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## **Meet Our Presenters**

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## **Agenda**

- 1. Overview: HCP Eligibility
- 2. Filing the FCC Form 460
- 3. Filing the FCC Form 465
- 4. Account Holders
- 5. Eligibility Best Practices





## **Three Criteria for Eligibility**

#### Status

- Not for Profit
- Public

### 2. HCP Type

#### 3. Rural Location

- Telecom Program: HCP applicants must be located in an FCC-approved rural location to be considered rural.
- HCF Program: Individual HCP applicants must be located in an FCC-approved rural location to be considered rural. Non-rural HCP applicants may apply as part of a majority-rural consortium.
- Use the <u>rural look-up tool</u> on the USAC website.

Each HCP site or location is considered an individual HCP for purposes of calculating support under the RHC Program. Each site must thus demonstrate that *by itself* it is an eligible entity.

## **HCP Type**

- Post-secondary educational institutions offering health care instruction, teaching hospitals, and medical schools
- Community health centers or health centers providing health care to migrants
- Local health departments or agencies
- Community mental health centers
- Not-for-profit hospitals

- Rural health clinics
- Dedicated emergency departments of rural for-profit hospitals
- Part-time eligible entities
- SNFs
- Consortia of the above entities

## **Information Collected on the RHC Program Eligibility Forms**

FCC Form 460 (HCF Program)

- 1. Site information
- 2. Contact information
- 3. Eligibility information
- 4. Certifications and signatures

Note: the FCC Forms 460 and 465 must be completed in a single session. You are unable to save a draft form and return to complete at a later time. FCC Form 465 (Telecom Program)

- 1. Site information
- 2. Contact information
- 3. Eligibility information
- 4. Certifications and signatures
- 5. Services requested (Telecom Program only)

## **My Portal Access**

- New applicants will not have access to our online application management system My Portal until your first form is approved.
- Go to usac.org/rhc to begin.



#### **HEALTHCARE** CONNECT FUND PROGRAM

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# Dates: March 1 - June 30, 2017



Receive a flat 65% discount on broadband expenses and network



My Portal

Service Providers

Receive a discount based on the urban-rural price difference in your

## **My Portal**

#### ABOUT THE PROGRAM

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#### MY PORTAL

HCF Program Applicant Updates

Telecom Program Applicant Updates

Service Provider Updates



PLEASE NOTE: On January 1, 2017, the RHC Program forms were replaced with new OMB-approved forms. For additional information about specific forms updates for the Telecom and HCF Programs, see the 2017 forms enhancements list ...

Access My Portal via the E-File system by clicking the "My Portal" button.

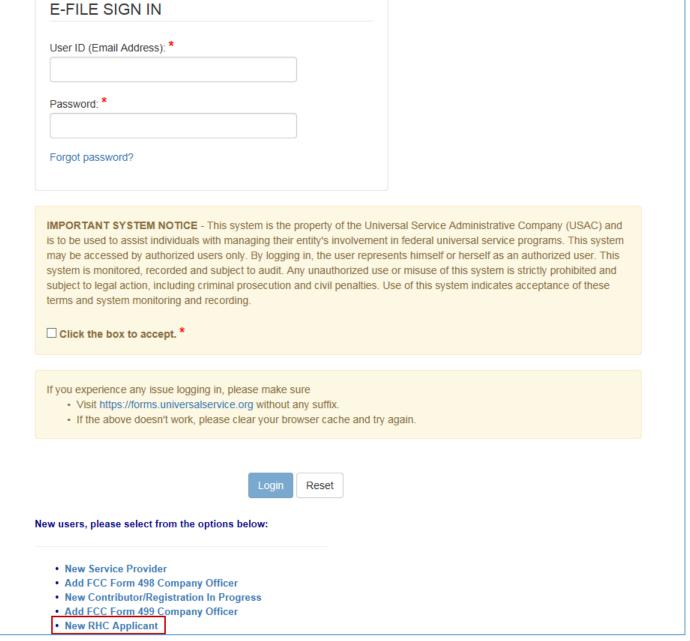


More information explaining My Portal is available here. If you forgot your password you can reset it online. Your user ID is your email address.

#### My Portal for HCPs

Eligible health care providers may submit all FCC application forms using My Portal.

