,672	3	1,731	1
Texas	72,789	6	2,560	1
Utah	636,287	20	62,283	1
Vermont	0	0	0	0
Virgin Islands	113,637	8	0	0
Virginia	0	0	0	0
Washington	29,470	8	5,327	2
West Virginia	78,406	25	0	0
Wisconsin	585,312	61	80,151	14
Wyoming	62,856	7	37,634	3
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$15,278,557</b>	<b>882</b>	<b>\$2,088,057</b>	<b>300</b>

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**Table 5.3**  
**Disbursements by 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	6,288,866	5,803,239	0	12,097,434
Arizona	0	203,419	456,955	0	660,374
Arkansas	3,525	21,164	68,596	0	93,285
California	149,981	64,579	15,367	0	229,928
Colorado	0	16,958	127,009	0	143,968
Connecticut	0	0	0	0	0
Delaware	0	0	0	0	0
District of Columbia	0	0	0	0	0
Florida	0	159,982	6,022	0	166,004
Georgia	0	0	5,770	0	5,770
Hawaii	0	0	232,099	0	232,099
Idaho	0	50,176	7,317	0	57,494
Illinois	0	0	104,916	0	104,916
Indiana	0	0	0	0	0
Iowa	1,739	11,583	89,946	0	103,268
Kansas	33,181	90,574	92,531	0	216,287
Kentucky	0	173,217	183,750	0	356,966
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	21,623	22,464	475,064	0	519,151
Minnesota	4,333	217,959	480,113	0	702,404
Mississippi	16,839	0	17,954	0	34,794
Missouri	0	9,260	26,161	0	35,421
Montana	1,879	16,749	444,547	0	463,176
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	164,321	29,047	0	193,369
New York	0	0	12,662	0	12,662
North Carolina	1,864	3,310	142,376	0	147,551
North Dakota	17,018	53,845	309,101	0	379,964
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	2,886	94,733	160,524	0	258,143
Tennessee	4,790	7,938	8,624	0	21,352
Texas	0	41,597	6,058	0	47,654
Utah	0	5,818	41,765	0	47,584
Vermont	0	0	0	0	0
Virgin Islands	1,119	0	80,129	0	81,248
Virginia	0	117,448	11,255	0	128,703
Washington	0	17,661	46,307	0	63,969
West Virginia	0	34,782	24,036	0	58,818
Wisconsin	5,495	36,876	28,179	0	70,549
Wyoming	4,127	29,810	62,805	0	96,742
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$319,539</b>	<b>\$8,110,537</b>	<b>\$10,124,171</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$18,554,248</b>

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	56K to 199K	200K to 1.49Mb	1.5Mb and faster		
Alabama	\$0	\$0	\$23,835	\$0	\$23,835
Alaska	0	7,664,663	4,311,509	0	11,976,171
Arizona	0	116,114	687,439	0	803,553
Arkansas	4,160	0	49,004	0	53,164
California	181,726	603	52,286	0	234,616
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	2,148	46,391	0	48,539
Georgia	0	0	43,465	0	43,465
Hawaii	0	0	227,758	0	227,758
Idaho	0	42,260	4,176	0	46,436
Illinois	0	11,257	87,313	0	98,570
Indiana	0	1,194	10,022	0	11,216
Iowa	530	31,143	93,679	0	125,352
Kansas	31,973	55,010	104,776	0	191,759
Kentucky	35,267	218,133	195,581	0	448,981
Louisiana	0	0	0	0	0
Maine	17,689	0	0	0	17,689
Maryland	0	0	0	0	0
Massachusetts	0	0	0	0	0
Michigan	16,492	31,026	518,569	0	566,087
Minnesota	3,066	341,846	399,751	0	744,663
Mississippi	14,937	0	42,168	0	57,105
Missouri	0	0	23,349	0	23,349
Montana	0	15,986	483,046	0	499,032
Nebraska	0	52,235	454,011	0	506,247
Nevada	0	0	23,993	0	23,993
New Hampshire	0	0	0	0	0
New Jersey	0	0	0	0	0
New Mexico	0	98,364	73,345	0	171,709
New York	0	0	19,491	0	19,491
North Carolina	0	5,207	148,007	0	153,214
North Dakota	23,733	55,507	329,032	0	408,273
Ohio	173	4,632	59,340	0	64,145
Oklahoma	199	0	63,068	0	63,268
Oregon	0	20,111	5,445	0	25,556
Pennsylvania	1,566	0	10,645	0	12,211
Rhode Island	0	0	0	0	0
South Carolina	4,644	0	16,330	0	20,974
South Dakota	5,282	89,648	229,422	0	324,352
Tennessee	9,596	0	18,435	0	28,031
Texas	1,726	0	8,120	0	9,846
Utah	0	105,710	240,562	0	346,273
Vermont	0	0	0	0	0
Virgin Islands	1,128	0	65,081	0	66,209
Virginia	0	0	5,407	0	5,407
Washington	0	11,464	45,188	0	56,652
West Virginia	0	10,945	7,657	0	18,601
Wisconsin	62,058	132,102	170,032	0	364,192
Wyoming	0	36,439	91,033	0	127,472
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$418,378</b>	<b>\$9,153,747</b>	<b>\$9,625,988</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$19,198,112</b>

