



Telecommunications Program

Monthly Webinar

March 2014

Welcome to the monthly webinar!

- Provides program updates, clarification of program rules, outreach, and assistance to Telecommunications Program applicants and service providers
- Second Thursday of the month
- Agenda provided one day in advance to those subscribed
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Agenda

1. Transition of Internet access support to the Healthcare Connect Fund Program
2. Best practices
3. My Portal update
4. Funding update
5. Questions and answers

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Transition of Internet Access Funding

What do I need to know?

- Internet access funding is not available through the Telecommunications Program after Funding Year 2013
- Applicants seeking Internet access funding should apply through the Healthcare Connect Fund (HCF) Program
- Internet access support is funded at 65 percent through the HCF Program (compared to 25 percent for the Telecommunications Program)

Avoid duplicate funding requests:

- When submitting an FCC Form 467, adjust the service end date to 12/31/13 if you are also requesting HCF Program funding for Funding Year 2013 (January 1, 2014 – June 30, 2014)
- FCC Form 467 already submitted? Funding will be provided through the Telecommunications and Internet Access Program for the dates shown on the FCC Form 467. Duplicate funding requests will be denied.

Avoid Duplicate Funding Requests

- Submission of the FCC Form 462 indicates that the HCP requests funding through the HCF Program, in lieu of the Telecommunications and Internet Access Program, so the respective funding dates will be changed by USAC without notice to the HCP.

Tips for contracts that end during the funding year:

- You must submit a new FCC Form 465 to rebid for services.
- The FCC Form 465 must be posted to the USAC website at least 28 days before the HCP can enter into a new contract.
- Submit a new FCC Form 465 at least 28 days before the contract end date. USAC recommends submitting the FCC Form 465 as early as possible to ensure continuous funding.

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My Portal Update

Monthly Software Update

- If you select that service was not installed during the funding year, a pop-up message will appear to confirm the cancellation of the FCC Form 467.
- For subsequent year FCC Forms 466/466-A based on a prior year evergreen form (where applicants recovered installation costs), the one-time rural and installation cost fields will default to \$0.00 and will be editable.

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Funding Update

Questions?

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