

## Submitting Invoice Filing Deadline Extension Requests in RHC Connect for Service Providers

Healthcare Connect Fund (HCF) and Telecommunications (Telecom) Program

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## About RHC Connect for Invoice Filing Deadline Extension Requests

**RHC Connect** is the web-based system that hosts the FCC forms used in the RHC program. There are several actions that may be required outside of the regular application process. This user guide will walk you through how to submit invoice filing deadline extension requests in RHC Connect for service providers. This guide is only for service providers. For more information, please refer to the following webpages:

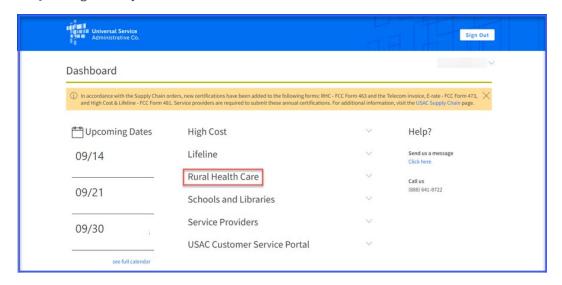
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**Please Note:** The red boxes and arrows in the screenshots that follow do not actually appear in RHC Connect.

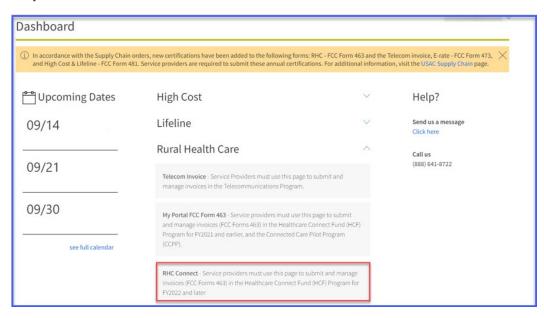


# RHC Connect Walkthrough – Invoice Filing Deadline Extension Request (HCF Program)

Step 1: Log in to My Portal and click Rural Health Care.

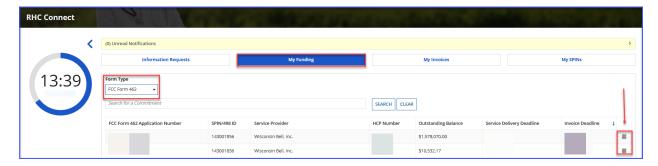


Step 2: Click RHC Connect.



**Step 3:** Click **My Funding**, select the **FCC Form 462 Application Number**, then click on the calendar Icon at the far right of the screen.

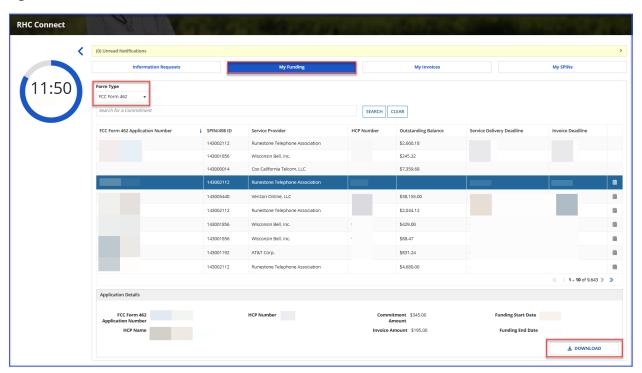




**NOTE:** If the calendar icon is not visible, the following may have occurred:

- The invoice filing deadline has already passed.
- The one-time automatic invoicing deadline was already requested and granted by the HCP or the service provider.
- The FCC Form 462 was pulled back to review due to a decision from the RHC Appeals team or the FCC.

