



HCF Program Invoicing Best Practices for FY2019 and Prior

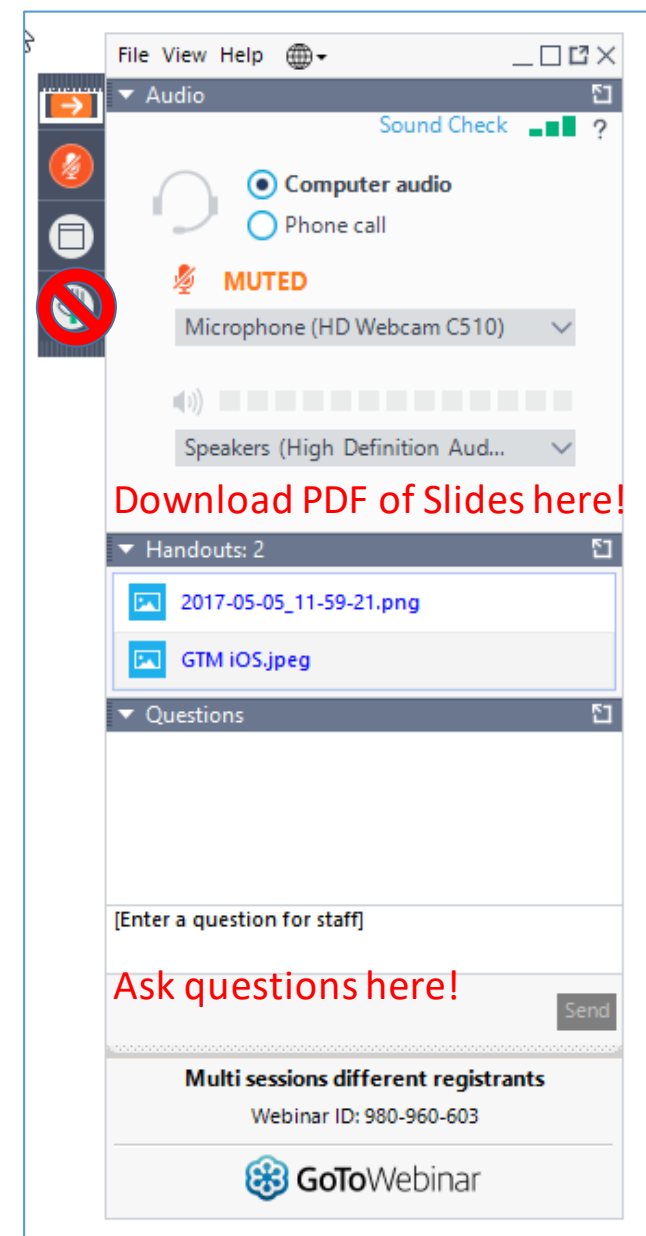
**Submitting the FCC Form 463 for HCPs and Service
Providers**



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Agenda

1. Invoicing Overview
 - FY2019 Invoicing Orders
2. Filing the FCC Form 463 for Health Care Providers
3. Filing the FCC Form 463 for Service Providers
4. Disbursement Process

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

- Identify which, if any, FCC Orders and Waivers apply to your FY2019 or prior Funding Commitment
- Understand the Healthcare Connect Fund (HCF) invoicing process and deadlines.
 - Mark your calendars with upcoming HCF invoice deadlines.
- Identify which steps are needed for your HCF FCC Form 463 invoice to be submitted to USAC for review.
- Identify resources to help you submit your HCF FCC Form 463 invoice.
- Understand the disbursement process.

Glossary

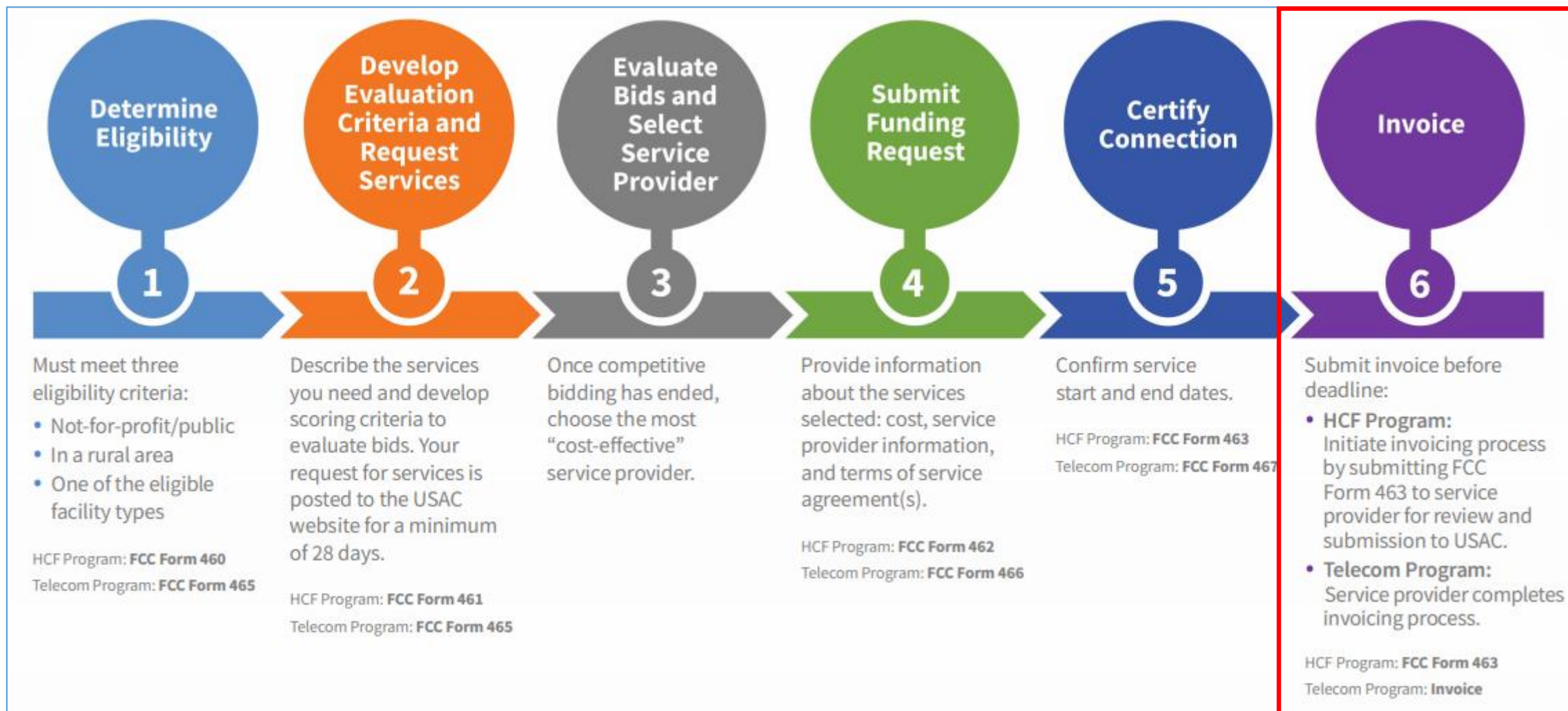
Acronym	Meaning
FCC	Federal Communications Commission
HCF	Healthcare Connect Fund
FY	Funding Year
HCP	Health Care Provider (your site)
HCP Number	Number associated with your site
PAH	Primary Account Holder
FRN	Funding Request Number
FCL	Funding Commitment Letter
BAN	Billing Account Number
SPIN/498 ID	Service Provider Identification Number
LOA	Letter of Agency

