BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, on its own motion, to explore additional funding opportunities in the Telehealth program.	)))))))	Application No. NUSF-150 SECOND ORDER ISSUING TELEHEALTH PILOT PROGRAM AWARDS Entered: November 17, 2026

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N A N D F I N D I N G S

As part of the Nebraska Universal Service Fund ("NUSF") program, the Nebraska Public Service Commission ("Commission") has recognized the Legislative goal to ensure that consumers in rural areas should have access to advanced telecommunications services as described in the Telecommunications Act of 1996 ("The 1996 Act").[1] The 1996 Act requires that telecommunications carriers provide telecommunications services for health care purposes to rural public or non-profit health care providers at rates that are "reasonably comparable" to rates in urban areas.[2] Consistent with The 1996 Act's directive and Legislative goals, the Commission established the Telehealth Program and created a mechanism for telecommunications carriers to receive support from the NUSF to offset the costs of providing services to eligible rural health care providers. From time to time over the years, the Commission has re-evaluated the program goals and requirements.

On December 16, 2025, Commission opened this proceeding to consider modifications to the program eligibility requirements and to explore ways in which Telehealth program funding could be used in the current health care environment. On August 25, 2026, the Commission entered an Order in this proceeding issuing Telehealth program support for connectivity for health monitoring purposes to eligible day care centers.

Initially, the Commission received 28 applications and found that applicants could continue to apply or demonstrate eligibility on a rolling basis. In today's Order, the Commission addresses applications not included in the August 25, 2026 Order, and provides a disposition determination on approved applications, provisionally

[1] Neb. Rev. Stat. § 86-323.

[2] 47 U.S.C. § 254(h)(1)(A).

approved, and applications deemed ineligible for Telehealth Pilot Program support. The list of approved, provisionally approved, and ineligible applications are set forth in Attachment "A" to this Order. Provisionally approved entities are required to notify the Commission once eligible devices are identified and update their application prior to a determination of eligibility. The Applicants which submitted applications not deemed eligible at this time may re-file applications for Commission consideration on a rolling basis.

Under the parameters of this program, the use and purpose of the device must tie into infant health care monitoring. Applicants providing specific infant health care monitoring may receive support though a discount on their bill from a participating Nebraska eligible telecommunications carrier (NETC). The Commission will provide up to $100 in monthly Telehealth Pilot Program support for each qualified entity. Support will be provided in a similar manner to Telehealth program support provided in our NUSF-57 framework. Participating Nebraska eligible telecommunications carriers ("NETCs") must show a credit on the qualified entities' account and will be reimbursed by the Commission in an amount up to $100.

In its August 25, 2026 Order, the Commission determined that this pilot program will end on October 1, 2027. The Commission clarifies that bill credits may be submitted for reimbursement for services provided through the end of the October 2027 monthly billing cycle.

Attestation

The newly approved applicants listed herein are required to attest to the use of the health monitoring devices. The attestation form to be used is attached to this Order as Attachment "B." This attestation must be submitted to the Commission and to the participating NETC. Telehealth Pilot Program support will not begin until after the attestation has been received by the Commission. We encourage newly approved applicants to file their attestations on or before **December 17, 2026**. Such attestations can be filed electronically at psc.nusf@nebraska.gov.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the findings and opinions set forth herein be, and they are hereby, adopted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that successful applicants complete Attachment "B" and submit the attestation prior to support being made available through this program.

ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 17th day of November, 2026.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Chair

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

ATTEST:

APPROVED				
Applicant	**App Status (Orig. Order)**	**App Status (Current)**	**Description of Device(s) Used**	**Provider**
Diapers 2 Diplomas Learning Center	Conditional	**Approved**	Owlets	Cox
Little Learner Children's Academy	Conditional	**Approved**	Owlets	Glenwood Communications
The Valley Child Development Center	Conditional	**Approved**	Owlets	Great Plains Communications
St John Early Learning Center	--	**Approved**	Owlets	Stealth Broadband
Christ Lutheran Childcare (Norfolk)	Approved	Approved	Owlets	Stealth Broadband
Christ Lutheran Early Childhood Community	Approved	Approved	Owlets	Stealth Broadband
Fremont Children's Academy	Approved	Approved	Owlets & SleepSense True	Allo Communications, LLC
Little Disciples Christian Childcare	Approved	Approved	Owlets	Three River Communication
Little Sprouts Child Development Center	Approved	Approved	Owlets	Fastwyre Broadband
Northern Hills Child Care	Approved	Approved	Owlets	Allo Communications, LLC
Sandhills First Steps	Approved	Approved	Owlets	Hamilton
Son-Shine Child Care Center	Approved	Approved	Owlets w/ pulse oximeter	Windstream