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	56K to 199K	200K to 1.49Mb	1.5Mb and faster		
Alabama	\$0	\$0	\$1,344	\$0	\$1,344
Alaska	0	538,876	214,788	0	753,664
Arizona	0	0	35,067	0	35,067
Arkansas	0	0	0	0	0
California	0	0	3,117	0	3,117
Colorado	0	0	7,888	0	7,888
Connecticut	0	0	0	0	0
Delaware	0	0	0	0	0
District of Columbia	0	0	0	0	0
Florida	0	1,870	0	0	1,870
Georgia	0	0	16,000	0	16,000
Hawaii	0	0	139,063	0	139,063
Idaho	0	14,457	1,845	0	16,302
Illinois	0	13,380	4,110	0	17,490
Indiana	0	0	0	0	0
Iowa	0	7,026	80,474	0	87,500
Kansas	1,872	0	38,918	0	40,790
Kentucky	0	111,818	36,175	0	147,993
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	604	0	0	604
Minnesota	2,111	6,938	97,198	0	106,246
Mississippi	0	0	19,440	0	19,440
Missouri	0	0	43,989	0	43,989
Montana	0	0	155,877	0	155,877
Nebraska	0	15,084	22,512	0	37,596
Nevada	0	0	9,844	0	9,844
New Hampshire	0	0	0	0	0
New Jersey	0	0	0	0	0
New Mexico	0	0	8,730	0	8,730
New York	0	0	5,683	0	5,683
North Carolina	0	472	36,264	0	36,736
North Dakota	0	0	0	0	0
Ohio	0	0	7,617	0	7,617
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	0	723	197,198	0	197,922
Tennessee	0	0	1,731	0	1,731
Texas	2,560	0	0	0	2,560
Utah	0	0	62,283	0	62,283
Vermont	0	0	0	0	0
Virgin Islands	0	0	0	0	0
Virginia	0	0	0	0	0
Washington	0	0	5,327	0	5,327
West Virginia	0	0	0	0	0
Wisconsin	8,396	41,769	28,671	1,315	80,151
Wyoming	0	0	37,634	0	37,634
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$14,939</b>	<b>\$753,017</b>	<b>\$1,318,786</b>	<b>\$1,315</b>	<b>\$2,088,057</b>

