

The table below lists the major FCC orders, rulemaking notices, public notices, and other documents relating to the Rural Health Care Program. The list is in reverse chronological order. Note that the table does not include all FCC orders, rulemaking notices, public notices, and other documents relating to the USF and USAC. The table may be updated on an ongoing basis.

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Requests For Extension Of The June 30, 2011 Deadline For Funding Commitments Under The Universal Service Rural Health Care Pilot Program, CC Docket 02-60, <b>Public Notice.</b>	<a href="#">DA 11-172</a> , 26 FCC Rcd 658	1/28/2011		Extends deadline for Rural Health Care Pilot Program to select a vendor and request funding commitment letters.
In the Matter of Rural Health Care Support Mechanism, WC Docket No. 02-60, <b>Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.</b>	<a href="#">FCC 10-125</a> , 25 FCC Rcd 9371 (2010)	7/15/2010		The Commission introduced a new health care connectivity program that would expand investment in broadband for medically underserved communities across the country.
Wireline Competition Bureau Establishes the Effective Date for Electronic Disbursement of Universal Service Support Payments, CC Docket No. 02-6, <b>Public Notice.</b>	<a href="#">DA 10-270</a> , 25 FCC Rcd 7067 (2010)	6/2/2010		Establishes the effective date of August 31, 2010 for the requirement that all federal universal service support payments must be made by electronic funds transfer.
Rural Health Care Support Mechanism, WC Docket No. 02-60, <b>Order.</b>	<a href="#">DA 10-263</a> , 25 FCC Rcd 1423 (2010)	2/18/2010		Extends by one year, to June 30, 2011, deadline for participants in the Pilot Program to select a vendor and request a funding commitment from the USAC.

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Requests for Extension of the June 30, 2010 Deadline for Funding Commitments Under the Universal Service Rural Health Care Pilot Program, WC Docket No. 02-60, <b>Public Notice.</b>	<a href="#">DA-09-2609</a> , 24 FCC Rcd 14608 (2009)	12/22/2009		Request from the North Carolina TeleHealth Network for an extension of the deadline. Filing is treated as a request for a one year extension for all participants in the Pilot Program and additional requests are treated as <i>ex parte</i> comments.
Comment Sought on Health Care Delivery Elements of National Broadband Plan, GN Docket Nos. 09-47, 09-51, 09-137; WC Docket No. 02-60, <b>Public Notice.</b>	<a href="#">DA-09-2413</a> , 24 FCC Rcd 13728 (2009)	11/12/2009		Seeks comment on how advanced infrastructure and services could help achieve efficient implementation of health IT applications and to understand gaps between current connectivity and the connectivity requirements for various health IT applications.
Reminder to Rural Health Care Pilot Program Participants of Filing Requirements and Due Dates for Quarterly Reports, WC Docket No. 02-60, <b>Public Notice.</b>	<a href="#">DA-09-2124</a> , 24 FCC Rcd 12116 (2009)	9/28/2009		Reminder to file quarterly reports for a 72-month period commencing July 30, 2008 to inform the Commission of the cost-effectiveness and efficacy of the networks funded by the Pilot Program.
Deadline Established for Completing Funding Year 2008 Application Process for the Rural Health Care Pilot Program, WC Docket No. 02-60, <b>Public Notice.</b>	<a href="#">DA-09-1776</a> , 24 FCC Rcd 10590 (2009)	8/10/2009		Establishes June 30, 2010 as the filing deadline for participants to submit FCC Form 466-A for Funding Year 2008.
Rural Health Care Support Mechanism, Holzer Consolidated Health Systems and Southern Ohio Health Care Network Request for Merger of Rural Health Care Pilot Program Projects, WC Docket No. 02-60, <b>Order.</b>	<a href="#">DA 08-2664</a> , 23 FCC Rcd 17396 (2008)	12/05/2008		Grants the merger of two Rural Health Care Pilot Program projects in Ohio: Southern Ohio Health Care Network (SOHCN), and Holzer Consolidation Health Systems (Holzer). SOHCN will assume responsibility for the project originally applied for by Holzer.
Rural Health Care Support	<a href="#">DA 08-2665</a> , 23 FCC	12/05/2008		Grants a request from two Rural Health Care Pilot Program projects: As

