
Rural Health Care Monthly Conference Call: December 12, 2013 – 2:00 PM

AGENDA

1. FY2014 Filing Dates
 2. New RHC Program Webinars
 3. Funding Update
 4. Questions and Answers
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MINUTES

1. FY2014 Filing Dates

The Rural Health Care (RHC) Program has established a new initial "filing period" for applicant funding requests, starting in FY2014 (see 47 CFR Section 54.623(c)), and applicants in the Telecommunications Program will be able to file program forms earlier than ever before. Applicants should become familiar with the new service request filing dates and the new initial funding request "filing period," both of which will occur before the beginning of the funding year. The funding request filing period applies to both the FCC Form 466 for the Telecommunications Program and the FCC Form 462 for the Healthcare Connect Fund (HCF) Program.

The initial filing period for submitting funding requests for FY2014 begins March 1, 2014, and runs through May 30, 2014. This filing period is before the start of FY2014. Funding requests received on or between these dates will be considered as received simultaneously. After May 30, 2014, USAC will continue to accept funding request filings for FY2014 until June 30, 2015, the last day of the funding year. Funding requests received after May 30, 2014, will be processed on a rolling first-come, first-served basis.

For more information, view the application timelines in the "Handouts" section on the [Handouts & Reference](#) page.

2. New RHC Program Webinars

HCF Monthly Webinar

The Rural Healthcare (RHC) Program is offering a new HCF Program Monthly Webinar, for Healthcare Connect Fund (HCF) Program participants. These webinars are scheduled for the second Wednesday of each month from 2:00 to 3:00 PM ET, beginning December 11, 2013. The HCF Program monthly webinar is an opportunity to learn about the HCF Program and seek clarification on program rules. Sign up for future webinars and view slides from previous webinars on the [HCF Program Monthly Webinars](#) page on the HCF Program website.

RHC Monthly Webinar Coming in 2014

The RHC monthly conference call will change to a webinar in 2014. The new webinar platform will accommodate more participants and provide video, audio, slides, and other interactive learning tools. More information will be announced on the [Latest News](#) section of the RHC website and sent via email in the coming weeks.

3. Funding Update

For FY 2013, we have received over 5,300 FCC Forms 465.

For FY2012, we received more than 11,800 FCC Forms 466/466-A and have committed \$92 million in funding so far.

4. Question and Answer Session