

# Special Services for Schools and Libraries

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- 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

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- 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**

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- 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