

Information for FCC Order 19-45 – HCF Program

On May 20, 2019, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) released [FCC Order 19-45](#), affecting Healthcare Connect Fund (HCF) Program participants with multi-year and upfront payment funding requests. For FY2018, multi-year and upfront payment funding requests exceeded the \$150M cap; in the Order, the Commission takes necessary steps to fully fund these requests by directing USAC to process these as single year funding requests. Without such direction, the multi-year funding requests were facing a significant proration.

Important Note: HCPs affected by FCC Order 19-45 will be directly notified via their listed account holder email address. Applicants may also use the [FY2018 Look-up Tool](#) located on the FCC Orders for FY2018 USAC webpage, which lists the affected 2018 FRNs that may now submit during the extended FY2019 filing window deadline. More details provided below.

Information for Affected Applicants for FY2019 Filing Window

New FY2019 Filing Window Deadline for Affected HCPs

The FY2019 filing window has been extended for affected HCPs to June 30, 2019. Affected HCPs must submit their FY2019 HCF Funding Request by the close of the filing window on Sunday, June 30, 2019 at 11:59 p.m. ET. Applicants may verify that they are part of this extended filing window deadline via FRN look-up tool and their FY2018 FCL issued on May 29, 2019.

FCC Form 461 Rollover for FY2018 FRNs

The FCC Form 461 associated with the FY2018 FRN has been rolled over. Use the [FY2018 FRN Look-up Tool](#) to verify the affected FY2018 FRN.

- This allows HCPs with impacted FRNs to bypass competitive bidding when submitting the FY2019 USAC-created draft.
- The contracts associated with these funding requests, that met evergreen requirements have been designated as such.
- Applicants FY2018 approved Funding Commitment Letter (FCL) will verify if their contract was endorsed evergreen.
- Applicants whose contracts were not endorsed as evergreen must undergo competitive bidding at the end of their approved FY2019 funding commitment.
- If you are having issues with the rollover FCC Form 461, please email RHC-Assist@usac.org with the FY2018 FRN and FCC Form 461 application number.

FY2019 Funding Request Draft Placed In My Portal for Your Submission

On Wednesday May 29, as a courtesy to applicants impacted by FCC Order 19-45, USAC placed an FY2019 Funding Request draft in My Portal queue for easy review and submission.

- This FY2019 draft will contain the remaining funding periods and funding amounts from the original FY2018 request, so that all affected applicants must do is review, certify, sign and submit.
- Draft will be in the Form 462 tab and have a “last edited date” of May 29 listed.
- Applicants must make sure to review the draft carefully prior to certifying and submitting.
- If the USAC-created draft is deleted, it cannot be retrieved.

Submitting a New FCC Form 462

While USAC highly encourages applicants to submit the USAC-created FCC Form 462 draft, applicants may choose to create their own. If submitting a new FCC Form 462, please be aware that undergoing a new competitive bidding process is not encouraged, as applicants may not meet the June 30 filing window deadline.

Reduce Number of Duplicate Funding Requests

Please ensure that duplicate funding is not being requested. If you already applied for RHC Program funding in FY2019, prior to receiving your FY2018 FCL please read the below information:

- Applicants should not submit both the USAC-created draft, and their own FCC Form 462 for the same services.
- If applicants previously submitted a FY2019 FCC Form 462, but now want to submit the USAC-created draft, they should withdraw any previously submitted FY2019 Funding Requests.
- Applicants should email RHC-Assist@usac.org with the FRN in the subject line to request form withdrawals.