
Rural Health Care Monthly Conference Call: February 14, 2013 – 2:00PM

Agenda

- 1) FY2013 Window Opening
- 2) Invoicing
- 3) Healthcare Connect Fund Update
- 4) RHC Circuit
- 5) Question and Answer Session

Minutes

1) FY2013 Window Opening

Eligible health care providers (HCPs) may file *FCC Form 465 - Description of Services Requested and Certification Form* for Funding Year 2013 beginning on Monday, April 8, 2011, at 9:00 AM EST when the FY2013 filing window opens. Funding Year (FY) 2013 is from July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014.

Remember that after your FCC Form 465 is posted, you must allow at least 28 days for competitive bidding before you select a service provider, sign a contract, and submit FCC Forms 466/466-A. Because of this, the last day to submit an FCC Form 465 to receive a full 12 months of funding is June 2, 2013. If an HCP submits its Form 465 after June 2, 2013, funding will be available but will be pro-rated for each day after June 2nd.

Applicants with an RHC-endorsed evergreen contract will not need to submit an FCC Form 465 for FY2013. However, note that if an RHC-endorsed evergreen contract expires during the funding year, support will end on the contract expiration date. The HCP will need to file a 465, go through competitive bidding, and file a new 466 or 466A to continue support through the end of the FY.

More information about the filing process will be sent to applicants who have RHC-endorsed evergreen contracts.

2) Invoicing

We have begun issuing HCP Support Schedules (HSS) for Funding Year 2012 and will begin accepting and processing FY2012 paper invoices in April. Service providers that wish to submit paper invoices should submit separate paper invoices for FY2011 and FY2012. We plan to launch a new service provider portal that will allow online completion and submission of invoices for FY2012 in late spring and will provide updates and training on the portal soon.

3) Healthcare Connect Fund Update

The Rural Health Care Program will be launching a new website with a section for the Healthcare Connect Fund. Resources will be added periodically and will be announced in the HCF Bulletin, a new bi-weekly Rural Health Care (RHC) Program email publication that provides everything you need to know about the new Healthcare Connect Fund (HCF). By subscribing to this publication you will receive information about the HCF, resources for navigating new processes, information about conference calls and trainings, and much more. The RHC Program anticipates the first issue to be released in late February or early March. [Subscribe now!](#)

If you have any questions about the Healthcare Connect Fund, contact us at rhc-assist@usac.org.

4) RHC Circuit

The next issue of the Telecom Program's quarterly newsletter, the RHC Circuit, will be sent by email on February 25. This issue will task reminders, FCC and RHC program updates, and tips for success. You can access the [Subscription Center](#) to sign up to receive the Circuit and read previous issues of the newsletter on the [Trainings and Outreach page](#).

5) Question and Answer Session