PROVISIONALLY APPROVED (Must correct deficiency)					
Applicant	**App Status (Orig. Order)**	**App Status (Current)**	**Description of Device(s) from Application**	**Provider**	**Deficiency**
Ainsworth Child Development Center	Approved	**Conditional**	Owlets	Three River Communication	No infant monitoring devices currently used
Bere's Child Care III	--	**Conditional**	Cameras, Phone, Tablets	Cox	No infant monitoring devices identified
Bere's Child Care IV	Conditional	Conditional	Cameras, Phone, Tablets	Cox	No infant monitoring devices identified
Blossoming Heights Childcare	Conditional	Conditional	Cameras in each room	Starlink Internet	Provider is not an ETC
Family Suite Learning Center	Conditional	Conditional	Health Socks Monitors Sensors	Great Plains Communications	No infant monitoring devices identified

First Step Learning Center	Conditional	Conditional	Computers, Tablets, Phones	Starlink & Spectrum	Need specific information on devices
Generation Z Learning Center	Conditional	Conditional	Health Monitoring - No Devices Yet	Cox	No infant monitoring devices identified
Grow with Me Childcare	Conditional	Conditional	Camera in room	Cox	No infant monitoring devices identified
Learning Adventures Cozad LLC	Conditional	Conditional	No Devices Yet	Spectrum	No infant monitoring devices identified
Lincoln Children's Academy	Conditional	Conditional	Health Monitoring - No Devices Yet	Allo Communications, LLC	No infant monitoring devices identified
Precious Angel Daycare Center (PADC LLC)	Conditional	Conditional	No Devices Yet	Great Plains Communications	No infant monitoring devices identified
Stepping Stones Child Academy	Conditional	Conditional	No Devices Yet	Allo Communications, LLC	No infant monitoring devices identified
Wesley Center Inc	Conditional	Conditional	Owlets	Sparklight Business	Provider is not an ETC

NOT APPROVED/WITHDRAWN			
Applicant	**App Status (Orig. Order)**	**App Status (Current)**	**Reason**
Little Angels Child Care Center	Conditional	**Withdrawn**	No plan to acquire infant monitoring devices
Whisper Power LLC	Conditional	**Withdrawn**	No plan to acquire infant monitoring devices
Playful Pals Daycare	--	**Not Approved**	Family child care home licenses not supported
Grace Lutheran Childcare	Not Approved	Not Approved	Family child care home licenses not supported
Kristin Spiering	Not Approved	Not Approved	Family child care home licenses not supported
Kristi's Daycare	Not Approved	Not Approved	Family child care home licenses not supported
Sheila Koss Daycare	Not Approved	Not Approved	Family child care home licenses not supported
Tiny Toes Daycare	Not Approved	Not Approved	Family child care home licenses not supported

NUSF-150 Telehealth Pilot Program
Attestation of Use of Health Monitoring Device

2026 Program Year

As required by order of the Nebraska Public Service Commission in Docket No. NUSF-150, day care providers who submitted a successful application in the 2026 Telehealth Pilot Program must submit an attestation with respect to the health care monitoring device to be connected and used as described in the application.

The questions below should be filled out with the most accurate information currently available. When describing devices used, please describe use as of the date of this report and intended use throughout the program term. Participants in this program are required to report any changes to the Commission within 30 days.

Date of Report:	
Day Care Name:	
Day Care License Number:	
Contact Person:	
Mailing Address:	
Email Address:	
Phone Number:	

Specific Description of Device(s) used:	
Total number of devices connected:	
Total number of children in the infant room(s) connected:	
Name of Service Provider:	

ATTESTATION: By signing this document, I attest under penalty of perjury that the information contained in this form and any supporting documents are true and accurate, and that I have undertaken due diligence to obtain knowledge regarding these claims. I understand that the submission of false information in this document shall be considered as a violation of an order of the Commission, and may be subject to civil and/or criminal penalties.

Print Name Date

Title

Signature