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Mechanism, As One Together for Health and the University of Mississippi Medical Center Request for Merger of Rural Health Care Pilot Program Projects, WC Docket No. 02-60, <b>Order</b> .	Rcd 17401 (2008)			One Together for Health (ATH) and the University of Mississippi Medical Center (UMC), to merge and designate UMC as ATH's successor. Bureau finds that ATH has demonstrated that it is unable to continue to participate in the Pilot Program due to extenuating circumstances.
Kansas Corporation Commission Petition for Declaratory Ruling, WC Docket No. 08-55, <b>Public Notice</b> .	<a href="#">DA 08-1060</a> , 23 FCC Rcd 7203 (2008)	5/2/2008		Seeks comment on a KCC petition for declaratory ruling affirming the lawfulness of its procedure for certifying carriers' receipt of federal universal service support.
In the Matter of Rural Health Care Support Mechanism, WC Docket No. 02-60, <b>Order on Reconsideration</b> .	<a href="#">FCC 08-47</a> , 23 FCC Rcd 2539 (2008)	2/14/2008	American Telemedicine Association Order	Grants, in part, American Telemedicine Association petition for reconsideration, seeking limited reconsideration of the FCC's Rural Health Care Second Report and Order (FCC-04-289). Specifically extends for three years the FCC's prior determination to grandfather those health care providers who were eligible under the FCC's definition of "rural" prior to the Second Report and Order.
2007 Universal Service Monitoring Report, CC Dockets 98-202 and 96-45.	<a href="#">2007 USF Monitoring Report</a>	12/28/2007		Report contains information designed to monitor the impact of various universal service support mechanisms, and the methods used to finance them. 11th report in this series. (Data received through June 2007)
Comprehensive Review of Universal Service Fund Management, Administration, and Oversight, Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism, Rural Health Care Support Mechanism, Lifeline and Link-Up, Changes to the Board of Directors for the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc., WC Docket No. 05-	<a href="#">FCC 07-150</a> , 22 FCC Rcd 16372 (2007)	8/29/2007		Adopts measures to safeguard the USF from waste, fraud, and abuse as well as measures to improve the management, administration, and oversight of the USF. Specifically: Strengthens oversight of the USF contributions process by requiring timely filing of Telecommunications Reporting Worksheets and timely payment of USF contributions; Clarifies current procedures and restructure the rate of interest under the DCIA as amended, that is imposed when contributors fail to make USF contributions on time and apply the same rate to contributors that fail to file properly the FCC Forms 499-A and 499-Q; Adopts document retention requirements and administrative limitation periods for the high-cost, low-income, and