## **My Portal**



## **My Portal**

Select the FCC Form you would like to file

To apply for support in the Healthcare Connect Fund or the Telecom/Internet Access Programs, choose the appropriate selection below:

Submit a new FCC Form 460 for eligibility determination in the Healthcare Connect Fund

Submit a new FCC Form 465 for eligibility determination and to submit a request for services in the Telecommunications program

# **HCF Program: Filing the FCC Form 460 HCP** Eligibility © 2018 Universal Service Administrative Co.

## **Enter Email Address and Zip Code**

#### **RURAL HEALTH CARE**

#### Create FCC Form 460

Enter your email address and the HCP's zip code or HCP Number below.

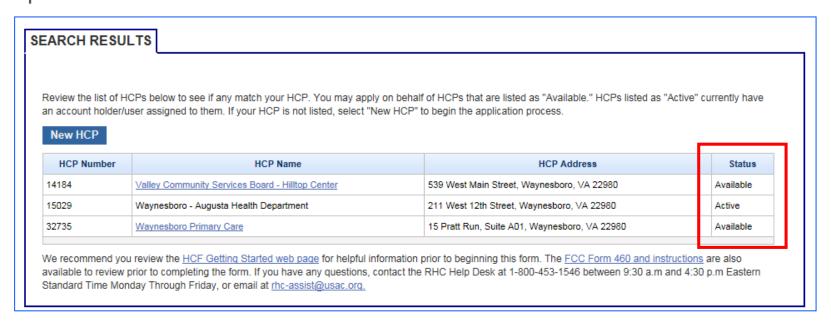
- If your email is already in the RHC system, it means you are registered and you will be prompted to return to the log in page to access your portal.
- If you enter a zip code or HCP Number that matches an HCP that is registered in the system, the HCP information will be displayed in the search results. If the Status lists the HCP as "available" and it matches your HCP, click on the link to open and complete the form. If no HCP in the list matches your HCP, select the "New HCP" button.
- If no search results are returned, select the "New HCP" button to open a blank FCC Form 460.

Email: *			
One of the following is required: *			
ZIP Code:			
	or		
HCP Number:			
	Search	Reset	

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## **Active vs. Available HCPs**

- Check the list to see if any existing HCPs match your site. You may apply on behalf of sites listed as "available."
- HCPs listed as "Active" currently have an account holder/user assigned to them. If your HCP is present but "Active", please reach out to us for the account holder information to prevent duplicate submissions.



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## **Select New HCP**

• If your HCP is not listed, select "New HCP" to begin the application process.

#### SEARCH RESULTS

Review the list of HCPs below to see if any match your HCP. You may apply on behalf of HCPs that are listed as "Available." HCPs listed as "Active" currently have an account holder/user assigned to them. If your HCP is not listed, select "New HCP" to begin the application process.



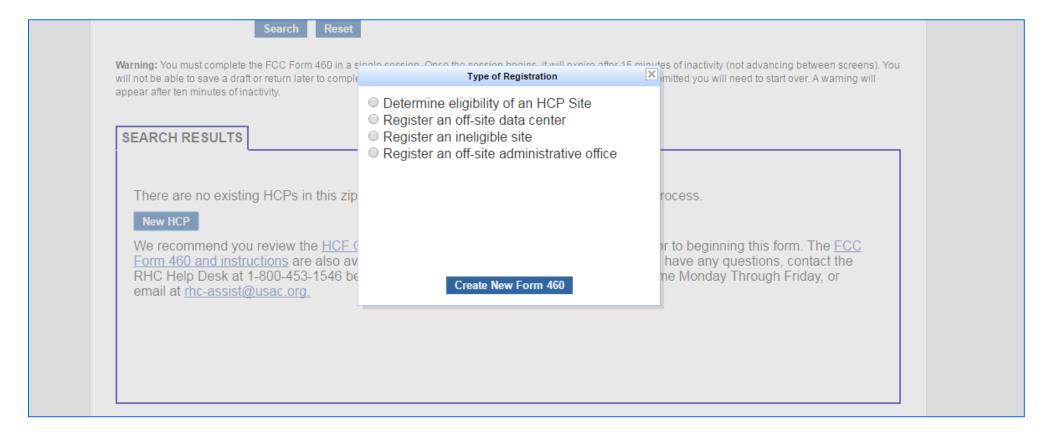
HCP Number	HCP Name	HCP Address	Status
14184	Valley Community Services Board - Hilltop Center	539 West Main Street, Waynesboro, VA 22980	Available
15029	Waynesboro - Augusta Health Department	211 West 12th Street, Waynesboro, VA 22980	Active
32735	Waynesboro Primary Care	15 Pratt Run, Suite A01, Waynesboro, VA 22980	Available

