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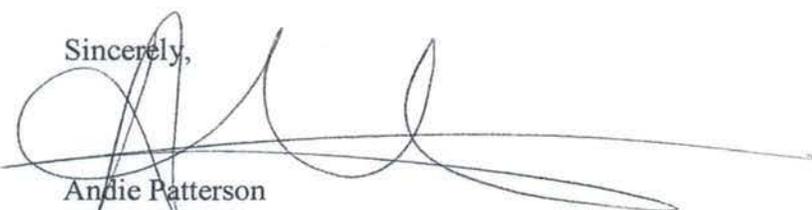
RE: California Telehealth Network
HCP 17211 Denial of Eligibility for 29 Entities

This letter supports the appeal by the California Telehealth Network (CTN) of the denial of 29 healthcare provider sites to participate in the Healthcare Connect Fund (HCF). The California Primary Care Association (CPCA) requests that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) reverse the decision and allow non-rural healthcare providers to participate consistent with the previous practices implemented under the Rural Health Care Pilot Program (RHCPP). CPCA supports the participation of these healthcare providers as an integral part of the emerging broadband enabled healthcare delivery system CTN provides in the State of California.

CPCA strongly supports the CTN consortium and understands the importance of the participation of rural and non-rural healthcare providers in the delivery of broadband enabled healthcare services. Non-rural healthcare organizations are vital to the sustainability and provision of specialty care and other vital resources to the rural communities of California.

We strongly urge the FCC to move quickly to reinstate the eligibility of these healthcare providers consistent with previous RHCPP practices.

Sincerely,



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