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

Agenda

- 1) FY2013 Window Opening
 - 2) Invoicing
 - 3) Healthcare Connect Fund Update
 - 4) FY2011 Closeout
 - 5) Funding Updates
 - 6) Questions and Answers
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Minutes

1) FY2013 Window Opening

Eligible health care providers (HCPs) may file the FCC Form 465 - Description of Services Requested and Certification Form for Funding Year 2013 beginning on Monday, April 8, 2011, at 9:00 AM EDT when the FY2013 filing window opens. Funding Year 2013 (FY2013) 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 your 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 FCC 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 an FCC Form 465, go through competitive bidding, and file a new FCC Forms 466/466A to continue support through the end of the funding year.

2) Invoicing

We have begun issuing HCP Support Schedules (HSS) for FY2012 and will begin accepting and have begun processing FY2012 paper invoices. 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 has launched 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. [Subscribe now!](#)

If you have any questions about the Healthcare Connect Fund, contact us via [email](#).

4) FY2011 Closeout

The Rural Health Care Program performs outreach to health care providers (HCPs) to request outstanding FCC Forms 467 and to service providers to request outstanding invoices as part of a funding year closeout process. We send several letters and make phone calls to keep HCPs informed of the deadline before de-obligating funding. The closeout process for FY2011 is underway. Be sure to submit FCC Forms 467 or invoices before March 29 to avoid jeopardizing funding.

5) Funding Updates

For FY2011, 11,883 applications were received, most have been processed. At this time, \$104 million has been committed and \$12 million in invoices is still outstanding.

For FY2012, 4,850 applications have been received, and 1,200 have been processed. At this time, \$8.7 million has been committed and invoices are being processed.

6) Question and Answer Session