We recommend you review the <u>HCF Getting Started web page</u> for helpful information prior to beginning this form. The <u>FCC Form 460 and instructions</u> are also available to review prior to completing the form. If you have any questions, contact the RHC Help Desk at 1-800-453-1546 between 9:30 a.m and 4:30 p.m Eastern Standard Time Monday Through Friday, or email at <u>rhc-assist@usac.org.</u>

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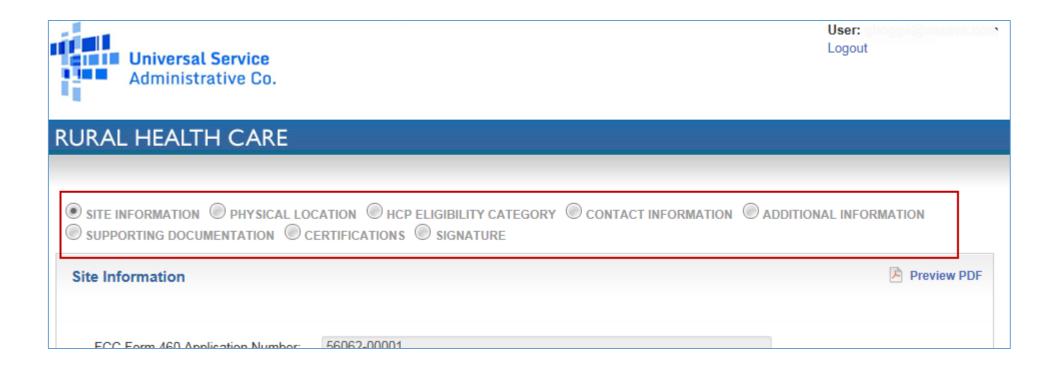
## **Select Type of Registration**

• In the HCF Program, you have four possible ways to file.



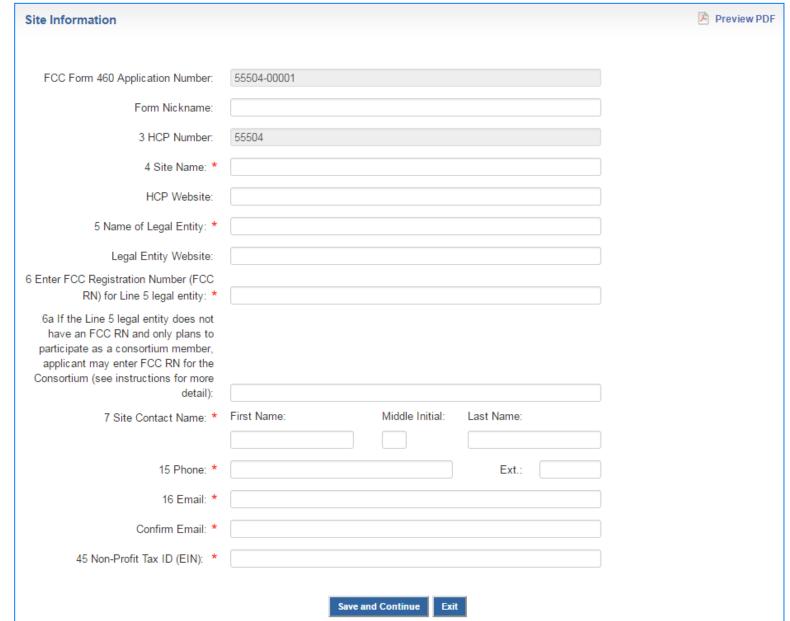
## **HCF Program - Navigating Through My Portal**