Invoicing Overview

FCC Form 463 Best Practices



RHC Program Application Process



What is invoicing?

- Invoicing is the last step in the HCF Program application process.
- It is completed when both the health care provider (HCP) and service provider have certified and signed the FCC Form 463 and submitted it to USAC.
- Once an applicant receives an approved FCC Form 462 funding commitment letter (FCL), bill from the service provider, and pays the 35% minimum contribution, they can create an invoice for the services received (using an FCC Form 463).
- Once an FCC Form 463 is approved, USAC disburses funds to the service provider.

Information on the FCC Form 463

- General information (HCP number, address, contact information)
- Source of 35% minimum contribution
- Information about the FRN (Funding Request Number) being invoiced
 - Service start date (included in first submission of FCC Form 463 only)
 - Billing start and end dates
 - Total cost for billing period selected
- Certifications and Signatures

Invoice Deadline

- “All invoices must be received by [USAC] within six months of the end date of the funding commitment.” (Para. 305, HCF Order)
- An invoice is not considered submitted until it has been approved by the service provider.
- For multi-expense commitments, the invoice deadline is based on the latest funding end date.
- Where you can find your invoice deadline:
 - Funding Commitment Letter (FCL)
 - Use the Invoice Deadline Lookup Tool on the [USAC website](#)

Invoice Deadline Lookup Tool

Healthcare Connect Fund Program

Step 1: Determine Eligibility of Your Site

Step 2: Develop Evaluation Criteria & Select Services ▾

Step 3: Evaluate Bids & Select Service Provider

Step 4: Submit Funding Requests

Step 5: Review Your Funding Commitment Letter (FCL)

Step 6: Invoice USAC ▴

Submit Annual Report (Consortia Only)

What is Consortia ▾

Step 6: Invoice USAC

Step 5

Invoicing is a joint process between you and your service provider using the FCC Form 463 (Invoice and Request for Disbursement Form).

Invoicing Process

Once you receive a bill from the service provider, you can create an invoice for the services received using the FCC Form 463. You must certify that the information in the form and attachments is accurate and that you or another eligible source have paid the 35% contribution. Next, you send the FCC Form 463 to the service provider for approval through [My Portal](#). The service provider reviews the FCC Form 463 and certifies its accuracy, and then submits the form to USAC. Once USAC receives the FCC Form 463, it processes the form and, if approved, funds are then distributed to the service provider.

Invoicing Deadline


The FCC Form 463 is due to USAC no later than six (6) months from the funding commitment end date. This invoicing deadline is included in the funding commitment letter (FCL), which USAC sends via email after approving the [FCC Form 462](#) (Funding Request Form). Remember, this deadline refers to the date by which the FCC Form 463 must be approved, signed, and certified by both you and the service provider, and submitted to USAC. This means that you and your service provider must allow plenty of time in advance of the invoicing deadline to review the form, check for and resolve any errors, certify and sign the form, and then submit to USAC.

Once your invoicing deadline passes, you will be unable to create a FCC Form 463 in My Portal.

Invoicing Deadline Lookup

You can also look up your invoicing deadline on the spreadsheet below.

- **Look up a deadline:**

[Invoice Deadlines](#)  (Commitment as of 10/23/2019)

- **To search:** Use the "Search HCP #" and the "Search FRN #" to find invoicing deadline information. To clear the search and start again, use the "Reset" button.
- **This spreadsheet includes:**
 - All FRNs with future invoicing deadlines
 - All FRNs that are less than 6 months past their expiration



Invoice Deadline Lookup Tool

(All Invoicing Deadline Information is as of November 4, 2020)

Search HCP #:	<input type="text"/>	Search HCP	Reset
Search FRN #:	<input type="text"/>	Search FRN	Reset

HCP NUMBER	HCP NAME	FRN	FUNDING YEAR	SERVICE PROVIDER NAME	SERVICE PROVIDER NUMBER	FUNDING END DATE	INVOICING DEADLINE
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- This spreadsheet includes:
 - All FRNs with future invoicing deadlines
 - All FRNs that are less than six months past funding commitment end date
- To enable the search feature, set “Calculation Options” in your Excel program as “Automatic”
 - Menu> Formulas> Calculation> Calculation Options> Set “Automatic”

View Invoicing Deadline in My Portal – HCPs

Form 460

Form 461























Form 462

Form 463

Documents

Click the 'Substitution' button to view approved 462s and submit site and service substitutions. You can select expense items to modify and create new expense items on one FRN at a time. Refer to the approved NCW by downloading the excel file as a reference to aid you during this process. Note that total funding on an FRN cannot increase above the original commitment amount. For more information, watch the site and service substitution [demonstration video](#) or review the [guide](#). Expense items included on submitted or draft 463s are not available for modification until USAC processes them, and expense items included in substitutions are not available for invoicing on the 463 until USAC processes the substitution.

