

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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Sunshine Act; Open Commission Meeting Thursday, July 24, 2025

July 17, 2025.

The Federal Communications Commission will hold an Open Meeting

on the subjects listed below on Thursday, July 24, 2025, which is scheduled to commence at 10:30 a.m. in the Commission Meeting Room of the Federal Communications Commission, 45 L Street NE, Washington, DC.

While attendance at the Open Meeting is available to the public, the FCC headquarters building is not open access and all guests must check in with and

be screened by FCC security at the main entrance on L Street. Attendees at the Open Meeting will not be required to have an appointment but must otherwise comply with protocols outlined at: www.fcc.gov/visit. Open Meetings are streamed live at: www.fcc.gov/live and on the FCC's YouTube channel.

Item No.	Bureau	Subject
1	WIRELINE COMPETITION	<i>Title:</i> Reducing Barriers to Network Improvements and Service Changes (WC Docket No. 25–209); Accelerating Network Modernization (WC Docket No. 25–208). <i>Summary:</i> The Commission will consider a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking that proposes and seeks comment on revisions to the Commission's network change disclosure rules and section 214(a) discontinuance processes to eliminate regulatory barriers and costs, thus encouraging the swift transition to IP-based networks and advanced communications services for consumers.
2	WIRELINE COMPETITION	<i>Title:</i> Removing Barriers to Broadband Deployment and Investment (WC Docket No. 17–84). <i>Summary:</i> The Commission will consider a Fifth Report and Order, Fourth Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, and Orders on Reconsideration to promote broadband infrastructure deployment by ensuring greater collaboration between utilities and attachers, establishing a timeline for large pole attachment requests, implementing other improvements to the pole attachment timeline, and speeding up the contractor approval process. The Commission would seek comment on ways to further facilitate the pole attachment process and on defining the term "pole" for purposes of section 224, and would resolve two petitions for reconsideration of prior Commission action.
3	ECONOMICS AND ANALYTICS	<i>Title:</i> Enhancing National Security Through the Auction of AWS–3 Spectrum Licenses (GN Docket No. 25–70); Applying New Average Annual Gross Revenue Benchmarks for Small Business Bidding Credits (GN Docket No. 25–71); and Amendment of the Commission's Rules with Regard to Commercial Operations in the 1695–1710 MHz, 1755–1780 MHz, and 2155–2180 MHz Bands (GN Docket No. 13–185). <i>Summary:</i> The Commission will consider a Report and Order and Second Report and Order that would update 10-year-old AWS–3 service-specific designated entity eligibility requirements to bring those requirements, along with related eligibility requirements contained in the part 1 competitive bidding rules, in line with the Commission's current auctions practice.
4	GENERAL COUNSEL	<i>Title:</i> Streamlined Repeal of Outdated and Obsolete Rules (GN Docket No. 25–133). <i>Summary:</i> The Commission will consider a Direct Final Rule that would repeal certain rules identified as outdated and obsolete via a direct final rule procedure and clarify the potential use of the direct final rule procedure in other circumstances in the future.
5	CONSUMER AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS.	<i>Title:</i> Protecting Consumers from Unauthorized Carrier Changes and Related Unauthorized Charges (CG Docket No. 17–169); and Truth-in-Billing and Billing Format (CC Docket No. 98–170). <i>Summary:</i> The Commission will consider a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking proposing to modernize and simplify the Commission's slamming and Truth-in-Billing rules to reflect the evolution of the telecommunications marketplace, retain core consumer protections against unauthorized carrier switches and charges, and reduce regulatory burdens that can stifle innovation.
6	WIRELINE COMPETITION	<i>Title:</i> 988 Text Georouting to Improve Access to the 988 Lifeline (WC Docket No. 18–336). <i>Summary:</i> The Commission will consider a Fourth Report and Order that would adopt rules to require wireless providers to transmit data that enables text messages sent to the 988 Lifeline to be routed to the closest local crisis center based on a person's general geographic location.
7	MANAGING DIRECTOR	<i>Title:</i> Personnel Action #25–09—Promotion. <i>Summary:</i> The Commission will consider a personnel action.
8	MANAGING DIRECTOR	<i>Title:</i> Personnel Action #25–10—Promotion. <i>Summary:</i> The Commission will consider a personnel action.
9	MANAGING DIRECTOR	<i>Title:</i> Personnel Action #25–11—Promotion. <i>Summary:</i> The Commission will consider a personnel action.
10	MANAGING DIRECTOR	<i>Title:</i> Personnel Action #25–12—Promotion. <i>Summary:</i> The Commission will consider a personnel action.
11	MANAGING DIRECTOR	<i>Title:</i> Personnel Action #25–13—Promotion. <i>Summary:</i> The Commission will consider a personnel action.
12	PUBLIC SAFETY AND HOMELAND SECURITY.	<i>Title:</i> Appointment of the Defense Commissioner. <i>Summary:</i> The Commission will consider a personnel action regarding the appointment of the Defense Commissioner.

