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**Q6. Will this project provide material broadband enhancements to local hospitals?**

While there are no hospitals in the proposed funded service area, Russellville Hospital and the Bay Health and Wellness are located in Russellville and Red Bay, nearby communities Tombigbee plans to serve in the future. Stephen Proctor, the CEO of the hospital, states the importance of high-speed internet in his letter of support. For him, it is about providing the opportunity to provide telemedicine and giving a better overall experience and support to hospital patients (see Attachment C – Other Priorities Question 6 – Russellville Hospital.pdf and Attachment C – Other Priorities Question 6 – Bay Health and Wellness.pdf).

Tombigbee will provide the network necessary for local hospitals and clinics to prosper and provide the best healthcare possible to the residents of the area. It is a mission of Tombigbee to bring the same quality of life to the residents of this region as those in the urban areas of the state take for granted.