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Purchase Deadlines Extended for COVID-19 Telehealth Grants

The FCC’s Wireline Competition Bureau has extended the deadline for device purchases and service implementations under the COVID-19 Telehealth Program from Sept. 30 to Dec. 31. The $200 million program was established by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act earlier this year (TR Daily, March 31). The bureau said in a public notice that it has “received multiple requests to extend the purchase/implementation deadline for the COVID-19 Program. Participants needing more time have cited reasons including the length of time needed to complete procurement steps required by the state, and procurement or implementation delays caused by the COVID-19 pandemic or by recent hurricane damage. The Bureau anticipates that other funding recipients may experience difficulty meeting the September 30, 2020 purchase/implementation deadline for similar reasons.”

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