§ 54.605 Determining the urban rate.

(a) If a rural health care provider requests support for an eligible service to be funded from the Telecommunications Program that is to be provided over a distance that is less than or equal to the "standard urban distance," as defined in paragraph (c) of §54.604, the request will be approved.

(b) If a rural health care provider requests support for an eligible service to be funded from the Telecommunications Program that is to be provided over a distance that is greater than the "standard urban distance," the request will be denied.

(c) The standard urban distance shall be determined by the Administrator and shall be based on the average distance between rural health care providers and the nearest urban center.

§ 54.606 Determining the rural rate.

(a) If a rural health care provider requests support for an eligible service to be funded from the Telecommunications Program that is to be provided over a distance that is greater than the "standard urban distance," the request will be approved.

(b) If a rural health care provider requests support for an eligible service to be funded from the Telecommunications Program that is to be provided over a distance that is less than or equal to the "standard urban distance," the request will be denied.

§ 54.607 Determining the competitive bid requirements.

(a) If a rural health care provider requests support for an eligible service to be funded from the Telecommunications Program that is to be provided over a distance that is greater than the "standard urban distance," the request will be approved.

(b) If a rural health care provider requests support for an eligible service to be funded from the Telecommunications Program that is to be provided over a distance that is less than or equal to the "standard urban distance," the request will be denied.

§ 54.608 Determining the cost-effectiveness of the proposed services.

(a) If a rural health care provider requests support for an eligible service to be funded from the Telecommunications Program that is to be provided over a distance that is greater than the "standard urban distance," the request will be approved.

(b) If a rural health care provider requests support for an eligible service to be funded from the Telecommunications Program that is to be provided over a distance that is less than or equal to the "standard urban distance," the request will be denied.

§ 54.609 Determining the eligibility of the health care provider.

(a) If a rural health care provider requests support for an eligible service to be funded from the Telecommunications Program that is to be provided over a distance that is greater than the "standard urban distance," the request will be approved.

(b) If a rural health care provider requests support for an eligible service to be funded from the Telecommunications Program that is to be provided over a distance that is less than or equal to the "standard urban distance," the request will be denied.