Substitution

461 App #	FRN	Split Original FRN	Last Edited	Type of Funding Request	Expense Type	Bandwidth (Download/Upload)	FCL Issuance Date	Invoice Deadline	Status	Download	Actions Available
			2/13/2019	Multiple Eligible	Network Management Services	NA / NA	2/15/2019	12/31/2019	Approved	  	Create 463
			4/07/2020	Multiple Eligible	Internet	75.0MB / 75.0MB	4/08/2020	12/31/2019	Approved	 	Create 463
			3/09/2020	Multiple Eligible	Multiple	Multiple	3/11/2020	12/31/2019	Approved	 	Create 463
			4/16/2020	Multiple Eligible	Internet	300 Mbps / 300 Mbps	4/16/2020	12/31/2022	Approved	  	Create 463
			4/16/2020	Multiple Eligible	Multiple	Multiple	4/16/2020	12/31/2020	Approved	  	Create 463
			4/30/2020	Multiple Eligible	Multiple	Multiple	4/30/2020	12/30/2020	Approved	  	Create 463
			5/28/2020	Multiple Eligible	Multiple	Multiple	5/28/2020	12/31/2022	Approved	  	Create 463
			4/03/2020	Multiple Eligible	Multiple	Multiple	4/06/2020	12/31/2022	Approved	  	Create 463

The invoicing deadline has passed for this FRN

New! View Invoicing Deadline in My Portal – Service Provider

<div> Service Provider Review USAC Review HCP Review My \$ My SPINs/498 IDs </div>							
<p>My \$ shows the financial lifecycle for all FRNs associated with a SPIN/498 ID from funding commitment through to invoice disbursement.</p> <p>Use the column headings to sort or filter information by FRN, HCP Number, HCP Name, service delivery deadline, or invoice deadline. The Funding Commitment Letter (FCL) or Network Cost Worksheet are available in the "Download" column.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committed \$: Funds approved for estimated support based on an approved FCC Form 462, and issued through a Funding Commitment Letter. Approved Invoiced \$: Funds approved for payment by USAC based on an approved FCC Form 463. 							
FRN	HCP Number	HCP Name	Committed \$	Approved Invoiced \$	Service Delivery Deadline	Invoice Deadline	Download
			\$	\$		12/31/2022	
			\$	\$		12/31/2022	
			\$	\$		12/31/2022	
			\$	\$		12/31/2022	
			\$	\$		12/31/2022	
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			\$	\$		11/22/2022	

Watch our Invoicing Video Series – RHC Learn

Rural Health Care Lifeline High Cost Service Providers

HCF Program Invoicing Video Series (Individual HCPs)

HCF Program Invoicing Video Series (Individual HCPs)

Before You Begin

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General Information

1:46 minutes

FRN Search

0:55 minutes

Invoice Line Items

5:31 minutes

Supporting Documentation and Certification

3:51 minutes

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Healthcare Connect Fund Program

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Additional Resources

[Invoicing Video Series – Individual HCPs](#)

[Invoicing Video Series – Consortia](#)

Direct links: [Individual HCPs](#) and [Consortia](#)

Telecommunications Program - Invoicing Video

The screenshot shows a video player interface with a list of videos. At the top, there are two video thumbnails with durations: 59:45 minutes and 10:18 minutes. Below these, the main section is titled "Invoicing". It contains two video thumbnails. The first is titled "HCF Program Invoicing Best Practices" with a duration of 45:48 minutes. The second is titled "Telecom Program: Submitting Invoices for" with a duration of 6:21 minutes. This second video is highlighted with a red border. Below the "Invoicing" section, there is a section titled "More Topics" which contains three video thumbnails. The first thumbnail shows a diagram of a telecommunications network. The second thumbnail is titled "What's Next" and shows a list of bullet points. The third thumbnail is titled "FIS Order 15-01 Revisions" and shows a document with text and a table.

59:45 minutes

10:18 minutes

Invoicing

Select HCF and FBN to Invoice

HCF Program Invoicing Best Practices
45:48 minutes

Telecom Program: Submitting Invoices for
6:21 minutes

More Topics

What's Next

FIS Order 15-01 Revisions

[Video Link](#)

Telecommunications Program – Friendly Reminder

- Once you submit the FCC Form 467, USAC will send you and your service provider an HCP Support Schedule (HSS) and your service provider can begin the invoicing process.
- There is no form name or number for the Telecom Program invoicing process.
- If there is an error or you have any questions about the HSS, email RHC-Assist@usac.org with the FRN number in the subject line.
- As a reminder, if services were delayed or not turned on it is the responsibility of the HCP to submit a request for a FCC Form 467 revision.

FCC Order DA 20-345

- Grants applicants a 180-day extension of the invoice filing deadline for **FY2019 single-year funding requests** because of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Provides an extension of several procedural deadlines, including information requests.
- Read [Order DA 20-345](#) and download the [Tip Sheet](#).

