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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

### 47 CFR Part 54

[WC Docket No. 02-60; FCC 03-288]

### Rural Health Care Support Mechanism

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking.

**SUMMARY:** In this document, the Commission seeks comment on modifications to the definition of "rural area" for the rural health care support mechanism, whether additional modifications to our rules are

appropriate to facilitate the provision of support to mobile rural health clinics for satellite services, and additional outreach efforts and measures to streamline further the application process.

**DATES:** Comments are due on or before February 23, 2004. Reply comments are due on or before April 7, 2004. Written comments on the proposed information collection(s) must be submitted by the public, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), and other interested parties on or before February 23, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** All filings must be sent to the Commission's Secretary, Marlene H. Dortch, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20554. In addition to filing comments with the Secretary, a copy of any Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) comments on the information collection(s) contained herein should be submitted to Judith B. Herman, Federal Communications Commission, Room 1-C804, 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20554, or via the Internet to [Judith-B.Herman@fcc.gov](mailto:Judith-B.Herman@fcc.gov), and to Kim A. Johnson, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10236 NEOB, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, or via the Internet to [Kim.A.Johnson@omb.eop.gov](mailto:Kim.A.Johnson@omb.eop.gov) or by fax to 202-395-5167. Parties should also send three paper copies of their filings to Sheryl Todd, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, 445 Twelfth Street, SW., Room 5-B540, Washington, DC 20554. See Supplemental Information for further filing instructions.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Shannon Lipp, Attorney, (202) 418-7400 or Regina Brown, Attorney, (202) 418-7400, Wireline Competition Bureau, Telecommunications Access Policy Division. For additional information concerning the information collection(s) contained in this document, contact Judith B. Herman at 202-418-0214, or via the Internet at [Judith-B.Herman@fcc.gov](mailto:Judith-B.Herman@fcc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This is a summary of the Commission's Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in WC Docket No. 02-60 released on November

17, 2003. A companion Report and Order and Order on Reconsideration was also released in WC Docket No. 02-60 on November 17, 2003. The full text of this document is available for public inspection during regular business hours in the FCC Reference Center, Room CY-A257, 445 Twelfth Street, SW., Washington, DC 20554.

This Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (FNPRM) contains proposed information collection(s) subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA). It has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review under the PRA. OMB, the general public, and other Federal agencies are invited to comment on the proposed information collections contained in this proceeding.

### Paperwork Reduction Act

The FNPRM contained proposed information collections. The Commission, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burdens, invites the general public and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to comment on the information collection(s) contained in this FNPRM, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Public and agency comments on the proposed information collections discussed in this FNPRM are due on or before February 23, 2004. PRA comments should address: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimates; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**OMB Control Number:** 3060-0804.

**Title:** Universal Service—Health Care Providers Universal Service Program.

**Form No.:** FCC Forms 465, 466, 466-A, and 467.

**Type of Review:** Proposed revised collection.

**Respondents:** Business or other for-profit; not for profit institutions.

Title	Number of respondents	Frequency of response	Total annual burden
1. FCC Form 465—Description of Service Requested and Certification .....	1,600	1.5	96,000
2. FCC Form 466—Funding Request And Certification .....	1,600	2	192,000
3. FCC Form 466-A—Internet Toll Charge Discount Request .....	5	1	200
4. FCC Form 467—Connection Certification .....	1,600	1	81,000