Use tabs at the top to determine what section of the form you are in



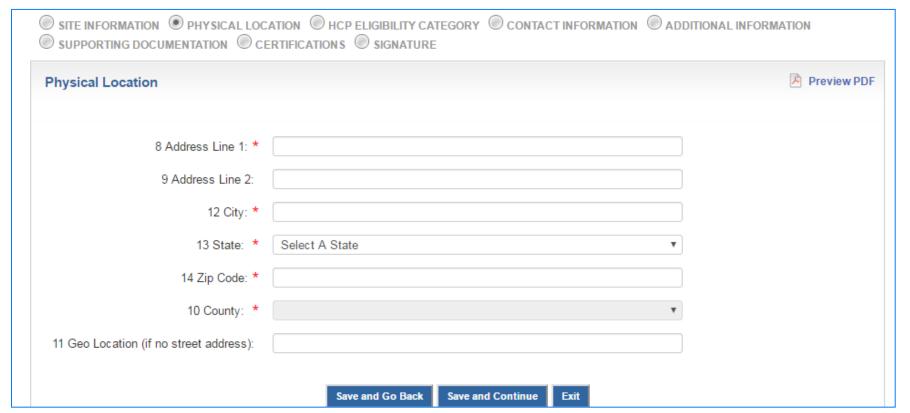
## **Enter Site Information**

- The FCC RN is a ten digit number that is assigned to a business or individual registering with the FCC, and is used to uniquely identify the business or individual in all of its transactions with the FCC.
- Obtaining an FCC RN is a simple process that can typically be completed within minutes through the FCC's website at <a href="https://fjallfoss.fcc.gov/cores">https://fjallfoss.fcc.gov/cores</a> Web/publicHome.do.



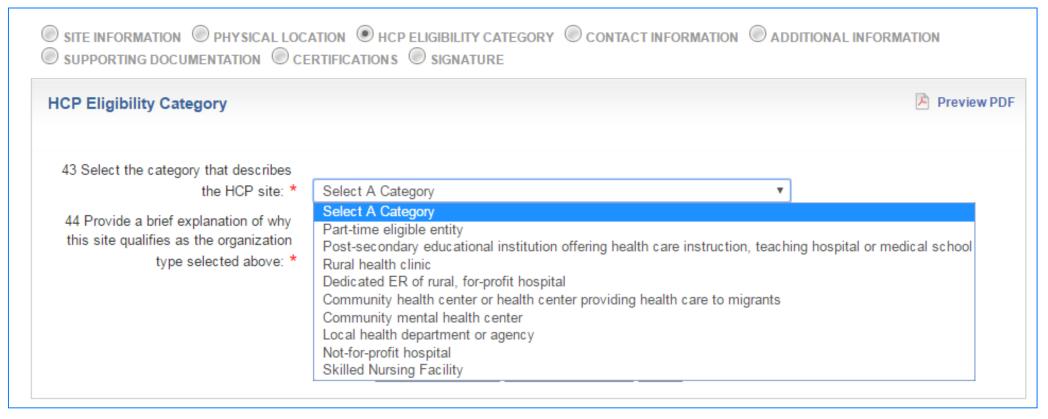
## **Enter Physical Location**

• Enter the physical location of your site, if your site does not have a street address, please enter the geo-location.



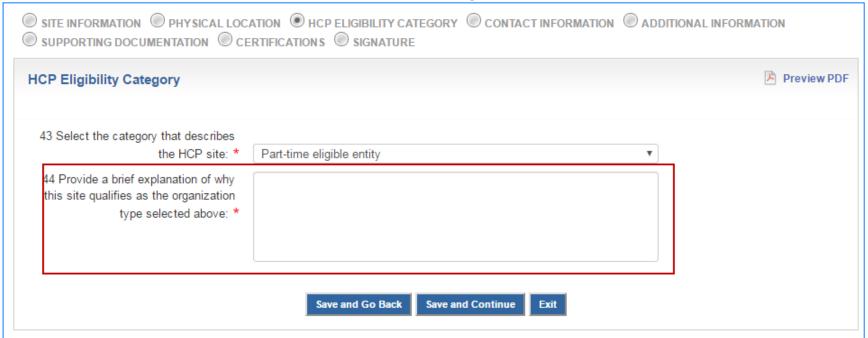
## **Select HCP Eligibility Category**

All eligible HCP types are listed in the drop down.



## **Select HCP Eligibility Category**

- Provide a brief explanation of why your site qualifies as that category.
- For example, the explanation may include a description of the services provided by the organization or licensing information. If appropriate, supporting documentation (such as a state license) may be uploaded when completing this section.

