

## Kevin Welch

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**From:** rhc-assist@usac.org  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 22, 2019 8:05 AM  
**To:** lkwelch1@comcast.net  
**Subject:** Re: FCC Releases Order 19-45

Hi Kevin,

Thank you for your email. USAC will only extend the 2019 filing deadline to June 30th 2019 for HCP's that (1) filed FY 2018 multi-year and upfront payment funding requests either individually or as part of a consortium; and (2) have not received a funding decision on their FY 2018 funding request from USAC by the release date of this order. You can find a link to the FCC Order 19-45 where this information can be found on our website here. USAC will notify impacted applicants with next steps and guidance within the next few days.

If you have any other questions please email us at rhc-assist@usac.org.

Warm Regards,  
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RHC-Assist Support Team  
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On 5/21/2019 8:53 PM, Kevin Welch wrote:

Am I correct that I read in this notice that the closing of the current Filing Window has been extended from May 31 to June 30?



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**From:** Rural Health Care Program [<mailto:DoNotReply@usac.org>]  
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**FCC Releases Order 19-45**

May 21, 2019

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.

We have identified you as an account holder of an HCP with a multi-year or upfront payment funding request for FY2018. To mitigate any additional administrative burden on affected applicants expecting a three year commitment, all FY2018 FCC Forms 461 will be rolled over so FY2018 competitive bidding can be used for FY2019 requests. Additionally, the contracts associated with these funding requests that met evergreen requirements have been designated as such. More information about completing your FY2019 funding request is below.

The Order also extends the FY2019 filing window for affected HCF Program applicants to Sunday, June 30, 2019.

#### **Next Steps**

On Wednesday, May 29, all account holders of affected HCPs will receive their FY2018 Funding Commitment Letter (FCL). The FCL will reflect a single year of funding for FY2018.

On Friday, May 24, we will send an email with a link to a spreadsheet that will allow you to search for affected FY2018 FRNs for your HCP.

#### **FY2019 Draft to be placed in your My Portal for Submission**

As a courtesy to applicants impacted by this change, USAC will be placing an FY2019 Funding Request draft in your My Portal queue for easy review and submission. This FY2019 draft will contain the remaining funding periods and funding amounts from your original FY2018 request, so all you have to do is review, certify, sign and submit. Please make sure to review the draft carefully prior to certifying and submitting.

We will provide an spreadsheet lookup tool that allows you to search for the new FY2019 FRN so that you can easily find it in your My Portal queue. We will send an email with a link to this tool when it becomes available.

#### **Your FY2019 Filing Window Deadline is Sunday, June 30, 2019**

Your FY2019 Filing Window deadline for HCF Program HCPs that have not yet received an FY2018 FCL has been extended to June 30, 2019. Please make sure to submit your funding requests for these HCPs prior to the close of the filing window at 11:59 p.m. ET on Sunday June 30, 2019.

**Join our Order Information Webinar on Thursday, May 30**

On Thursday, May 30 the RHC Program will host a webinar to go over the Order, demo the resources available, and answer questions.

**What:** FCC Order 19-45 Information Webinar

**When:** Thursday, May 30 at 2:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. ET

[Register here!](#)

Need Help? Contact Us!

For questions about this Order, please contact the RHC Help Desk at (800)453-1546 or by email at [RHC-ASSIST@usac.gov](mailto:RHC-ASSIST@usac.gov).

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