Post-Commitment Change Requests – Telecommunications (Telecom) Program

Post-Commitment Change Requests June 11, 2025



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Agenda

- Post-Commitment Changes Overview
- SPIN Changes
 - Corrective
 - Operational
- Invoice Filing Deadline Extensions
- Service Substitutions RHC Connect
- Important Dates and Resources

By the end of the webinar, you will be able to...

- Understand each category of post-commitment change requests.
 - SPIN changes
 - Invoice filing deadline extensions
 - Service Substitutions
- Submit service substitutions in RHC Connect.

Glossary

Acronym	Definition
FCC	Federal Communications Commission
HCF	Healthcare Connect Fund
FY	Funding Year
HCP	Health Care Provider (your site)
HCP Number	Number associated with your site
FCL	Funding Commitment Letter
FRN	Funding Request Number
NCW	Network Cost Worksheet
SPIN/498 ID	Service Provider Identification Number

RHC Connect Update – Telecom Program

- Service substitutions are now available for the Telecom Program in RHC Connect.
- The following post-commitment change requests for the Telecom Program will move to RHC Connect in August or September ahead of the October 28 invoice filing deadline for FY2024 funding commitments.
 - SPIN Changes
 - Invoice filing deadline extensions for HCPs and Service Providers.
- Please hold off on submitting these post-commitment change requests for FY2024 commitments until they have moved to RHC Connect.
- A complete step-by-step RHC Connect Post-Commitment Change Request User Guide will be posted on the USAC website.
- A new <u>Post-Commitment Actions</u> webpage for the Telecom Program is now posted on the USAC website.

SPIN Changes

Post-Commitment Change Requests

SPIN Changes

- <u>FCC Order 19-78</u> formalized the process to request SPIN changes in the Healthcare Connect Fund (HCF) and Telecommunications (Telecom) Programs.
- A SPIN change can be either corrective or operational.
- Per <u>FCC Order 23-110</u>, the SPIN change request deadline has been moved to align with the invoice filing deadline (Beginning in FY2023).
- SPIN changes for Telecom for FY2024 and forward will be available in RHC Connect in August/September prior to the October 28 Invoice Filing Deadline.
- Once the request is received, USAC will make no additional payments on the FRN until the change is reviewed and either:
 - Approved and the SPIN is changed, or
 - Denied and USAC verifies that additional invoices are for services rendered to the applicant by the original service provider.

SPIN Changes – Corrective

- A corrective SPIN change is any amendment to the SPIN associated with an FRN that does not involve a change to the service provider associated with that FRN.
- This occurs when:
 - A change is required for clerical or data entry errors (e.g., fixing clerical errors or situations where the applicant names the correct service provider in the funding request but provides the incorrect SPIN).
 - There is an update to a service provider's SPIN that has changed due to the merger of companies or the acquisition of one company by another.
 - Effectuating a change that was not initiated by the applicant.

SPIN Changes – Operational

- An operational SPIN change is a request to change the actual service provider associated with an FRN.
- This occurs when:
 - The applicant has a legitimate reason to change providers (e.g., breach of contract or the service provider is unable to perform); and
 - The applicant's newly selected service provider received the next highest point value in the original bid evaluation, assuming there were multiple bidders.
- **NOTE:** Changing service providers because the services are available at a lower cost from another service provider or because the applicant now wishes to do business with a service provider that did not participate in the competitive bidding process are not considered legitimate reasons for change, and requests citing such reasons will be denied.

When to File a SPIN Change Request

- A request for a SPIN change must be received **no later than the invoice filing deadline for that FRN**.
- Applicants should notify USAC of their intent to change service providers as soon as the decision is made and should advise USAC of the proposed effective date of the change.
- Applicants should send the request for the change to USAC **before** the change takes place so that USAC has time to process the request before the submission of any invoices for services rendered by the new service provider.
- Once the request is received, USAC will make no additional payments on the FRN until the change is reviewed and either:
 - Approved and the SPIN is changed, or
 - Denied and USAC verifies that additional invoices are for services rendered to the applicant by the original service provider.

How to File a SPIN Change Request

- If the SPIN change occurs **after** the FRN is approved, applicants should submit SPIN change request as follows:
 - Funding Years 2024 and after the applicant should submit the SPIN change request through RHC Connect.
- If a corrective SPIN change is needed **before** an FRN has been committed, applicants should reach out to the RHC Customer Service Center with the request. The affected FRN should be included in the subject line of the email.
- As part of this request, applicants must also certify to the following:
 - The SPIN change is allowed under all applicable state and local procurement rules and under the terms of the contract, if any, between the applicant and its original service provider, and
 - The applicant has notified its original service provider of its intent to change service providers.

Note: If the applicant's original service provider is no longer in business, the applicant must instead certify that it attempted to notify its original service provider of its intent to change service providers but could not because the service provider is not available for contact.



Invoice Filing Deadline Extension Requests

Post-Commitment Change Requests

Invoice Deadline Extension

- Per <u>FCC Order 19-78</u>, applicants and service providers may request and automatically receive a one-time, 120-day extension of the deadline to file an invoice.
- Invoice filing deadline extension requests must be submitted on or before the original invoice deadline.
- The invoice filing deadline is included in <u>the applicant's FCL</u>.
- For FY2024, invoice filing deadline requests will be submitted in RHC Connect by both applicants and service providers.
- The deployment will be sometime before the October 28 invoice filing deadline.

