

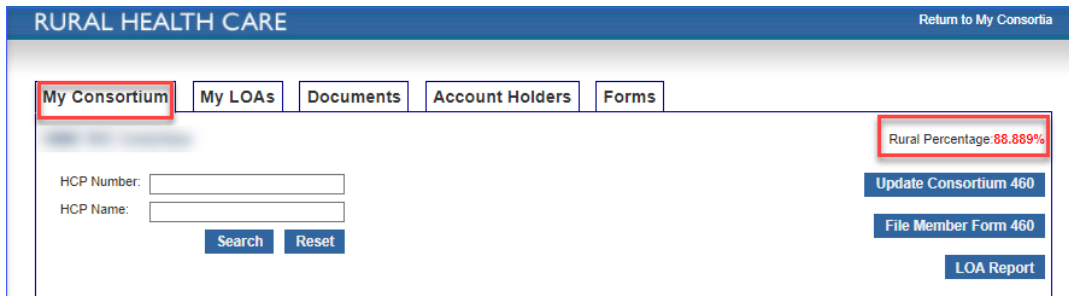
Healthcare Connect Fund (HCF) Program

Consortium Rurality Percentage Compliance

According to [HCF Program](#) rules, a consortium must be comprised of mostly rural sites to receive funding. Each consortium must be greater than 50% rural at the time of funding request submission (FCC Form 462) or funding will be denied. All consortium must continue to be majority rural for the duration of their participation in the program. If you are out of compliance at any time, the form that is in submitted status will be denied including the FCC Form 462 (Funding Request) and FCC Form 463 (Invoice).

For Example: if you have five member HCPs, three must be rural to be in compliance. If you have four member HCPs, three must still be rural because the percentage must be greater than 50%. Please be aware that this calculation does not include offsite data centers or administrative offices.

Current applicants can view their percent rural status in My Portal under the “My Consortium” tab:



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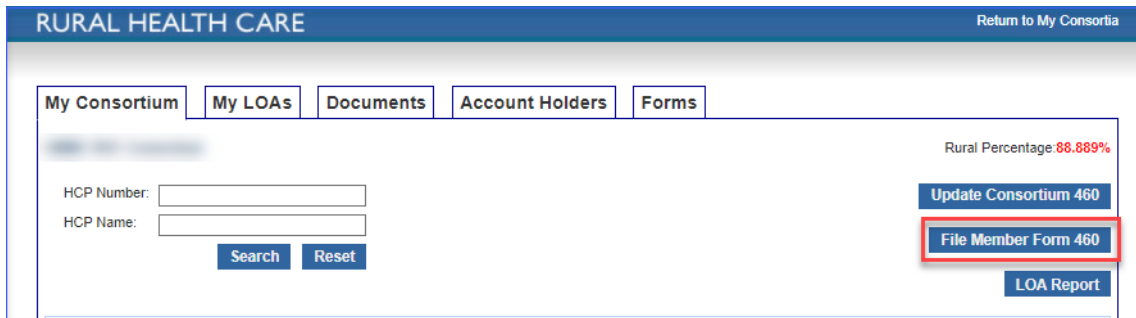
HCP Number:
HCP Name:

Rural Percentage: 88.889%

Methods to increase your rurality percentage

Add more rural sites to your consortium

- File an [FCC Form 460](#) and a [Letter of Agency \(LOA\)](#) or Letter of Exemption (LOE) for a new site that has never participating in the program
- If the site is participating and has an approved FCC Form 460 in the system, and would like to join your consortium, you connect them to the consortium using an LOA.