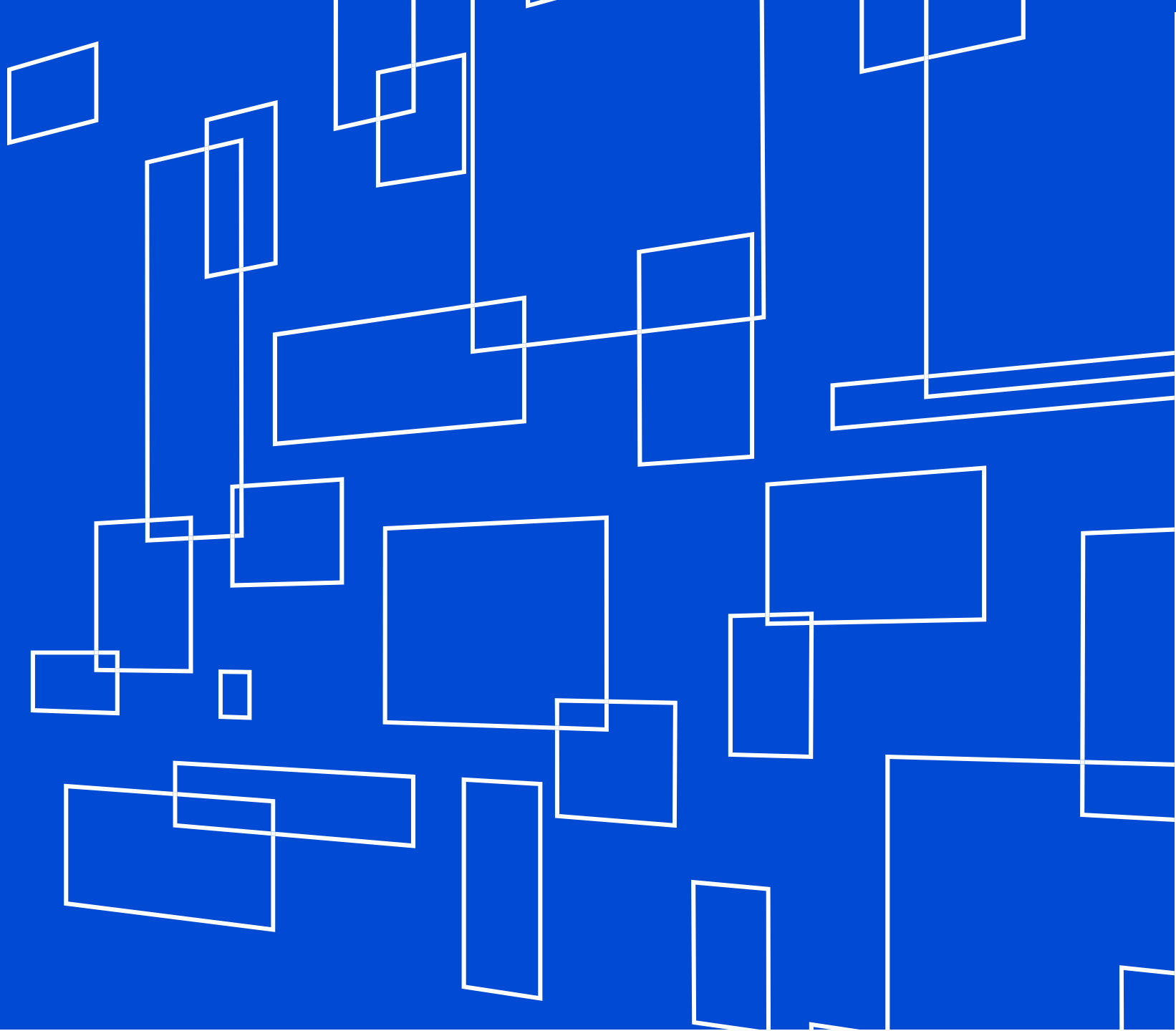
FCC Order DA 20-1021

- Further extending some waivers granted in March 2020 for COVID-19 relief, the FCC has extended the information request deadline to December 31, 2020.
 - These waivers were originally set to expire on September 30, 2020.
- Read [Order DA-1021](#)

FCC Order DA 20-1092

- Provides relief to applicants and service providers who received FY2019 FCLs after or within 180 days of the invoice filing deadline.
- The Order allows these entities to submit invoices to USAC within **180 days from the later of the release date of this Order or the issuance of an FCL by USAC.**
 - Released on September 16, 2020
- The Order includes an appendix identifying applicants that USAC already knows fall into this waiver category.
- Read [Order DA 20-1092](#)

Questions?



Filing the FCC Form 463 – Health Care Providers

FCC Form 463 Best Practices



Log In to My Portal, Select HCP and FRN to Invoice

Form 460 Form 461 **Form 462** Form 463 Documents

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Substitution

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					Multiple	Multiple	5/29/2019	12/31/2019	Approved		Create 463
					Multiple	Multiple	5/07/2020	06/29/2021	Approved		Create 463
					Multiple	Multiple	6/26/2020	06/29/2021	Approved		Create 463
					Ethernet	1.0GB / 1.0GB	11/05/2020	10/28/2021	Approved		Create 463
					Internet	6.0MB / 6.0MB	5/14/2019	12/31/2018	Approved		Create 463

- Login into My Portal:
 - Select the “Form 462” tab
 - Select the blue “Create 463” button to begin invoicing

General Information Block

- General Information Includes:
 - Prepopulated information from approved FCC Form 462
 - Assigned RHC Invoice Number

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General Information

Form Guide

Read the complete [Form Guide](#) before you begin. Click the ? button on each screen for guidance about completing each section of the form. Failure to comply with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) rules and orders may result in denial of the request.

Information about the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) is available [here](#)

Line 1: RHC Invoice Number

10

Line 2: FRN

18

Line 3: HCP Number

1

Line 4 Site/Consortium Name

Line 5: Funding Year

2018

Line 6: Vendor/Applicant Invoice Number

Line 7: SPIN/498 ID

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Line 8: Vendor Name

Save and Exit

Save and Continue

Exit

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FRN Search


- FRN Search Tab:
 - Line item(s) detail
 - Can select which line item(s) to be included on submitted FCC Form 463 invoice

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FRN Search

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	FRN ID	Billing Account Number	HCP Number	Site Name	LOA Expiry	Category of Expense	Expense Type	Bandwidth (Download/Upload)
 Add	1		4		06/30/2021	Network Managemen...	Bundled Network Ma...	10.0 Gbps/10.0 G...
Add	2		4					
Add	3		4					
Add	4		4					
Add	5		4					
Add	6		4					

“N/A” appears next to Line Item


- It has already been added on another drafted FCC Form 463
- It is on an approved FCC Form 463 that has yet to be disbursed by USAC
- It is included on a site and service substitution
- You have successfully invoiced for the entire commitment of that line item
- Funding was not granted for that line item
- LOA has expired

GENERAL INFORMATION **FRN SEARCH** INVOICE LINE ITEMS SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION CERTIFICATIONS

FRN Search [Form Guide](#)

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Add	2		4		06/30/2021
Add	3		4		06/30/2021

 N/A

Invoice Line Items

- Essential Information Includes:
 - Line items (FRN IDs) to be invoiced
 - Billing Account Number- to be saved after first approved submission for FRN
 - Service start date (first submission)
 - Billing start and end dates
 - Total cost for billing period selected

GENERAL INFORMATION FRN SEARCH **INVOICE LINE ITEMS** SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION CERTIFICATIONS