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195, CC Docket No. 96-45, CC Docket No. 02-6, WC Docket No. 02-60, WC Docket No. 03-109, CC Docket No. 97-21, <b>Report &amp; Order.</b>				rural health care universal service programs, and for USF contributors; Adopt rules for recovery of improperly disbursed funds for the high-cost, low-income, and rural health care universal service programs; Revises FCC debarment rules to include parties who are convicted of criminal violations or held civilly liable for acts arising out of participation in the high-cost, low-income, and rural health care universal service programs; Adopts performance measures for the universal service programs and for the Administrator.
In the Matter of Rural Health Care Support Mechanism, WC Docket No. 02-60, <b>Order on Reconsideration.</b>	<a href="#">FCC 07-6</a> , 22 FCC Rcd 2555 (2007)	2/6/2007		Grants petition filed by National LambdaRail (NLR) seeking reconsideration or, in the alternative, clarification of the FCC's order establishing a rural health care pilot program to encourage the provision of telehealth and telemedicine services throughout the nation.
2006 Universal Service Monitoring Report, CC Dockets 98-202 and 96-45.	<a href="#">2006 USF Monitoring Report</a>	12/29/2006		Report contains information designed to monitor the impact of various universal service support mechanisms, and the methods used to finance them. Tenth report in this series. (Data received through May 2006)
Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service; Request for Review of the Decision of the Universal Service Administrator by Thumb Cellular Limited Partnership, CC Docket No. 96-45, <b>Order.</b>	<a href="#">DA 06-2355</a> , 21 FCC Rcd 13539 (2006)	11/22/2006		Clarifies that Section 1.4(j) of the Commission's rules provides that if the filing date falls on a holiday (Saturday, Sunday, officially recognized federal legal holidays, and any other day FCC offices are closed and not reopened prior to 5:30 pm), the document shall be filed on the next business day, regardless if program rules state specific date. Example: If rule states, "must be submitted no later than March 30 each year," and March 30 is a holiday, any filings are due the next business day (e.g., March 31 or April 1).
Rural Health Care Support Mechanism, WC Docket No. 02-60, <b>Order.</b>	<a href="#">FCC 06-144</a> , 21 FCC Rcd 11111 (2006)	9/29/2006		Establishes a pilot program to help public and non-profit health care providers build state and region-wide broadband networks dedicated to the provision of health care services, and connect those networks to Internet2, a dedicated nationwide backbone.
Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service; Schools and Libraries	<a href="#">FCC 05-178</a> , 20 FCC Rcd 16883 (2005)	10/14/2005	Katrina Relief Order	Katrina Relief order; takes immediate steps to assist the victims of Hurricane Katrina by making available approximately \$211 million of

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Universal Service Support Mechanism; Rural Health Care Support Mechanism; Lifeline and Link-Up, CC Dockets No. 96-45 and 02-6, WC Dockets No. 02-60 and 03-109, <b>Order</b> .			Hurricane Katrina Order	targeted support from the Universal Service Fund for reconstruction and remediation relating to the restoration of telecommunications services.
Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism; Rural Health Care Support Mechanism; Lifeline and Link-Up, Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service; CC Docket No. 02-6, WC Dockets No. 02-60 and 03-109, CC Docket No. 96-45, <b>Order</b> .	<a href="#">DA 05-2484</a> , 20 FCC Rcd 14774 (2005)	9/21/2005	Katrina Waiver Order	Katrina Waiver Order; waives procedural rules relating to the Universal Service Fund on an emergency interim basis; State commissions, carriers, and program beneficiaries in the affected areas of Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama may postpone filing certain USF forms, payments and data for a period of up to one hundred and fifty (150) days.
Rural Health Care Support Mechanism, WC Docket No. 02-60, <b>Second Report and Order, Order on Reconsideration, and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking</b> .	<a href="#">FCC 04-289</a> , 19 FCC Rcd 24580 (2004)	12/17/2004		Changes the FCC's definition of rural for the rural health care support mechanism because the definition is no longer being updated with new Census Bureau data; revises rules to expand funding for mobile rural health care services by subsidizing the difference between the rate for satellite service and the rate for an urban wireline service with a similar bandwidth; improves administrative process by establishing a fixed deadline for applications for support; permits rural health care providers in states that are entirely rural to receive support for advanced telecommunications and information services; seeks comment on whether FCC should increase the percentage discount that rural health care providers receive for Internet access and whether infrastructure development should be funded and whether to modify our rules specifically to allow mobile rural health care providers to use services other than satellite.
Rural Healthcare Support Mechanism, WC Docket No. 02-60, <b>Order on</b>	<a href="#">FCC 04-15</a> , 19 FCC Rcd 883 (2004)	1/16/2004		Deletes section 54.619(a)(4) requiring USAC to submit an annual report on the rural health care program on the first business day in May of

