

## NCIH

### **OLDER H.320 NCIH Service:**

The NCIH schools with H.320 (older technology, \$1941 per room) have filed for E-Rate under a consortium. DPI heads the consortium and ITS is the billed entity under the telecommunications category. This managed service included the E-Rate eligible circuit and service bundle. Schools were billed + \$1941, then a “ - \$1941 legislative grant” on the bill. DPI paid the school bills to ITS in full. E-Rate dollars were given to DPI. The legislative grant covered most school sites’ non E-Rate portion of the bill.

This year, DPI and ITS are again filing the consortium application for all schools that are currently on the old H.320 service. If you are staying with the old service this next Fiscal year, the bills and procedure should look as above. Nothing will change. All E-Rate paperwork is done by the DPI consortium.

### **New NCIH H.323 Video over IP Option:**

**IF you have already moved to the new H.323 service or plan to MOVE to the new H.323 at anytime during the next Fiscal year (July, 2007 – June 2008),**

***You must file for your own E-Rate circuit charges.*** This can be with ITS or your preferred Internet provider.

There are changes with the new H.323 Video over IP NCIH schools. Video over IP service (\$685) is not E-Rate eligible; the circuits are eligible under Telecomm/Internet category. **ITS is a vendor only for Internet.** Beginning July 1, 2007, DPI plans to pay the Video service portion only for selected schools. Based on a meeting two weeks ago with ITS, Benny Hendrix, state E-rate coordinator, advises school districts to file their own Form 470, 471 for the data circuit during this E-Rate cycle by January 10, 2007.

The district can file to be with ITS or the school district’s own Telecomm/Internet vendor. Beginning July 2007, DPI will be billed by ITS for the \$685 Video over IP cost. The Video Over IP site bill will show “+\$685 NCIH Video Services and -\$685 Video Services Legislative Grant”. If keeping the circuit with ITS or any other vendor, the district must file for these circuits themselves. The ITS school district’s bill would have the data portion filed as Telecomm/Internet with a discounted E-Rate percentage, if the circuit stays with ITS and the school’s individual Telecomm/Internet E-Rate application is approved by the SLD. DPI has determined that the school will now be responsible for paying the non-E-rate portion of the data circuit cost (whether with ITS or another vendor) for this new Video Over IP NCIH service.

*For example, if the district is 90% and the total circuit bill is \$300, the district would pay \$30 per month out of pocket.*

*If the district were 50%, they would now pay \$150 out of pocket per month or approximately \$1800 per year out of pocket.*

If a school district thinks they may convert to the H.323 during the next school year, then the district needs to **file a Form 470 should be filed by January 10, 2007**, followed by the Form 471. The school will be responsible for the data circuit cost for any remaining part of the year and the E-rate application for this. If you haven’t done these forms and

convert during the fiscal year, you will not receive E-Rate for the circuit costs. ***If you aren't sure if, when you will convert, these forms can always be completed and not used during the year.***

If you want the circuit for the new Video Over IP service through ITS, please call Kathryn Wilson, (919) 981-5229 for the Internet vendor and filing information. Spin BellSouth 143004824; Embarq (formerly known as Sprint) 143001484. You will need a quote from ITS before the Form 471 can be completed. [Kathryn.r.wilson@ncmail.net](mailto:Kathryn.r.wilson@ncmail.net)

Otherwise if there are questions about the new DPI NCIH procedures and E-Rate for the DPI consortium, call Benny Hendrix at (919) 807-3422. [bhendrix@dpi.state.nc.us](mailto:bhendrix@dpi.state.nc.us)