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Reaching Underserved Rural Areas to Lead on Telehealth Act

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Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Jun 19, 2017)

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This bill directs the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to remove regulatory limitations on the reimbursement amounts that certain large non-rural hospitals may receive for universal service support from the Healthcare Connect Fund, which provides support for high-capacity broadband connectivity to eligible health care providers.

The FCC must allow an eligible non-rural health care provider to receive universal service support if: (1) the majority of locations it serves are in rural areas, and (2) the provider serves as a consortium leader of a group of health care provider sites that request support through a single application.

Actions Timeline

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