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## SPECIAL BULLETIN

### USF Budget Control: Jan-Jun 2017

The FCC's Wireline Competition Bureau issued a [Public Notice](#) announcing the availability of the USF budget control mechanism results applicable to RoR carriers for the first half of 2017. The results for the second half of 2016 were released previously (see June 30, 2016 *Special Bulletin*). The adjustments announced today will apply to support payments starting in January 2017.

The calculations in total, and for each study area and each mechanism, are available at USAC's [website](#) and the Excel file is attached to this Special Bulletin. Overall, the mechanism calls for a reduction in HCLS and CAF BLS of just under ten percent. However, the budget control mechanism calls for a per-line and a pro-rata revision; for example, projected HCLS for each study area will be reduced by \$0.71 per line and the total less the per-line adjustment will be adjusted downward by an additional 7.04%.

Each company receiving HCLS (as well as SNA and SVS) and/or CAF BLS should review the "SAC by SAC Totals" tab to ascertain how much the reduction will be starting in January 2017 for January—June 2017 support.

Please let us know if you have any questions.



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Questions? Comments?

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