The future of Rural/Urban Healthcare

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Rural Health Care Program
Rural Health Care (RHC) Program

$591 Million Annual Funds to provide reduced rates to Healthcare Providers.

- Healthcare Connect Fund (HCF) Program
  - Provides Eligible Health Care Providers (HCP’s) and Consortia with up to 65% discount on eligible expenses related to “broadband” connectivity

Where does the money come from?

- Telecommunications companies are required by the Telecommunications Act of 1996 to make annual contributions to make up the Universal Service Fund.

- USAC (Universal Service Administration Company) administers this for the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).
# Eligible Entities

Rural, not-for-profit, or one of the following provider types:

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<th>Hospitals</th>
<th>Community Health Centers or Centers that provide health care to migrants</th>
<th>Rural Health Clinics and FQHC’s (Federally Qualified Health Center)</th>
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<td>• Urban hospital under 400 beds has no annual funding cap</td>
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<td>• Skilled Nursing Facilities</td>
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Network
- Ethernet
- Dedicated Internet Access (DIA)
- Dark Fiber
- Cable
- 4G LTE
- DS1, DS3, & T-1's for Data

Voice
- Converged PRI
- SIP Trunks
- ISDN PRI

Managed Services
- Managed Ethernet
- Managed MPLS
- SD-WAN
- Hosted Firewall
- Managed Switches
- Managed Routers

Cloud – Not Yet
- Infrastructure as a Service (IaaS)
- Disaster Recovery as a Service (DRaaS)
- Backup as a Service (BaaS)
- Data Centers & Colocations
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