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RHC, E-Rate Waivers Extended Due to COVID-19 Pandemic

Citing the COVID-19 pandemic, the FCC's Wireline Competition Bureau today extended through Dec. 31 waivers of the Rural Health Care and E-rate programs' gift rules. The current waivers expire on Sept. 30. The bureau also waived through Dec. 31 the RHC deadline for responding to information requests from the Universal Service Administrative Co. "Finally, we direct USAC to provide a 30-day extension to E-Rate program participants impacted by the pandemic that request an extension to respond to certain USAC information requests, including those related to Program Integrity Assurance (PIA) requests, issued through December 31, 2020," the bureau said in an order, which was adopted in WC docket 02-60 and CC docket 02-6. "With our action, we continue to ensure health care providers, schools, and libraries can benefit from communications technologies during this unprecedented time, while easing administrative burdens on program participants so that they might focus on responding to the ongoing pandemic."

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