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Dear MiCTA Health Care Members,

On January 18, 2011 MiCTA filed a rules change request with the FCC addressing two important aspects of the program related to "Eligible Services" and the use of a "Third Party MSA". Both changes would have impacted the Form 465 process by allowing members to use MiCTA's current National Certified E-Rate 470's as a means for requesting services on the Form 466 and eliminating the member's need to bid saving time and cost while broadening the scope of the Eligible Services to include extremely important capabilities such as Wireless Data for use in Mobile Health Care.

As time went on it was determined by MiCTA that its initial filing was somewhat limiting in scope and would not bring about the overall enhancement to the program that would result in the most positive outcomes for Rural Health Care.

To that end, MiCTA, on October 6, 2011 filed a second document with the FCC Secretary requesting and encouraging the FCC to move the Rural Health Care Program to a discount funded design knowing that the Commissioners were very familiar with the success that format has had on the USF E-Rate Program.

MiCTA is hopeful that the FCC Commission will examine the MiCTA proposal and comments expediting the process outlined in the document so that these viable changes can be addressed prior to the next funding window scheduled for March, 2012.

Regards

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