Note: Disbursements through June 14, 2004. 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 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 Areas <sup>1</sup>	Disbursements Per Person in Rural Areas
Alabama	\$8	1,407	\$0.006
Alaska	12,097	367	32.995
American Samoa	0	57	0.000
Arizona	660	954	0.692
Arkansas	93	1,435	0.065
California	230	2,521	0.091
Colorado	144	777	0.185
Connecticut	0	334	0.000
Delaware	0	157	0.000
District of Columbia	0	0	NA
Florida	166	1,427	0.116
Georgia	6	2,520	0.002
Guam	0	155	0.000
Hawaii	232	335	0.692
Idaho	57	862	0.067
Illinois	105	1,878	0.056
Indiana	0	1,691	0.000
Iowa	103	1,600	0.065
Kansas	216	1,193	0.181
Kentucky	357	2,069	0.173
Louisiana	11	1,111	0.010
Maine	19	854	0.022
Maryland	0	385	0.000
Massachusetts	0	335	0.000
Michigan	519	1,769	0.293
Minnesota	702	1,594	0.441
Mississippi	35	1,821	0.019
Missouri	35	1,799	0.020
Montana	463	705	0.657
Nebraska	452	811	0.557
Nevada	81	305	0.267
New Hampshire	0	380	0.001
New Jersey	0	0	NA
New Mexico	193	856	0.226
New York	13	1,537	0.008
North Carolina	148	2,612	0.056
North Dakota	380	367	1.034
Northern Mariana Islands	0	69	0.000
Ohio	11	2,139	0.005
Oklahoma	64	1,378	0.046
Oregon	66	977	0.068
Pennsylvania	3	1,893	0.002
Puerto Rico	0	3,859	0.000
Rhode Island	0	55	0.000
South Carolina	8	1,205	0.006
South Dakota	258	503	0.513
Tennessee	21	1,827	0.012
Texas	48	3,280	0.015
Utah	48	531	0.090
Vermont	0	448	0.000
Virgin Islands	81	109	0.745
Virginia	129	1,503	0.086
Washington	64	1,136	0.056
West Virginia	59	1,043	0.056
Wisconsin	71	1,757	0.040
Wyoming	97	354	0.273
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$18,554</b>	<b>58,795</b>	<b>\$0.316</b>

Note: Disbursements through June 14, 2004. Because of the appeals process, funding commitments and disbursements may be made after the program year ended.

<sup>1</sup> 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 Counties**

**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 <sup>1</sup>	Disbursements Per Person in Rural Areas
Alabama	\$24	1,407	\$0.017
Alaska	11,976	367	32.664
American Samoa	0	57	0.000
Arizona	804	954	0.843
Arkansas	53	1,435	0.037
California	235	2,521	0.093
Colorado	141	777	0.181
Connecticut	0	334	0.000
Delaware	0	157	0.000
District of Columbia	0	0	NA
Florida	49	1,427	0.034
Georgia	43	2,520	0.017
Guam	0	155	0.000
Hawaii	228	335	0.679
Idaho	46	862	0.054
Illinois	99	1,878	0.052
Indiana	11	1,691	0.007
Iowa	125	1,600	0.078
Kansas	192	1,193	0.161
Kentucky	449	2,069	0.217
Louisiana	0	1,111	0.000
Maine	18	854	0.021
Maryland	0	385	0.000
Massachusetts	0	335	0.000
Michigan	566	1,769	0.320
Minnesota	745	1,594	0.467
Mississippi	57	1,821	0.031
Missouri	23	1,799	0.013
Montana	499	705	0.708
Nebraska	506	811	0.624
Nevada	24	305	0.079
New Hampshire	0	380	0.000
New Jersey	0	0	NA
New Mexico	172	856	0.201
New York	19	1,537	0.013
North Carolina	153	2,612	0.059
North Dakota	408	367	1.111
Northern Mariana Islands	0	69	0.000
Ohio	64	2,139	0.030
Oklahoma	63	1,378	0.046
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	324	503	0.645
Tennessee	28	1,827	0.015
Texas	10	3,280	0.003
Utah	346	531	0.652
Vermont	0	448	0.000
Virgin Islands	66	109	0.607
Virginia	5	1,503	0.004
Washington	57	1,136	0.050
West Virginia	19	1,043	0.018
Wisconsin	364	1,757	0.207
Wyoming	127	354	0.360
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$19,198</b>	<b>58,795</b>	<b>\$0.327</b>

Note: Disbursements through June 14, 2004. Because of the appeals process, funding commitments and disbursements may be made after the program year ended.

<sup>1</sup> 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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