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SECTION 2-GENERAL REGULATIONS

2.17 AT&T HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS SUPPORT PROGRAM:

2.17.1 GENERAL

The purpose of the AT&T Health Care Providers Support Program is to enable public and non-profit rural health care providers to have access to telecommunications services necessary for the provision of health care services at rates comparable to those paid for similar services in urban areas. The AT&T Health Care Providers Support Program offers eligible public and non-profit health care providers located in rural areas reduced rates for AT&T (Company) intrastate services, available in the applicable AT&T intrastate tariffs filed in New York State. Such services must be purchased in accordance with the rules adopted by the Federal Communications Commission (F.C.C.) in its Universal Service Order 97-157, issued May 8, 1997 and the New York State Public Service Commission in its Order in Cases 94-C-0095 and 28425, issued November 4, 1997. The FCC Rules are codified at 47 Code of Federal Regulation (C.F.R.) 54.601 et. seq., and any amendments made thereto.

2.17.2 REGULATIONS

- a. To be eligible for the reduced rates, rural health care providers are required to comply with the terms and conditions set forth in the F.C.C. Rules.
- b. Reduced rates are available only to the extent that they are funded by the Federal Universal Fund.
- c. Eligible rural health care providers may aggregate demand with other entities to create a consortium. Universal service support shall apply only to the portion of eligible services used by an eligible health care provider.

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