Invoice Line Items [Form Guide](#)

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Row #	A. FRN ID	B. Billing Account Number	C. HCP Number	D. Site Name	E. Category of Expense	F. Expense Type	G. Bandwidth
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2	Remove 3						

Save and Exit Save and Go Back Save and Continue Exit

Invoice Line Items

- Essential information includes:
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 - Billing start and end dates
 - Total cost for billing period selected

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Invoice Line Items

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H. Service Start Date/Shipping Date or Last Day of Work	I. Billing Period Start Date	J. Billing Period End Date	Eligible Amount for Chosen Period	K. Quantity of Items Invoiced	L. Total Cost Invoiced (Undiscounted)	M. Percent of Expense Eligible	N. Percent Usage Eligi
	07/01/2018		\$0.00	1		100.00	100.00
			\$0.00	1		100.00	100.00

Nov 2018

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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

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Invoice Line Items

- Essential Information for total cost for billing period selected:
 - Column L: Total Cost Invoiced (Undiscounted)
 - Based on billing start and end dates
 - Column P: USF Support Amount to be Paid
 - Based on 65% discount, amount disbursed

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Billing Period End Date	Eligible Amount for Chosen Period	K. Quantity of Items Invoiced	L. Total Cost Invoiced (Undiscounted)	M. Percent of Expense Eligible	N. Percent of Usage Eligible	O. Total Eligible Actual Cost (Undiscounted)	P. USF Support Amount to be Paid
30/2019	\$197,261.04	1	\$197,261.04	100.00	100.00	\$197,261.04	\$128,219.68
30/2019	\$427,383.96	1	\$427,383.96	100.00	100.00	\$427,383.96	\$277,799.57

How do I invoice for one-time install costs?

- Click “ADD” on the line item on the “FRN Search” tab
- Then increase the “Total Cost Invoiced (Undiscounted)” or column L on the “Invoice Line Items” tab of the FCC Form 463 by the full “Undiscounted Non-Recurring Expense” amount (found on your FCL).

Invoice Line Items [? Form Guide](#)

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th	04/01/2015	11/01/2016	11/30/2016	\$200.00	1	\$700.00	100.00	100.00

One-Time Cost Example

- Invoicing for one month (November 1st – 30th)
- The one-time cost = \$500
- The monthly recurring cost = \$200
- Enter \$700 (sum of \$500 and \$200) into Column L to get funding for the entire install cost and one month of recurring cost
- You can also bill for multiple months and add the install charge

Invoice Line Items [Form Guide](#)

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	04/01/2015	11/01/2016	11/30/2016	\$200.00	1	\$700.00	100.00	100.00

Supporting Documentation - Optional

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Supporting Documentation

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Line 10: Applicants and/or vendors may, if they so choose, attach supporting documentation, including, but not limited to, a copy of the bill(s) for the line item(s) being submitted on this Form 463. By providing copies of the bills and/or supporting documentation, the applicant and vendor will ensure that USAC has such documentation available for any future audit. See 47 C.F.R. Sec 54.648

Previous

Next

New Document

Select All Documents

Delete Checked Documents

Description	Upload	Actions
		<div>Save and Exit</div> <div>Save and Go Back</div> <div>Save and Continue</div> <div>Exit</div>

Certify, Preview, Sign

GENERAL INFORMATION FRN SEARCH INVOICE LINE ITEMS SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION **CERTIFICATIONS**

CertificationsForm Guide

Applicant Certifications

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Line 22: I certify under penalty of perjury that I am authorized to submit this request on behalf of the applicant or consortium.

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Line 23: I certify under penalty of perjury that I have examined this form and attachments and, to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, all information contained therein is true and correct.

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Line 24: I certify under penalty of perjury that the applicant or consortium members have received the related services, network equipment, and/or facilities itemized on the invoice form.

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Line 25: I certify under penalty of perjury that the required 35% minimum contribution for each item on the FCC Form 463 was funded by eligible sources as defined in the FCC rules and that the required contribution was remitted to the service provider.

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I understand that all documentation associated with this application, including all billing records for services received, must be retained for a period of at least five years after the last date of service delivered in a particular funding year pursuant to 47 CFR § 54.631.

Save and Exit

Save and Go Back

Preview FCC Form 463

Exit

Preview Form

Preview Form

[Form Guide](#)

RHC Note: Review all the information entered on this FCC Form 463. If changes need to be made, select the "Save and Go Back" button to go back and edit your Form 463. If no changes need to be made and you are ready to submit the Form 463 for the Service Provider's review, click on the radio button, "I have reviewed the Form 463 and have no changes" at the bottom of the invoice, and then select the "Save and Continue" button, which will take you to the page where you will sign and submit this form to the Service Provider.

[Download FCC Form 463 \(Excel\)](#)

☒ I have reviewed the Form 463 (Excel) and have no changes.

☐ I have not reviewed the Form 463 (Excel) or I have reviewed the invoice and have changes.

[Save and Go Back](#) [Save And Continue](#)

Submit

The screenshot shows a web form titled "Signature" with a "Form Guide" link. The form includes fields for "Line 31: Email", "Line 28: Printed Name of Authorized" (with sub-fields for First Name, Middle Initial, and Last Name), "Line 29: Title/Position of Authorized", "Line 32: Employer's", and "Line 33: Employer's". A "Sign Form" dialog box is overlaid on the form. The dialog box has a title bar "Sign Form" and contains the following text:

- In order to electronically sign and submit the form, you must enter your password in the "Signature" field below, then click the "Certify" button to complete the process and submit the FCC Form to RHC.
- You are reminded that your electronic signature is the same as your hand written signature on this form. By typing your password in the Signature block below and clicking the "Certify" button, you have electronically signed the form.

Below the text is a "Signature:" label followed by a text input field. At the bottom of the dialog box are two buttons: "Certify" (highlighted with a red box) and "Cancel".

- Your signature is your My Portal password

Remember: Invoicing is a joint process between an HCP and its service provider!

