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Rural Health Care Program
Attn: Nathaniel Booth
Universal Service Administrative Company
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Washington, DC 20036

Re: The Geisinger Consortium 35% Match Source

Dear Mr. Booth,

Please accept this letter as the identification of Geisinger Consortium's source of funding for the 35% contribution of eligible expenses.

Unlike urban centers, many community hospitals, especially those in rural areas which serve many un- and under-insured patients, have operating margins that are small with little capital to grow or implement new technology solutions. Without funding, facilities would not be able to afford telecommunication line cost, as well as telemedicine equipment and be forced to either seek interest bearing loans or not implement a telemedicine solution at all.

65% of the telecommunication line is funded by the FCC and the remaining 35% matching contribution will be funded from Geisinger's operating income. This 35% match will include all sites within the Geisinger Consortium.

This arrangement allows the non-Geisinger community hospitals to be able to purchase the much-needed telemedicine equipment without jeopardizing their already lean budget.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph B. Fisne

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