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<b>Reconsideration.</b>				each year.
Rural Health Care Support Mechanism, WC Docket No. 02-60, <b>Report and Order, Order on Reconsideration, and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.</b>	<a href="#">FCC 03-288</a> , 18 FCC Rcd 24546 (2003)	11/17/2003	Rural Health Care Order	Amends Rural Health Care rules to improve the program, increase participation by rural health care providers; expands the scope of entities eligible to receive discounts, provide support for Internet access, and modifies the way in which the FCC calculates discounts to offer rural health care providers more flexibility.
Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45, AAD/USB File No. 98-37, <b>Order on Remand.</b>	<a href="#">FCC 00-449</a> , 16 FCC Rcd 571 (2001)	12/26/2000		Granted relief sought in the petition for declaratory ruling filed by the Iowa Telecommunications and Technology Commission.
Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, Docket No. 96-45, <b>Fourteenth Order On Reconsideration.</b>	<a href="#">FCC 99-256</a> , 14 FCC Rcd 20106 (1999)	11/3/1999		Reconsiders the FCC's conclusion that only eligible telecommunications carriers (ETCs) may be credited by USAC for serving eligible rural health care providers; concludes that all telecommunications carriers that provide supported services to eligible rural health care providers at a discount are entitled to have the total amount of the discount treated as a contribution to the preservation and advancement of universal service; directs USAC to apply, as a credit against a carrier's universal service contribution obligation, the amount equal to the difference between the lower, urban rate that a carrier charges eligible health care providers for supported telecommunications services and the higher, rural rates that would normally be charged to these customers.
Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45, <b>Sixth Order on Reconsideration in CC Docket No. 97-21, Fifteenth Order on Reconsideration in CC Docket No. 96-45.</b>	<a href="#">FCC 99-269</a> , 14 FCC Rcd 18756 (1999)	11/1/1999		Simplifies the process for rural health care providers to receive support and permits USAC to provide support for any commercially available telecommunications service, regardless of the bandwidth; requires USAC to calculate support based upon all actual distance-based charges, unless the rural health care provider or carrier requests a more comprehensive support calculation and substantiates that request.
Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45, <b>Twelfth</b>	<a href="#">FCC 99-121</a> , 64 Fed. Reg. 30440 (1999)	5/28/1999		Reconsiders FCC's decision governing the amount of money that may be collected during the second six months of 1999 and the first six months

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<b><i>Order on Reconsideration.</i></b>				of 2000 to fund the second year of the universal service support mechanisms for schools, libraries, and rural health care providers.
Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45, <b><i>Tenth Order on Reconsideration.</i></b>	<a href="#">FCC 99-46</a> , 14 FCC Rcd 5983 (1999)	4/2/1999		Takes steps designed to ensure that eligible schools, libraries, and rural health care providers gain access to, and receive, discounted services throughout the first funding cycle; addresses concerns raised by schools and libraries in light of the FCC's extension of the 1998-99 funding year.
Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45, <b><i>Ninth Order on Reconsideration.</i></b>	<a href="#">FCC 98-346</a> , 14 FCC Rcd 377 (1998)	12/31/1998		Changes the funding year for the rural health care support mechanism from a calendar year cycle (January 1-December 31) to a fiscal year cycle (July 1-June 30), and extends the first funding year by six months to June 30, 1999.
Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45, <b><i>Third Report and Order in CC Docket No. 97-21, Fourth Order on Reconsideration in CC Docket No. 97-21 and Eighth Order on Reconsideration in CC Docket No. 96-45.</i></b>	<a href="#">FCC 98-306</a> , 13 FCC Rcd 25058 (1998)	11/20/1998		Reconsiders the current organizational structure for administering the universal service support mechanisms and adopt a plan for merging the Schools and Libraries Corporation (SLC) and the Rural Health Care Corporation (RHCC) into the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) by January 1, 1999; adopt specific procedures under which administrative decisions made by USAC will be reviewable by the FCC.
Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45, <b><i>Fifth Order on Reconsideration and Fourth Report and Order in CC Docket No. 96-45.</i></b>	<a href="#">FCC 98-120</a> , 13 FCC Rcd 14915 (1998)	6/22/1998	Fifth Order on Reconsideration	Adjustment in funding year for schools and libraries support mechanism; collections during 1998 and the first six months of 1999; Rules of priority for the schools and libraries and rural health care support mechanisms; Level of compensation for officers and employees of the Administrative corporations; Publication of quarterly contribution factors in the Federal register
Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45; Access Charge Reform, Price Cap Performance Review for Local Exchange Carriers, Transport Rate	<a href="#">FCC 97-420</a> corrected version, 13 FCC Rcd 5318 (1998)	12/30/1997	Fourth Order on Reconsideration	Clarifies or makes further findings regarding: (1) the rules governing the eligibility of carriers and other providers of supported services; (2) methods for determining levels of universal service support for carriers in rural, insular and high cost areas; (3) support for low-income consumers; (4) the rules governing the receipt of universal service

