

7812.1300 UNIVERSAL SERVICE.

Subpart 1. **State universal service support mechanism.** Eligibility for any state universal service support established by the commission under Minnesota Statutes, section 237.16, subdivision 9, must be limited to commission-designated eligible telecommunication carriers (ETCs) that offer and market the services identified in part 7812.0600, subpart 1. The support mechanism must provide support as necessary to ensure the affordability of basic local service, on a competitively neutral basis, consistent with section 254 of the act and FCC regulations adopted under the act, for the benefit of the following categories of end-users:

- A. high-cost area end-users; and
- B. low-income end-users.

Subp. 2. **Federal universal service support mechanism.** Eligibility for federal universal service support for the benefit of high-cost area and low-income customers shall be limited to commission-designated ETCs as provided in section 254 of the federal act and applicable FCC regulations adopted pursuant to the act. Local service providers are eligible to receive federal universal service support for the benefit of rural health care providers, educational institutions, and libraries as provided in section 254, subsection (h), paragraph (1), subparagraph (B)(ii), of the act and any applicable FCC regulations.

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