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**UNIVERSAL SERVICE DEADLINE FOR COMPLETING FUNDING YEAR 2002
RURAL HEALTHCARE APPLICATION PROCESS ANNOUNCED
WC Docket No. 02-60**

Release Date: August 13, 2003

October 8, 2003 is the final deadline for filing the FCC Form 466/468 packet, for those rural healthcare providers seeking discounts for Funding Year 2002 under the rural healthcare universal service support mechanism. The Form 466/468 packet informs the Rural Healthcare Division (RHCD) of the Universal Service Administrative Company that the health care provider has entered into an agreement with a telecommunications carrier for a service eligible for universal service support. Those entities that have applied for support for Funding Year 2002 (July 1, 2002 - June 30, 2003) must have their completed packet postmarked by October 8, 2003.

The completed FCC Form 466/468 packet must include the following:

- 1) FCC Form 466 (Services Ordered and Certification Form), completed by the health care provider;
- 2) FCC Form 468 (Telecommunications Service Providers Support Form), completed by the telecommunications carrier;
- 3) contract document or tariff designation, provided by either the health care provider or telecommunications carrier; and
- 4) if the health care provider is seeking support based on an urban/rural rate comparison, documentation must be included to show the rate for the selected service(s) in the nearest city of 50,000 or more within the state.

The forms and accompanying instructions may be obtained at the RHCD website <<http://www.rhc.universalservice.org/forms/default.asp#2003>>. Parties with questions or in need of assistance with the filing of their applications should contact RHCD's Customer Service Support Center at 1-800-229-5476.

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