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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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April 1, 2024

**SENT VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL**

The Honorable Donny Lambeth, Chair  
Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on  
Health and Human Services  
North Carolina General Assembly  
Room 620, Legislative Office Building  
Raleigh, NC 27603

The Honorable Joyce Krawiec, Chair  
Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on  
Health and Human Services  
North Carolina General Assembly  
Room 308, Legislative Office Building  
Raleigh, NC 27603

The Honorable Larry Potts, Chair  
Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on  
Health and Human Services  
North Carolina General Assembly  
Room 307B1, Legislative Office Building  
Raleigh, NC 27603

Dear Chairmen:


Session Law 2023-134, Section 9B.7A.(b) requires the Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Rural Health (ORH), to establish a telehealth infrastructure grant program to award grants on a competitive basis to rural healthcare providers to be used to purchase equipment, high- speed internet access, and any other infrastructure necessary to establish telehealth services, defined as the use of two- way, real- time interactive audio and video where the healthcare provider and the patient can hear and see each other

Section 9B.7A.(c) further instructs ORH to submit reports as follows: By April 1, 2024, and by April 1, 2025, ORH shall report to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services and the Fiscal Research Division on the grants awarded under this section.

To facilitate the execution of the funding, ORH will draft a Request for Applications (RFA). A draft of the RFA has been written and is in the process of being reviewed internally. ORH anticipates posting the RFA by June 1, 2024, with awards announced by July 15, 2024. ORH will provide a follow-up report once a list of grant recipients and award amounts are determined.

Should you have any questions regarding this report, please contact Karen Wade, Director of Policy, at [Karen.Wade@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:Karen.Wade@dhhs.nc.gov).

Sincerely,

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Mr. Brian Matteson, Director  
Fiscal Research Division  
Suite 619, Legislative Office Building  
Raleigh, NC 27603-5925

Dear Director Matteson:

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