



The future of Rural/Urban Healthcare

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Rural Health Care Program

Rural Health Care (RHC) Program

\$591 Million Annual Funds to provide reduced rates to Healthcare Providers.

- Healthcare Connect Fund (HCF) Program
 - Provides Eligible Health Care Providers (HCP's) and Consortia with up to 65% discount on eligible expenses related to "broadband" connectivity

Where does the money come from?

- Telecommunications companies are required by the Telecommunications Act of 1996 to make annual contributions to make up the Universal Service Fund.
- USAC (Universal Service Administration Company) administers this for the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

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- Funding Year (FY) 2016
-\$400 Million
- Funding Year (FY) 2017
-\$571 Million
- Funding Year (FY) 2018
-\$591 Million

Eligible Entities

Rural, not-for-profit, or one of the following provider types:

Hospitals

- Urban hospital under 400 beds has no annual funding cap
- Urban hospital over 400 beds has an annual funding cap of \$30K
- Rural hospital has no funding cap

Community Health Centers or Centers that provide health care to migrants

Rural Health Clinics and FQHC's (Federally Qualified Health Center)

Community Mental Health or Behavioral Health Centers

Teaching Hospitals or Medical Schools

- No cap for an Urban teaching hospital

Dedicated Emergency Rooms of "RURAL" for-profit hospitals

Skilled Nursing Facilities

Consortia of HCPs consisting of one or more eligible entities

Eligible Services

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Network

- Ethernet
- Dedicated Internet Access (DIA)
- Dark Fiber
- Cable
- 4G LTE
- DS1, DS3, & T-1's for Data



Voice

- Converged PRI
- SIP Trunks
- ISDN PRI



Managed Services

- Managed Ethernet
- Managed MPLS
- SD-WAN
- Hosted Firewall
- Managed Switches
- Managed Routers



Cloud – Not Yet

- Infrastructure as a Service (IaaS)
- Disaster Recovery as a Service (DRaaS)
- Backup as a Service (BaaS)
- Data Centers & Colocations

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Questions??

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