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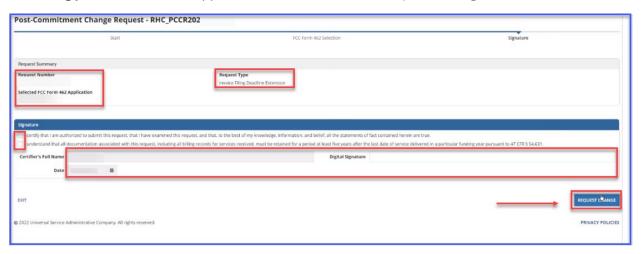


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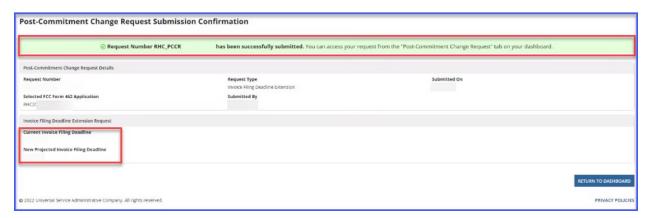




**Step 4:** The FCC Form 462 application number and post-commitment change request type are displayed on the **Signature** page. Click the required certifications and sign in the **Digital Signature** field using your full name as it appears in RHC Connect. Click **Request Change**.



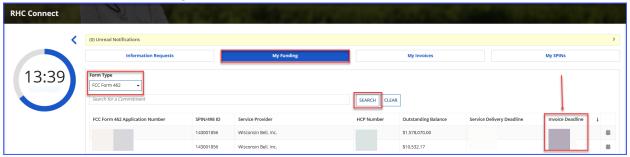
**Step 5:** Once submitted, the confirmation message in green will display with a summary of the request and the new invoice filing deadline.



**Step 6:** Return to the **My Funding** tab on the Dashboard and search using the **Post-Commitment Change Request** number in the search field. The new invoice filing deadline will appear in the **Invoice Deadline** column on the right of the screen and the calendar icon will no longer be visible.



Screen shot of the My Funding tab with the search field and the Invoice Deadline column emphasized.

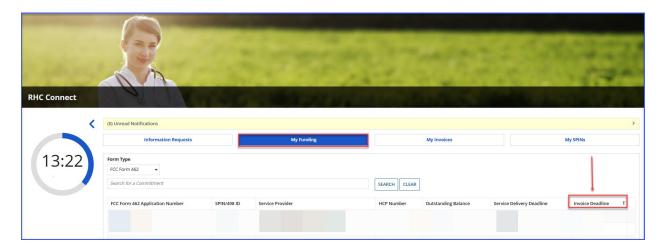


**Step 7:** Once processed, an updated Funding Commitment Letter (FCL) will be sent displaying the new invoice filing deadline.



**Tool Tip:** To sort invoice filing deadlines for everything in your queue from earliest to latest, click **Invoice Deadline** on the right.



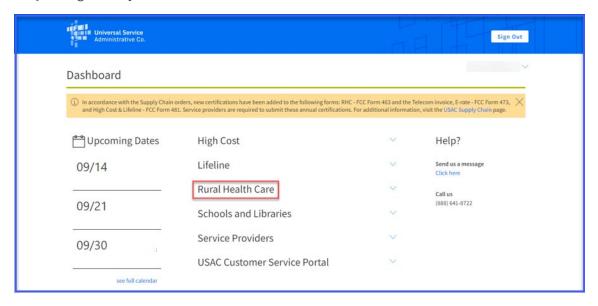


For more information, visit the <u>Post-Commitment Actions</u> webpage on the USAC website.

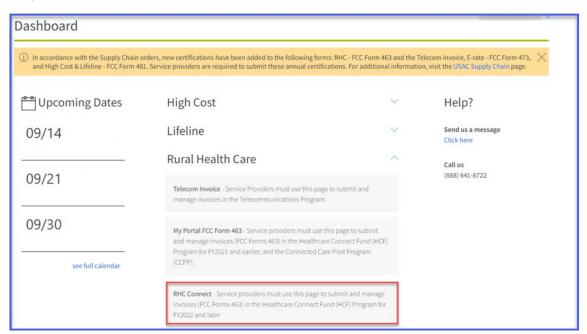


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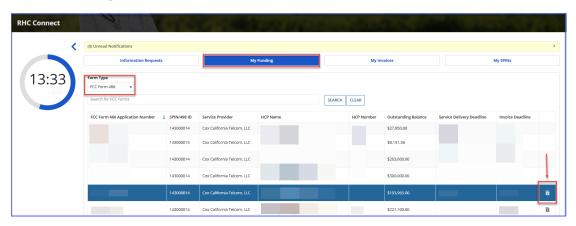


Step 2: Click RHC Connect.





