

Special Services for Schools and Libraries

- Separate federal fund established to provide connections to schools
 - "Kick start" lab model
- Funding to individual schools provided as part of a comprehensive plan developed to address needs of teachers and students
 - Comprehensive plan should include hardware, inside wire, software, training, etc.
 - Requires involvement of the community, government and other information, equipment and service providers

Rural Health Care

- Rural areas should include:
 - All areas served by rural telephone companies
 - Places outside an urbanized area with population of less than 25,000
- Reasonably comparable rates for rural health care providers accomplished by using the state average of the rates for the particular service requested

Low Income

- LECs and state commissions are addressing subscribership issues
- Core universal services will meet the needs of low income subscribers
- All carriers providing core services may receive support
- Low income support equal to interstate EUCL charge of carrier serving qualifying customer