Best Practices for Creating the FCC Form 463

- Consolidate invoices
- Utilize calendar drop down for billing start and end dates
- Identify eligible amount for chosen period
- Common issues
 - N/A Line Items
 - Grayed out “Create 463” button
 - \$0.00 in the USF Support Amount to be Paid column
 - Error Messages

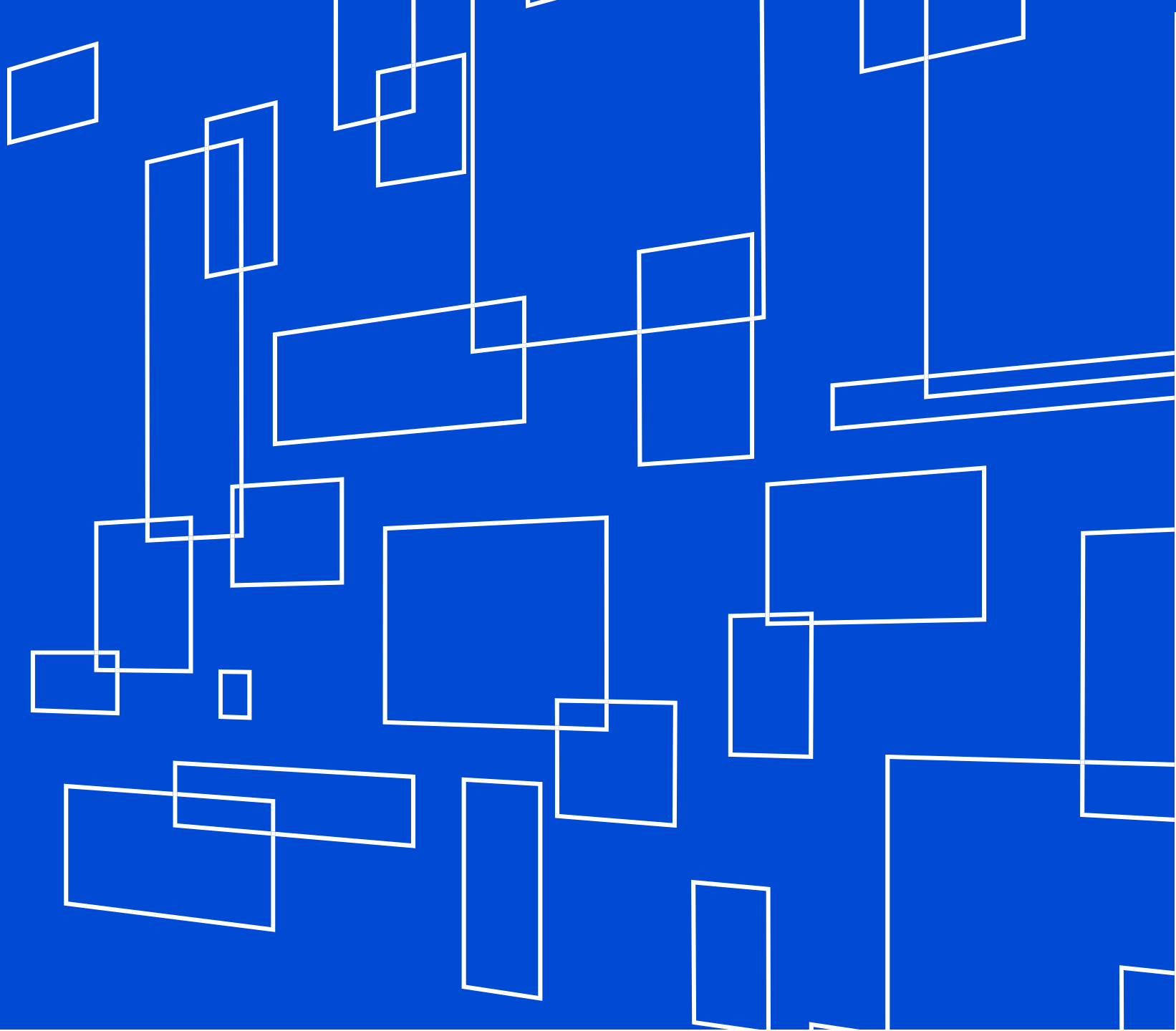
Common Invoicing Question

- The total amount of funds invoiced is less than what is listed on the FCL. I divided the total amount by 12 months, which is 1 year of funding. How do I invoice for the full amount?
 - USAC calculates the monthly recurring rate based on full months as they vary in the numbers of days, as opposed to the 365/366 days in a year.
 - For instance, January has 31 days and April has 30 days.
 - As long as you invoice for all committed funding dates consecutively, then you will receive the full committed funding amount as listed on your FCL.

USAC Monthly Recurring Cost Calculation Example

- Entered billing dates of (9/24/2018 - 10/23/2018)
 - September and October's individual day calculations are different
- Line item 1 = \$100.00 monthly
- September (30 days): $100 / 30 = \text{\$3.33 per day}$
 - $\$3.33 \times 7 \text{ days (September 24 - 30)} = \23.31
- October (31 days): $100 / 31 = \text{\$3.23 per day}$
 - $\$3.23 \times 23 \text{ days (October 1 - 23)} = \74.29
- Total amount for billing period: **\$97.60** not \$100.00

Questions?



Filing the FCC Form 463 – Service Providers

FCC Form 463 Best Practices

Service Provider Review

- Upon receiving an email notification stating you have an invoice readily available for review, log into My Portal/E-File
 - Start process by selecting your SPIN
 - If you don't see it, click "HCF Form 463" on the left side of the page
- Carefully review form for accuracy
 - Confirm billing period and invoiced amount
 - If inaccurate, return invoice to HCP
- Certifying
 - FCCRN can be found in Block 3 of the FCC Form 498 or <https://apps.fcc.gov/coresWeb/simpleSearch.do>
 - Your signature is your My Portal password








Service Provider Review

- HCF Certification – Check the FCC Form 498
 - SPIN/498ID must be authorized for the RHC Program.
 - Confirm that you have selected Block 18 in order to have access to the FCC Form 463.