**Step 3:** Click **My Funding**, select the **FCC Form 466 Application Number**, then click on the calendar Icon at the far right of the screen.



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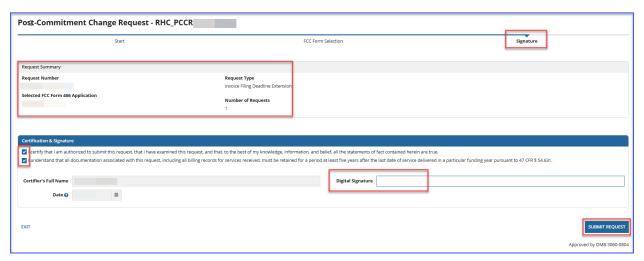




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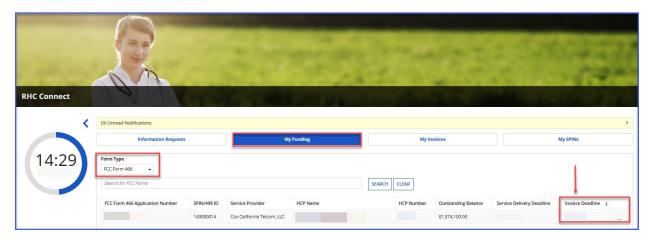


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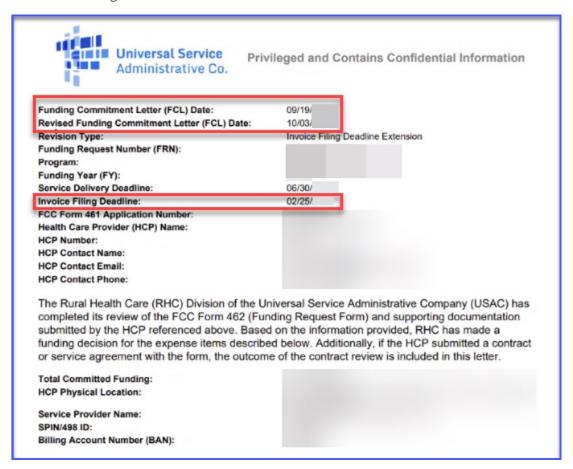
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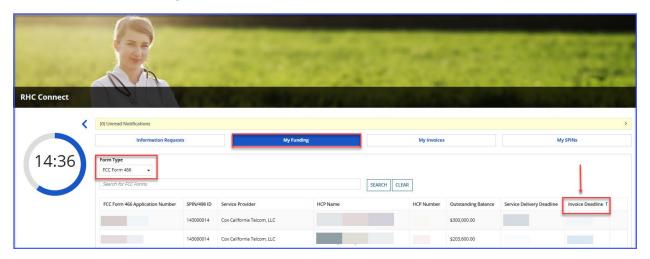


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### **Frequently Asked Questions**

#### What changes were made to RHC Connect?

RHC Connect has a new look and feel that is more intuitive and user-friendly. It is easier to navigate the form for submission, and it is easier for RHC program reviewers to review and approve forms.

#### Did the rules for the invoice filing deadline change?

<u>FCC Order 19-78</u> authorized USAC to grant a single 120-day extension to the invoice filing deadline for HCPs and service providers.

#### Who is impacted by this change?

RHC Connect is used for FY2022 and future funding years. Applicants who participate in the Telecom Program will begin submitting the FCC Form 466 in RHC Connect in FY2024. CCPP projects are not impacted unless they also participate in the HCF Program.

### Resources

For more information, visit the following webpages on the USAC website:

- Post-Commitment Actions HCF Program
- Post-Commitment Actions Telecom Program

For questions about the Rural Health Care program, contact <a href="mailto:RHC-Assist@usac.org">RHC-Assist@usac.org</a> or the RHC Customer Service Center at (800) 453-1546 from 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. ET Monday through Friday for assistance. Use the <a href="mailto:RHC Customer Service Center Tip Sheet">RHC Customer Service Center Tip Sheet</a> to learn about what the RHC Customer Service Center can and cannot help you with.