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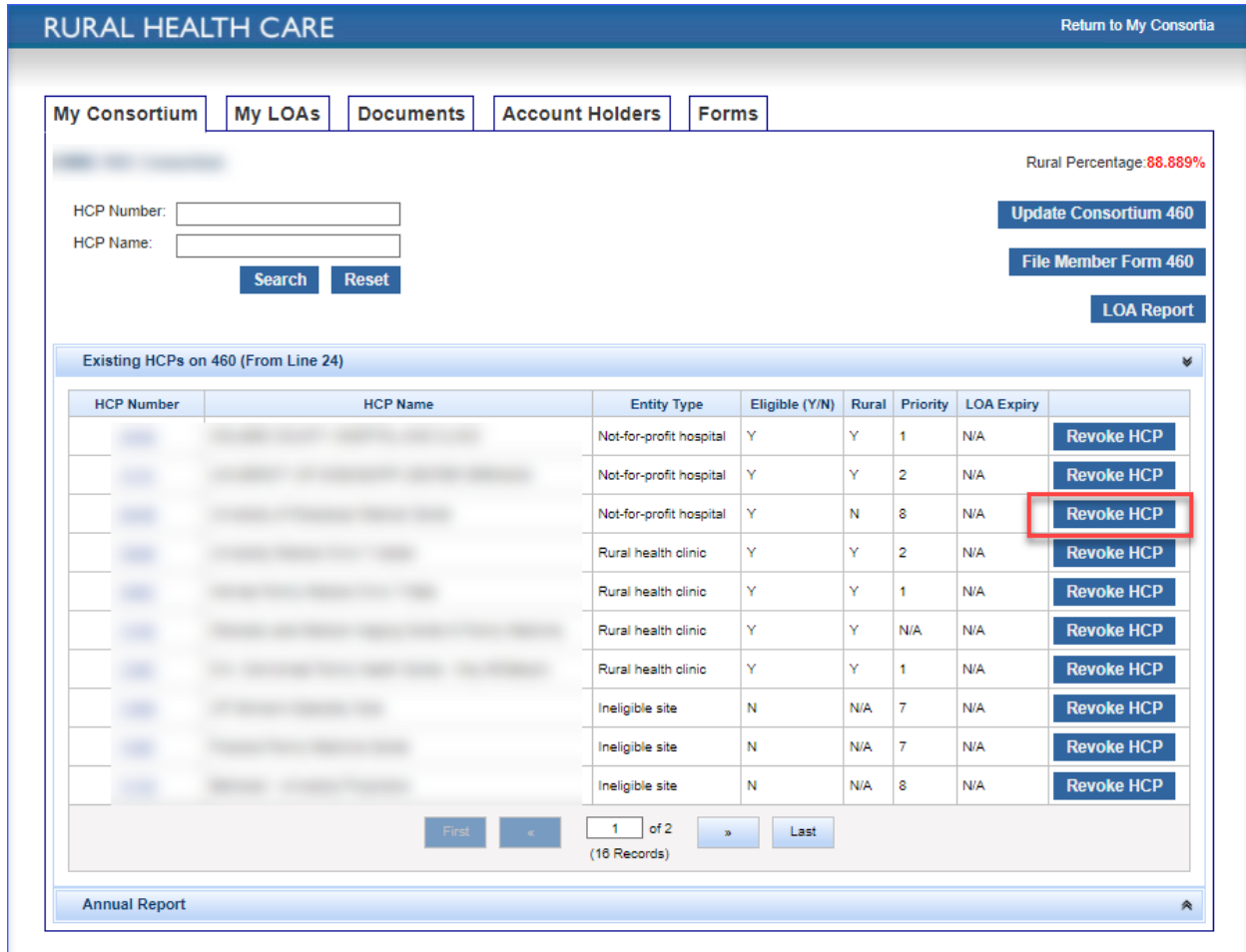
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Removing non-rural sites

Remove non-rural sites from the consortium by selecting “Revoke HCP” from the “My Consortium” tab in My Portal:



The screenshot shows the 'RURAL HEALTH CARE' interface with the 'My Consortium' tab selected. The page displays a 'Rural Percentage: 88.889%' and several action buttons: 'Update Consortium 460', 'File Member Form 460', and 'LOA Report'. Below these is a search section for HCP Number and HCP Name. The main content is a table titled 'Existing HCPs on 460 (From Line 24)' with the following columns: HCP Number, HCP Name, Entity Type, Eligible (Y/N), Rural, Priority, LOA Expiry, and a 'Revoke HCP' button. One row, representing a non-rural site (Entity Type: Not-for-profit hospital, Rural: N, Priority: 8), has its 'Revoke HCP' button highlighted with a red box. The table also includes pagination controls at the bottom showing '1 of 2 (16 Records)'. An 'Annual Report' link is visible at the bottom of the interface.

- Keep in mind that all committed dollars associated with a site must be either de-committed or fully invoiced before you can revoke a site.
- You can also use [site and service substitution](#) to reallocate committed funds from sites you’d like to revoke.
- Please keep in mind that site and service substitutions can take time to review so plan accordingly if choosing this option.
- The applicant is responsible for revoking sites and USAC will not revoke sites on your behalf. Please note that you will be unable to revoke an HCP if there are still funds attached to it. All money attached to an HCP must be utilized or de-committed before My Portal allows it to be revoked.

If you have funding requests still in review and the site you want to revoke is included, contact RHC-Assist@usac.org with a request to remove that site from all existing funding requests. You will not be able to revoke the site until that request is complete. Please be sure to include all FRNs that site is associated with in your request and, if applicable, all line items of the FRNs that include multiple HCPs.

Grandfathering of Non-Rural Sites

With the adoption of [FCC Report and Order 19-78](#), all consortia, including previously grandfathered consortia that participated in the RHC Pilot program, must be majority rural. If the grandfathered site is deemed rural, it will count towards the rurality percentage. If the grandfathered site is deemed “non-rural” then it will count a “non-rural” when calculating the rurality percentage.¹ Find out if the HCP is located in a rural area by using the [Rurality Tier Search Tool](#) on our website.

¹ FCC Report and Order 19-78 paragraph 152