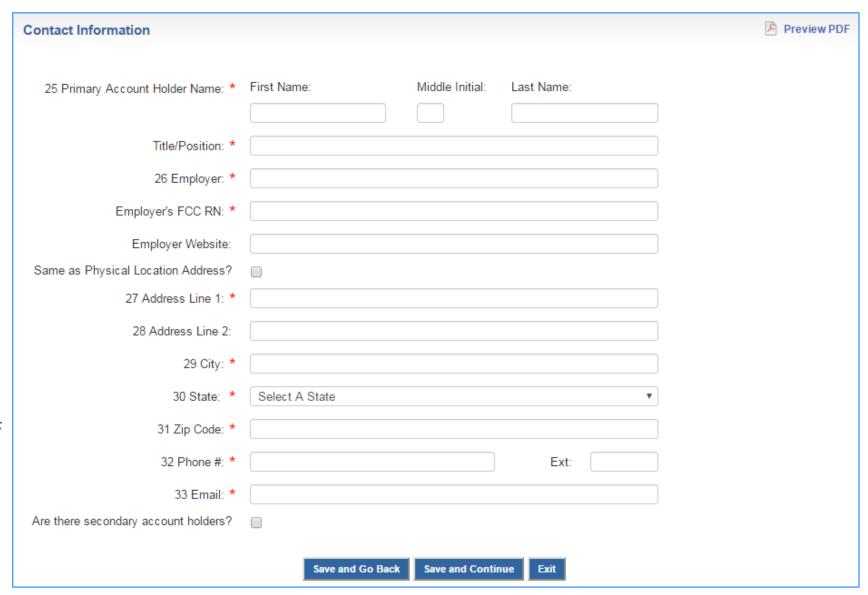


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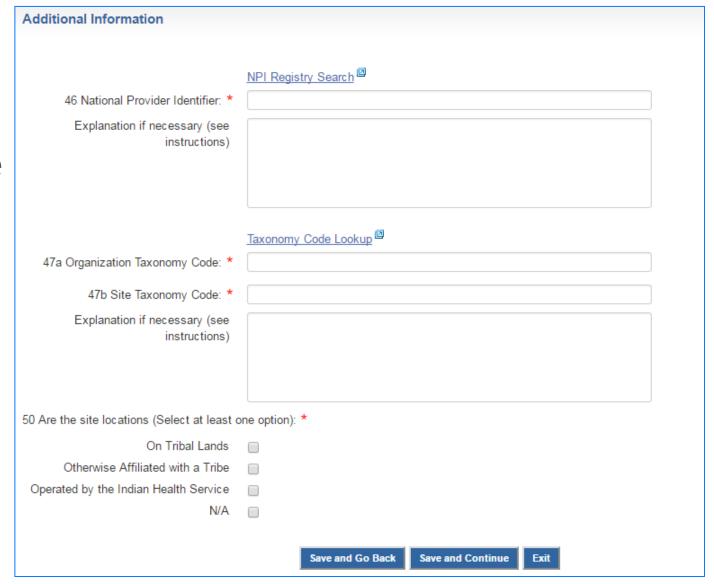
## **Enter Contact Information**

- Enter the contact information of the person who will be primarily responsible for this HCPs forms.
- You can also enter secondary account holder information in this tab.
- The primary and secondary account holder must be a director, officer, or authorized employee of the HCP.



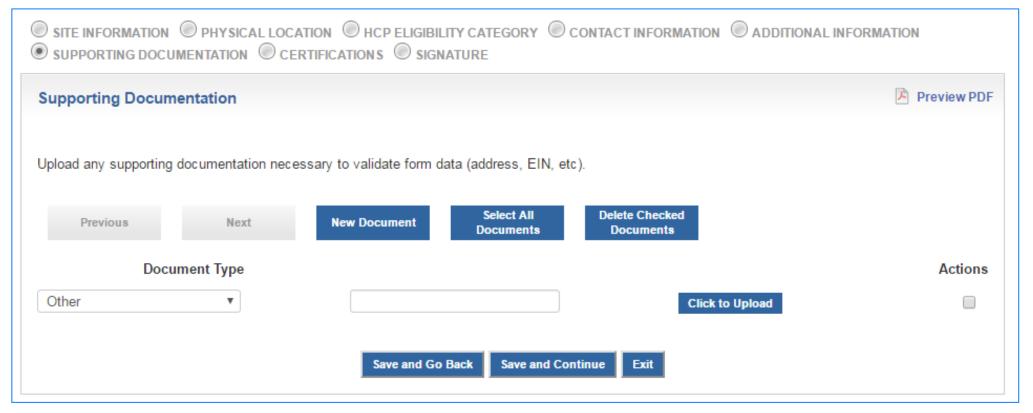
## **Enter Additional Information**

- National Provider Identifiers and Organization Taxonomy Codes can be found using the lookup links right on the page.
- Using the lookup links, please use the codes that best identify the HCP.



