



Action Alert

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Participate in FCC's Listening Sessions on Broadband

Connect2Health Task Force seeks input from the field

The Federal Communications Commission's Connect2Health Task Force will convene virtual listening sessions beginning next month to get input on broadband health issues, including on the rural/urban gap and other digital divide issues, from stakeholders outside Washington, D.C. The task force is developing recommendations on regulatory, policy, technical and infrastructure issues concerning the emerging broadband-enabled health care ecosystem. That includes the FCC's Rural Broadband Program, which provides funding for rural health care providers.

Parties interested in participating in these virtual sessions should email the task force by July 28. Contact connect2health@fcc.gov, using "Virtual Listening Session" in the subject line. Please identify the session(s) of interest; provide a brief personal biography; your contact information; a description of your organization (and/or link to your organization website), if applicable; and the extent of your availability (specify days and EST times) during the specified week.

The schedule of listening sessions and instructions to participate are described below. More details are available in the [full description](#).

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE AND STAKEHOLDER GROUPS

Week of Aug. 7, Health Care Provider Forum – health system administrators, chief information officers, clinicians and other health care providers (including allied health professionals); community health officials; small medical practices; public safety and EMS professionals; and researchers.

Week of Sept. 11, Rural & Consumer Issues Forum – associations and advocacy groups representing rural interests, Tribal lands, people with disabilities, veterans and older Americans.

Week of Sept. 18, Technology & Broadband Services Forum – telecommunications carriers, broadband services providers, manufacturers, innovators and entrepreneurs.

Week of Sept. 25, Policymakers Forum – federal policymakers; state and local health officials (or their representatives) and other policymakers; associations representing state, county, and city health officials and policymakers; state and local officials involved in developing technology and broadband policies and strategies.