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Rural Healthcare to Receive Financial Boost from FCC

The Federal Communication Commission (FCC) released a Notice of Inquiry today announcing their intent to establish a \$100 million program to bolster telehealth accessibility across Americans. This “Connected Care Pilot Program” will focus on rural America, low-income urban populations, and veterans to improve healthcare accessibility for communities who are currently underserved.

Rural and Agriculture Council of America (RACA) Vice President Chris Skorupa issued the following statement:

“RACA is pleased to see the FCC moving in this direction. Deployment of broadband to healthcare facilities advances technology and increases access to high-tech, life-saving services that are no longer limited to the confines of cities and hospitals. These technological advancements allow for remote patient monitoring that can take place across the large swaths of rural America and provide significant cost savings and improved patient outcomes.

“RACA commends Commissioner Carr and Senator Wicker and looks forward to working with both Congress and the FCC to make this program a reality. RACA urges all rural policy leaders and associations to weigh in on the issue by reaching out to their Members of Congress and submitting comments for the FCC’s Open Meeting in August.”

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