Block 18: Certification to Assist Health Care Providers	<i>See Instruction Section III.T</i>
In accordance with FCC rule section 54.640(b), service providers participating in the Healthcare Connect Fund Program must certify, as a condition of receiving support, that they will provide to health care providers, on a timely basis, all information and documents regarding supported equipment, facilities, or services that are necessary for the health care provider to submit required forms or respond to FCC or USAC inquiries. USAC may withhold disbursements to the service provider if the service provider, after written notice from USAC, fails to comply with this requirement.	
95 <input type="checkbox"/> I certify, as a condition of receiving support under the Healthcare Connect Fund Program, that the above-named service provider will provide to health care providers, on a timely basis, all information and documents regarding the supported equipment, facility(ies), or service(s) that are necessary for the health care provider to submit required forms or respond to FCC or USAC inquiries.	

- If not, you will not be able to view the invoice.
 - File an FCC [Form 498 revision](#) or contact the Contributor team for help: customersupport@usac.org or (800) 453-7546 ext. 2 and ex. 1







Service Provider Review

Service Provider Review USAC Review HCP Review My \$ My SPINs/498 IDs							
<p>Note: All Forms in this section have been submitted by the HCP for Service Provider Review.</p> <p>Invoices in Service Provider Review: 175</p>							
RHC Invoice Number	FRN	Fund Year	Vendor/Applicant Invoice Number	HCP Name	Invoice Deadline	Last Updated	Download
10	19	2019			06/29/2021	08/28/2020	
10	19	2019			06/29/2021	08/28/2020	
10	19	2019			06/29/2021	08/28/2020	
10	19	2019			06/29/2021	08/28/2020	
10	19	2019			06/29/2021	08/28/2020	
10	19	2019			06/29/2021	08/28/2020	
10	19	2019			06/29/2021	08/28/2020	

- Login into My Portal:
 - Select the SPIN/498 ID you would like to work under
 - Select the blue “RHC Invoice Number” of the FCC Form 463 you would like to review.

New! My \$ Tab

- My \$ shows the financial lifecycle for all FRNs associated with a SPIN/498 ID from funding commitment through to invoice disbursement.

<div> Service Provider Review USAC Review HCP Review My \$ My SPINs/498 IDs </div>							
<p>My \$ shows the financial lifecycle for all FRNs associated with a SPIN/498 ID from funding commitment through to invoice disbursement.</p> <p>Use the column headings to sort or filter information by FRN, HCP Number, HCP Name, service delivery deadline, or invoice deadline. The Funding Commitment Letter (FCL) or Network Cost Worksheet are available in the "Download" column.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committed \$: Funds approved for estimated support based on an approved FCC Form 462, and issued through a Funding Commitment Letter. Approved Invoiced \$: Funds approved for payment by USAC based on an approved FCC Form 463. 							
FRN	HCP Number	HCP Name	Committed \$	Approved Invoiced \$	Service Delivery Deadline	Invoice Deadline	Download
	2		\$16,000	\$16,000		12/31/2016	
	1		\$7,900	\$7,900		12/31/2014	
	1		\$24,000	\$24,000		12/31/2015	
	1		\$7,600	\$7,600		10/24/2016	
	1		\$10,000	\$10,000		10/24/2016	
	1		\$11,000	\$11,000		10/24/2016	
	1		\$12,000	\$12,000		12/31/2016	

General Information

- General Information:
 - Fields are prepopulated
 - Can select “Save and Continue” if correct.

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General Information

[? Form Guide](#)

Read the complete [Form Guide](#) before you begin. Click the [?](#) button on each screen for guidance about completing each section of the form. Failure to comply with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) rules and orders may result in denial of the request.

Information about the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) is available [here](#)

Line 1: RHC Invoice Number	10
Line 2: FRN	18
Line 3: HCP Number	
Line 4 Site/Consortium Name	Medical Center
Line 5: Funding Year	2018
Line 6: Vendor/Applicant Invoice Number	
Line 7: SPIN/498 ID	14
Line 8: Vendor Name	

[Save and Exit](#) [Save and Continue](#) [Exit](#)

Approved by OMB 3060-0804

Excel Review

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Excel Review [? Form Guide](#)

Download FCC Form 463 (Excel)

☐ I have not reviewed the Form 463 (Excel).

☒ I have reviewed the Form 463 (Excel) and have no changes.

☐ I have reviewed the Form 463 (Excel). Send the Form to the HCP/Consortium for modifications.

Save and Exit **Save and Go Back** **Save and Continue** **Exit**

- You must download the FCC Form 463 (Excel document)

Supporting Documentation

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Supporting Documentation

Form Guide

Line 10: Applicants and/or vendors may, if they so choose, attach supporting documentation, including, but not limited to, a copy of the bill(s) for the line item(s) being submitted on this Form 463. By providing copies of the bills and/or supporting documentation, the applicant and vendor will ensure that USAC has such documentation available for any future audit. See 47 C.F.R. Sec 54.648

Applicant Documentation

PreviousNext

Description

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Upload

Download

Vendor Documentation

PreviousNext

New Document

Select All Documents

Delete Checked Documents

Description

Upload

Actions

Save and Exit

Save and Go Back

Save and Continue

Exit

Certifications

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Certifications

Form Guide

Vendor Certifications

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Line 11: I certify under penalty of perjury that I am authorized to submit this request on behalf of the service provider.

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Line 12: I understand that the service provider must apply the amount submitted, approved, and paid by USAC to the billing account of the healthcare provider(s) and FRN/FRN ID listed on this invoice.

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Line 13: I declare under penalty of perjury that I have examined this form and attachments to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, the date, quantities, and costs provided are true and correct.

Save and Exit

Save and Go Back

Save and Continue

Exit

Submit

The screenshot shows the 'Signature' section of the FCC Form 726 submission interface. A modal dialog titled 'Sign Form' is open, providing instructions for electronic signing. The background form includes fields for Line 31: Email, Line 28: Printed Name of Authorized (First Name, Middle Initial, Last Name), Line 29: Title/Position of Authorized, Line 32: Title/Position of Authorized, and Line 33: Employer's Name. A 'Form Guide' link is visible in the top right corner of the form area.

Sign Form

- In order to electronically sign and submit the form, you must enter your password in the "Signature" field below, then click the "Certify" button to complete the process and submit the FCC Form to RHC.
- You are reminded that your electronic signature is the same as your hand written signature on this form. By typing your password in the Signature block below and clicking the "Certify" button, you have electronically signed the form.

Signature:

Certify **Cancel**

Clicking the "Certify" button certifies the form, requires that there are no validation issues with this form.

