



AMENDMENT NO. _____

Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To remove the limitation on certain amounts for which large non-rural hospitals may be reimbursed under the Healthcare Connect Fund of the Federal Communications Commission.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—114th Cong., 2d Sess.

S. 421

To amend the Communications Act of 1934 to provide for greater transparency and efficiency in the procedures followed by the Federal Communications Commission, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and ordered to be printed

Ordered to lie on the table and to be printed

AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. WICKER

Viz:

1 At the appropriate place, insert the following:

2 **SEC. ____ . HEALTHCARE CONNECT FUND.**

3 The Federal Communications Commission shall
4 amend section 54.630 of title 47, Code of Federal Regula-
5 tions, to read as follows:

6 **“§ 54.630 Eligible recipients.**

7 “(a) RURAL HEALTH CARE PROVIDER SITE—INDI-
8 VIDUAL AND CONSORTIUM.—Under the Healthcare Con-
9 nect Fund, an eligible rural health care provider may re-
10 ceive universal service support by applying individually or

1 through a consortium. For purposes of the Healthcare
2 Connect Fund, a ‘consortium’ is a group of 2 or more
3 health care provider sites that request support through a
4 single application. Consortia may include health care pro-
5 viders who are not eligible for support under the
6 Healthcare Connect Fund, but such health care providers
7 cannot receive support for their expenses and must partici-
8 pate pursuant to the cost allocation guidelines in §
9 54.639(d).

10 “(b) PARTICIPATION OF NON-RURAL HEALTH CARE
11 PROVIDER SITES.—An eligible non-rural health care pro-
12 vider may receive universal service support if the eligible
13 non-rural health care provider—

14 “(1) provides telehealth services; or

15 “(2) serves as a Consortium Leader, as de-
16 scribed in section 54.631.”.