



Wireline Competition Bureau Evaluation of Rural Health Care Pilot Program

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Createspace, United States, 2014. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 279 x 216 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.Americans living in rural areas face a shortage of primary care physicians and specialists, and often must travel large distances to obtain medical care. The increasing cost of providing health care and the demands of an aging population also put pressures on rural health care providers, many of which struggle to keep their doors open. The Federal Communications Commission (Commission or FCC) has implemented the statutory mandate for universal service by, among other things, creating the Rural Health Care (RHC) program to improve access to communications services for eligible health care providers. In recent years, broadband has become increasingly vital to the effective delivery of health care, and it can be uniquely transformative in rural areas, where distance poses a substantial challenge. In recognition of this, the Commission in 2006 launched the Rural Health Care Pilot Program (Pilot Program), which awarded 69 projects one-time funding for a defined period of time (a total of \$418 million) to cover up to 85 percent of the cost of construction and deployment of broadband networks that connect participating health care providers...



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