- Your signature is your My Portal password

What to Expect After Submitting to USAC

- Review Time:
 - Review generally takes less than 10 days, barring any information requests.
- If information is requested, it will come from rhc-invoicing@usac.org
 - Approval will be held until response is received and reviewed
 - Note: This differs from under-invoicing emails, which will be approved after 14 days as filed
- Email notification of invoice approval will be emailed from rhcadmin@usac.org to account holders after USAC review and approval

Disbursement Process

FCC Form 463 Best Practices

Disbursement Process

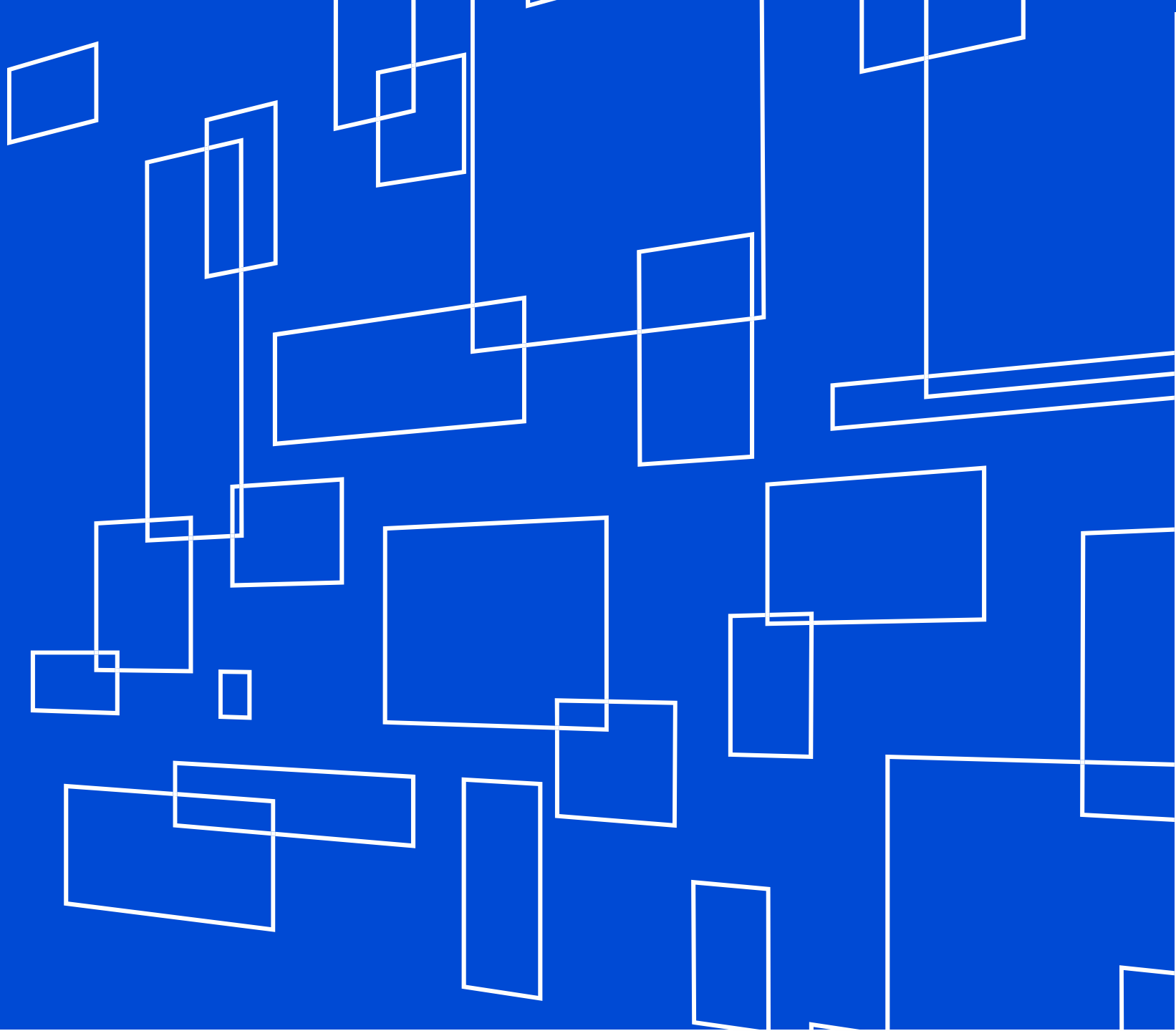
- Both HCP and service provider will receive email notification from rhcadmin@usac.org once approved.
- Funds are disbursed to the service provider on the 6th and 21st of each month, barring weekends and holidays.
 - If you notice a clerical error, please notify us before the disbursement date.
- Record-keeping
 - Both the HCP and service provider are required to maintain records of billing and invoices to USAC for a term of five years.

Red Light Status and Voluntary Netting

- Red Light status
 - Contact Customer Support: (888) 641-8722
- Voluntary Netting

<p>Block 17: Offsetting Disbursement Payments Against Federal Universal Service Contribution Obligations For Rural Healthcare Participants</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>See Instruction Section III.O</i></p> <p>The following information pertains only to telecommunications companies participating in the Rural Health Care Program. In accordance with FCC rule section 54.679 regarding Rural Health Care payments, a telecommunications company may choose to offset its payment against its Federal universal service contribution. A telecommunications company must have an FCC Form 499 Filer ID number in order to offset its Rural Health Care Program payments against its Federal universal service contribution. In order to obtain an FCC Form 499 Filer ID number, visit http://www.usac.org/cont/tools/forms/default.aspx and select FCC Form 499. You do not need an FCC Form 499 Filer ID in order to be issued a FCC Form 498 ID.</p> <p>94 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, I want my Rural Health Care Program disbursement payments to be offset against my Federal universal service contribution obligations. This box must be checked in order to receive offsets. The Default is "No."</p>

Questions?



Thank you for joining us today!

- RHC Help Desk
 - Call (800) 453-1546
 - Email RHC-Assist@usac.org
- Next webinars:
 - HCF Program Funding Request Best Practices for FY2021 – [Register](#)
 - Telecom Program Funding Request Best Practices for FY2021 – [Register](#)



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