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Structure and Pricing, End User Common Line Charge, CC Docket Nos. 96-262, 94-1, 91-213, 95-72, <b>Fourth Order on Reconsideration in CC Docket No. 96-45, Report and Order in CC Docket Nos. 96-45, 96-262, 94-1, 91-213, 95-72.</b>				support under the schools and libraries and rural health care programs; (5) the determinations of who must contribute to the new universal service support mechanisms; and (6) administration of the support mechanisms.
Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45, <b>Third Order on Reconsideration.</b>	<a href="#">FCC 97-411</a> , 12 FCC Rcd 22801 (1997)	12/16/1997		Directs the administrator to collect only as much as required by demand, but in no event more than \$25 million per quarter for the first and second quarters of 1998 to support the rural health care support mechanism; direct the administrator to collect only as much as required by demand, but in no event more than \$625 million for the first six months of 1998, to support the schools and libraries support mechanism.
Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45, <b>Third Report and Order.</b>	<a href="#">FCC 97-380</a> with errata, 12 FCC Rcd 22485 (1997)  ▪ <i>Errata 10/15/1997 unavailable online</i>	10/14/1997	Third Report and Order	Adopts a filing window period that begins on the date that the Schools and Libraries Corporation and the Rural Health Care Corporation begin to receive applications for support; concludes that the administrative corporations will determine the length of the window and resolve other administrative issues necessary to implement the FCC's decision to adopt a window filing period consistent with its guidance; amends sections 54.507(e) and 54.623(c) of FCC rules to implement this change.
Changes to the Board of Directors of the National Exchange Carrier Association, Inc., CC Docket No. 97-21, and Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45, <b>Report and Order and Second Order on Reconsideration.</b>	<a href="#">FCC 97-253</a> , 12 FCC Rcd 18400 (1997)	7/18/1997	Second Order on Reconsideration	Appointment of NECA as Temporary Administrator, USAC Board of Directors, Functions of USAC, Creation and Functions of High Cost and Low Income Committee, Creation of Schools and Libraries and Rural Health Care Corporations, Boards of Directors of Schools and Libraries and Rural Health Care Corporations, Functions of Schools and Libraries and Rural Health Care Corporations.

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Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45, <b>Report and Order.</b>	<a href="#">FCC 97-157</a> , 12 FCC Rcd 8776 (1997) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ DA No. 97-157, <i>Errata</i>, 6/4/1997 <span style="color: red;">unavailable online</span></li> <li>▪ <a href="#">DA No. 97-2477</a>, <i>Errata</i>, 12/3/1997, 12 FCC Rcd 22493 (1997)</li> </ul>	5/8/1997	1997 Universal Service Order  First Report and Order  Universal Service Report and Order	<i>"First Report and Order"</i> . The FCC implements the mandate for universal service set forth in Section 254 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996; releases the <i>Universal Service Report and Order</i> implementing section 254 of the Act and establishing a universal service support system that became effective on January 1, 1998.