Service Substitutions – Telecom Program

Post-Commitment Change Requests

Service Substitutions

- Service substitutions allow the applicant to reallocate un-invoiced committed funds to substitute, modify, or upgrade services.
- Substitutions provide the flexibility for applicants to spend all of the committed funds, even though USAC-supported services or the service location may change over the course of the funding commitment.
- Substitution modifications cannot exceed the approved funding amount.
- Please keep in mind that site and service substitutions take a minimum of 90 days to process.
- Substitutions must be submitted by the service delivery deadline.

Service Substitutions – Telecom Program

- Applicants may request a service substitution if:
 - The substitution is provided for in the contract, within the change clause, or constitutes a minor modification,
 - The service is an eligible service under the Telecom Program,
 - The substitution does not violate any contract provision or state, Tribal or local procurement laws, and
 - The requested change is within the scope of the controlling request for services, including any applicable request for proposal used in the competitive bidding process.

My Portal Landing Page

• Log in to My Portal and click **RHC Connect**.



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- Each section of the Service Substitution is the same as a new FCC Form 466.

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FCC Form 466 Application Number RHC2024	is not eligible for a Substitution request because there are no funds remaining to invoice.
FCC Form 466 Application Number RHC202	is not eligible for a Substitution request because an invoice has been submitted and is under review.

Qualifying Questions

- Answer **Yes** or **No** to the **Qualifying Questions**.
- If **Yes**, provide requested optional information, if possible.

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Service Information

- Service Category, Service Type, and Number of Lines for voice services are editable.
- Cost allocation may be changed by entering the Percent eligible for support and uploading the cost-allocation document.
- Click Save & Continue.

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Connection Information – Billing Information

- Make changes to dates if needed (All dates are editable).
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Connection Information – Monthly Costs

- Enter Monthly Undiscounted Cost and Monthly Taxes and Fees.
- Attach document to support the monthly costs, then click **Save & Continue**.

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Installation Charges

- Enter the **One-time Rural Rate Charge** and **One-time Urban Rate Charge**, if applicable.
- Upload documentation, then click **Save & Continue**.

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Supporting Documentation

- Explanation of change document is required and should include:
 - Brief explanation about why the change is necessary.
 - Reference to the contract and/or invoice that confirms a change in service occurred.
 - Reference to scalability language in the contract allowing service changes.
 - Specific funding start and end dates for the substitution.
- Upload document and select **Document Type** from dropdown menu.
- Click Save & Continue.

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Certifications & Signature

- Read and click all **Certifications**.
- Sign using your name as it appears in RHC Connect in the **Digital Signature** field.

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certify under penalty of perjury that the consultants or third parties the applicant has hired do not have an ownership interest, sales commission arrangement, or other financial stake in the service provider chosen to provide the requested services, and that they have otherwise complied with RHC Program rules, including the Commission's rules requiring fair and open competitive bidding.						
I certify under penalty of perjury that the rural rate provided on this form does not exceed the appropriate rural rate determined by USAC.						
Certifier's Full Name	Digital Signature					

Summary - After Submitting

- Confirmation of submission will appear in the green banner with **Summary** of the substitution below.
- Download PDF copy of original FCC Form 466 and new FCC Form 466 by clicking hyperlinks.
- Click **Back to Dashboard** to navigate back to the RHC Connect Dashboard or click hyperlink in green banner.

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Dashboard – Form 466 Tab

• Submitted substitution will appear as "version 02" on the RHC Connect **Dashboard** on the **Form 466** tab.

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Dashboard - Post-Commitment Change Requests Tab

• Substitutions will also appear on the **Post-Commitment Change Requests** page.

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Important Dates and Resources

Post-Commitment Change Requests

Important Deadlines

What	When
Service delivery deadline for FY2024 funding commitments	June 30, 2025
Invoice filing deadline for FY2024 funding commitments	October 28, 2025

Resources

- <u>Post-Commitment Actions</u> webpage
- <u>SPIN Change</u> webpage
- <u>Site and Service Substitution</u> webpage
- **Coming Soon!** RHC Connect User Guide Post-Commitment Change Requests
- **Coming Soon!** RHC Connect User Guide Invoice Filing Deadline Extension Requests Service Providers

RHC Program Customer Service Center



- Email: <u>RHC-Assist@usac.org</u>
- Include in your email:
 - HCP Number
 - FRN Number
- Phone: (800) 453-1546
 - Hours are 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. ET
 - Monday to Friday

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Answer general questions regarding both programs	Determine eligibility of a specific site or service before an official form submission
Provide account holder information for an HCP	Review a form or document for accuracy before an official submission
Provide clarity regarding FCC Report and Order 19-78 and other FCC orders	Contact a service provider or other account holder on someone else's behalf
Provide helpful resources and best practices for forms	Provide documents that are not already accessible in My Portal and RHC Connect
Assist with My Portal and RHC Connect	Transfer a call to a specific form reviewer



Thank You!

