



Federal Communications Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20554

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Radha Sekar  
Chief Executive Officer  
Universal Service Administrative Company  
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Washington, D.C. 20005

Re: Payment Integrity Information Act

Dear Ms. Sekar:

This letter concerns the enactment of the Payment Integrity Information Act (PIIA), Pub. L. No. 116-117. In revoking the 2002 Improper Payments Information Act (IPIA), the 2010 Improper Payments Elimination and Recovery Act (IPERA), the 2012 Improper Payments Elimination and Recovery Improvement Act (IPERIA), and the 2015 Fraud Reduction and Data Analytics Act (FRDAA), the PIIA incorporates select provisions from IPIA, IPERA, IPERIA, and FRDAA into a single subchapter in the U.S. Code, while also introducing new aspects into the payment integrity statutory framework.

The Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) is writing to inform you of these changes and to specifically highlight the new requirements related to the "Do Not Pay Initiative."<sup>1</sup> In particular, the PIIA requires that: "Each executive agency shall review prepayment and preaward procedures and ensure that a thorough review of available databases with relevant information on eligibility occurs to determine program or award eligibility and prevent improper payments before the release of any Federal funds."<sup>2</sup>

In the coming months, the Office of Management and Budget will be issuing guidance on the requirements of the PIIA. However, in the meantime, the FCC wants to ensure that the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) is making full use of the Do Not Pay system administered by the Bureau of the Fiscal Service.<sup>3</sup> USAC should ensure that it has written policies and procedures documenting its processes and controls related to the use of the Do Not Pay system. As additional implementation guidance becomes available related to the PIIA, the FCC will continue to communicate with USAC about next steps for fulfilling the requirements of the PIIA.

Thank you for your prompt attention to these matters. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or wish to discuss this issue further.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mark Stephens".

Mark Stephens  
Managing Director

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<sup>1</sup> 31 U.S.C. § 3354.

<sup>2</sup> 31 U.S.C. § 3354(a)(1).

<sup>3</sup> For additional information, please see: <https://fiscal.treasury.gov/DNP/>.