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## THE FCC'S RURAL HEALTH CARE PROGRAM FUNDING YEAR 2013 APPLICATION WINDOW OPENS APRIL 8

Governmental and nonprofit health care providers may begin applying for funding under the Federal Communications Commission Rural Health Care Program on Monday, April 8 for funding year 2013 (July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014). The **Rural Health Care program** provides funding to governmental and nonprofit eligible health care providers for telecommunications services, including broadband, necessary for the provision of health care. The goal of the program is to improve the quality of health care available to patients in rural communities by ensuring that eligible health care providers have access to affordable telecommunications services.

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