## **Upload Supporting Documentation**

 Supporting documentation is optional for the FCC Form 460, but you may upload any documents that would be necessary to validate the form.



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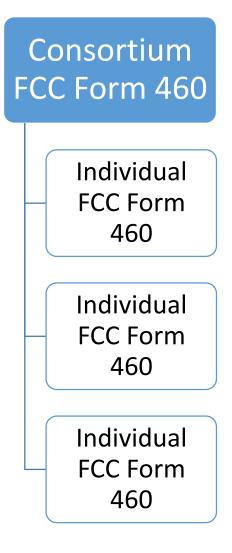
## **Required Certifications**

 All certifications must be checked. Certifications will populate based on the type of FCC Form 460 completed (i.e. Individual HCP, Consortium).



## **Consortium FCC Form 460**

- To apply as a consortium, an FCC Form 460 will need to be submitted for the consortium itself.
- Each participating HCP will also complete an FCC Form 460.
- The consortium will receive its own unique HCP number, separate from the individual sites participating in the consortium.



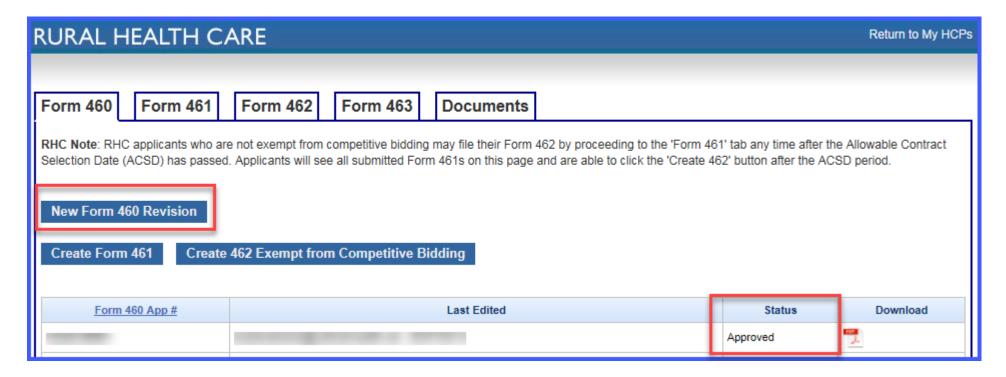
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## **After Submission**

- You will receive an email confirmation that your form was submitted.
- FCC Forms 460 take an average of 30 days to review, you will receive an email after it has been reviewed with an eligibility determination.
- If any additional information or validating documentation is required during the review of the FCC Form 460, you will receive an Information Request email that must be responded to within 14 calendar days.

## **After Submission**

• Once a decision has been made on the form, the only way to make any changes is to file an FCC Form 460 revision via My Portal.



## **After Submission**

- The most common reasons for FCC Form 460 revisions are to update the following information:
  - Primary Account Holder
  - Site Name
  - Address
  - Entity Type
  - Hospital bed count

# **Questions?**

## **Telecom Program: Filing the FCC Form 465**



## **Enter Email Address and Zip Code**

#### Create FCC Form 465

Enter your email address and the HCP's zip code below.

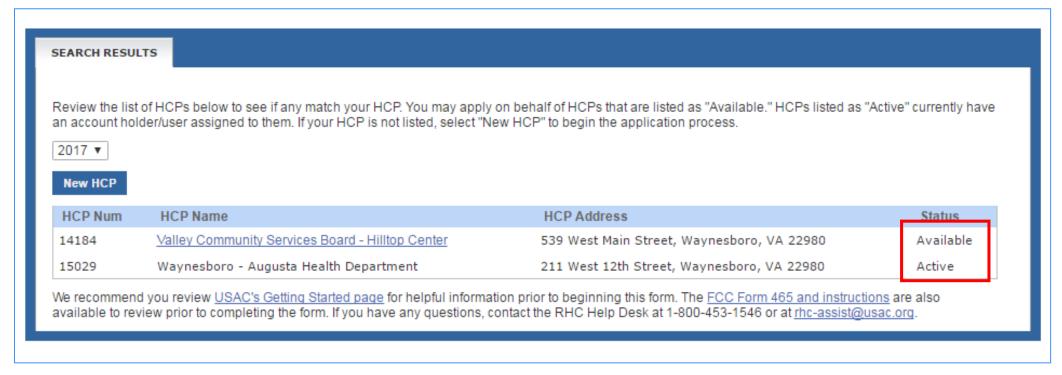
- If your email is already in the RHC system, it means you are registered and you will be prompted to return to the log in page to access your portal.
- If you enter a zip code that matches an HCP that is registered in the system, the HCP information will be displayed in the search results. If the Status lists the HCP as "available" and it matches your HCP, click on the link to open and complete the form. If no HCP in the list matches your HCP, select the "New HCP" button.
- If no search results are returned, select the "New HCP" button to open a blank FCC Form 465.

