



# MORROW COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT

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TO: FCC/USAC

FROM: Bob Houser, CEO, FACHE, Morrow County Health District

RE: WC Docket No. 02-60

This memo shall serve notice that Morrow County Health District is requesting the Bureau's cooperation in reviewing our recent denial of our USAC funds for failing to meet the timely filing requirement. While this was not intentional on part of the district, we are appealing to the Bureau to reconsider its denial for the following reasons:

- Morrow County Health District is a small, rural district consisting of a Critical Access Hospital and three Certified Rural Health Clinics with one also being a school based health clinic located in three separate communities in Morrow County, Oregon. The monies from the USAC funds is vastly important to the overall survivability of the district in helping the people we serve.
- The districts IT department consists of two (2) employees to manage the day-to-day IT operations throughout the district at all locations. This also includes both hardware and software issues as well as timely filings of all documents, security risks and all issues dealing with IT including being on call at all times. While this may sound like an excuse, it is not. It is merely a fact that we must deal with and we have made sure that the timely filing of the USAC information is now on the radar for the next filing period.

I am asking the Bureau to give serious thought about reconsidering their earlier decision of not funding our USAC request for the previous year.

Thank you for considering our request.



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