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The meeting will be webcast at: www.fcc.gov/live. Open captioning will be provided as well as a text only version on the FCC website. Other reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities are available upon request. In your request, include a description of the accommodation you will need and a way we can contact you if we need more information. Last minute requests will be accepted but may be impossible to fill. Send an email to: fcc504@fcc.gov or call the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau at 202–418–0530.

Press Access—Members of the news media are welcome to attend the meeting and will be provided reserved seating on a first-come, first-served basis. Following the meeting, the Chairman may hold a news conference in which he will take questions from credentialed members of the press in attendance. Also, senior policy and legal staff will be made available to the press in attendance for questions related to the items on the meeting agenda. Commissioners may also choose to hold press conferences. Press may also direct questions to the Office of Media Relations (OMR): MediaRelations@fcc.gov. Questions about credentialing should be directed to OMR.

Additional information concerning this meeting may be obtained from the Office of Media Relations, (202) 418–0500. Audio/Video coverage of the meeting will be broadcast live with open captioning over the internet from the FCC Live web page at www.fcc.gov/live.

Federal Communications Commission.

Marlene Dortch,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

[CMS–3475–PN]

Medicare and Medicaid Programs: Application From the Accreditation Commission for Health Care for Continued Approval of Its Critical Access Hospital Accreditation Program

AGENCY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), HHS.

ACTION: Notice with request for comment.

SUMMARY: This notice acknowledges the receipt of an application from the Accreditation Commission for Health Care for continued recognition as a national accrediting organization for critical access hospitals that wish to participate in the Medicare or Medicaid programs.

DATES: To be assured consideration, comments must be received at one of the addresses provided below, no later than 5 p.m. on August 22, 2025.

ADDRESSES: In commenting, please refer to file code CMS–3475–PN.

Comments, including mass comment submissions, must be submitted in one of the following three ways (please choose only one of the ways listed):

1. *Electronically.* You may submit electronic comments on this regulation to <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the “submit a comment” instructions.

2. *By regular mail.* You may mail written comments to the following address ONLY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, Attention: CMS–3475–PN, P.O. Box 8010, Baltimore, MD 21244–8010.

Please allow sufficient time for mailed comments to be received before the close of the comment period.

3. *By express or overnight mail.* You may send written comments to the following address ONLY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, Attention: CMS–3475–PN, Mail Stop C4–26–05, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21244–1850.

For information on viewing public comments, see the beginning of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Inspection of Public Comments: All comments received before the close of the comment period are available for viewing by the public, including any personally identifiable or confidential business information that is included in a comment. We post all comments received before the close of the comment period on the following website as soon as possible after they have been received: <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the search instructions on that website to view public comments.

I. Background

Under the Medicare program, eligible beneficiaries may receive covered services in a critical access hospital (CAH), provided that certain requirements are met by the CAH.

Section 1861(mm) of the Social Security Act (the Act), establishes distinct criteria for facilities seeking designation as a CAH. Regulations concerning provider agreements are at 42 CFR part 489 and those pertaining to activities relating to the survey and certification of facilities are at 42 CFR part 488. The regulations at 42 CFR part 485, subpart F specify the conditions that a CAH must meet to participate in the Medicare program.

Generally, to enter into an agreement, a CAH must first be certified by a state survey agency as complying with the conditions or requirements set forth in part 485 of our regulations. Thereafter, the CAH is subject to regular surveys by a state survey agency to determine whether it continues to meet these requirements.

However, there is an alternative to surveys by state agencies. Section 1865(a)(1) of the Act states, if a provider entity demonstrates through accreditation by an approved national accrediting organization (AO) that all applicable Medicare conditions are met or exceeded, we will deem those provider entities as having met the requirements. Accreditation by an AO is voluntary and is not required for Medicare participation.

If an AO is recognized by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) as having standards for accreditation that meet or exceed Medicare requirements, any provider entity accredited by the national accrediting body’s approved program would be deemed to meet the Medicare conditions. A national AO applying for approval of its accreditation program under part 488, subpart A, must provide us with reasonable assurance that the AO requires the accredited provider entities to meet requirements that are at least as stringent as the Medicare conditions. Our regulations concerning the approval of AOs are set forth at § 488.5. The regulations at § 488.5(e)(2)(i) require an AO to reapply for continued approval of its accreditation program every 6 years or as determined by CMS.

The Accreditation Commission for Health Care’s (ACHC’s) current term of approval for their critical access hospital accreditation program expires December 27, 2025.

II. Approval of Accreditation Organizations

Section 1865(a)(2) of the Act and our regulations at § 488.5 require that our findings concerning review and approval of a national AO’s requirements consider, among other factors, the applying AO’s requirements