

## Pheona Riddle

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**To:** tony butz

**Subject:** RE: Equipment

Tony,

See my answers to your first 3 questions in red below. We have not received guidance from the FCC on all of the Skilled Nursing issues. I'm sure our Outreach team will send the information once it's available.

Best,  
Blythe

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**From:** tony butz [<mailto:tonyb@espyervices.com>]  
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Blythe,  
I Blythe, hope your week has been good, I have a few questions roaming around in my mind....

I have three questions regarding purchased equipment support.

1. Can equipment previously purchased prior to fund year 16 be supported in fy16 funding? A client purchased equipment in May but it is just now being installed. **The short answer is yes as long as the circuits attached to the equipment are funded under HCF.**
2. What happens when something like a router or server go down and the facility must replace the equipment immediately in order to keep the broadband functional....is that supported at the time of purchase? **HCF does not support "spare" pieces of equipment. Equipment is only eligible for funding if it is making a circuit operational.**
3. If a piece of equipment supports both the broadband functionality and wireless functionality; can that router or switch be cost allocated to support the amount of usage in supporting broadband functionality? **We would have to determine this within a review.**

Questions on Skilled Nursing which was recently added, and I know it is not going live until January at the earliest.

1. Will this include nursing homes and rehab centers of all kinds?
2. Will this include assisted living centers?
3. Can these be filed both single and via consortiums?