Email:	
ZIP:	
Search	Reset

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## **Select Available HCP**

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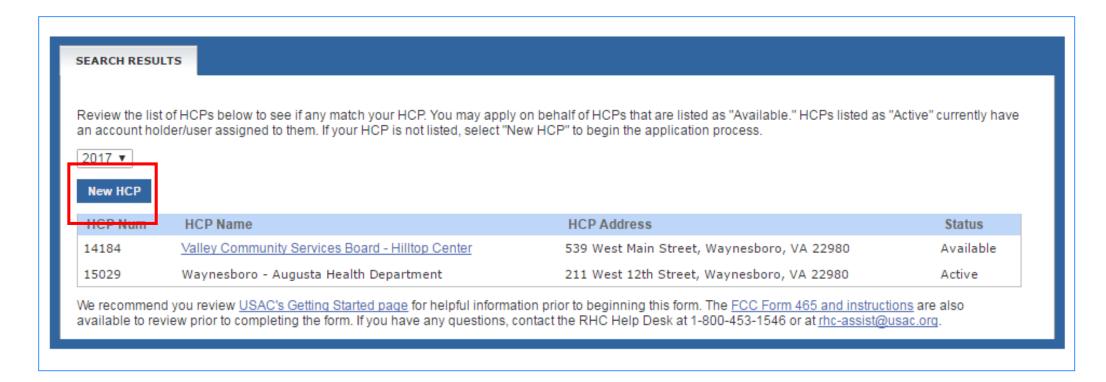


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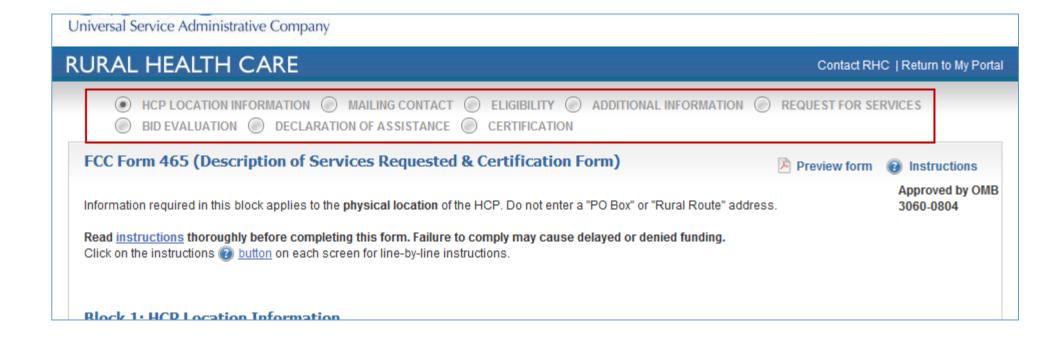
## **Select New HCP**

 If your HCP is not listed, select "New HCP" to begin the application process.



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#### **Telecom Program - Navigating Through My Portal**



#### **Enter HCP Location Information**

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- Obtaining an FCC RN is a simple process that can typically be completed within minutes through the FCC's website at: <a href="https://fjallfoss.fcc.gov/coresWeb/publicHome.do">https://fjallfoss.fcc.gov/coresWeb/publicHome.do</a>.

Block 1: HCP Location Information				
Funding Year	2017			
FCC Form 465 Application Number	43233288			
FCC Form 465 Application Friendly Name		(optional)		
RHC Note: Funding Year is pre-populated, and the FCC Form 465 Application Number is generated automatically by RHC. The 465 Friendly Name is an optional field where an applicant can name the 465 (i.e. Elm Street Hospital) as an additional way of keeping track of forms.				
Line 1: HCP Number	55506			
Line 2: Consortium Name		(optional)		
Line 3: HCP Name		]!		
Legal Entity Name		]!		
Line 4: HCP FCC Registration Number (FCC RN)		]!		

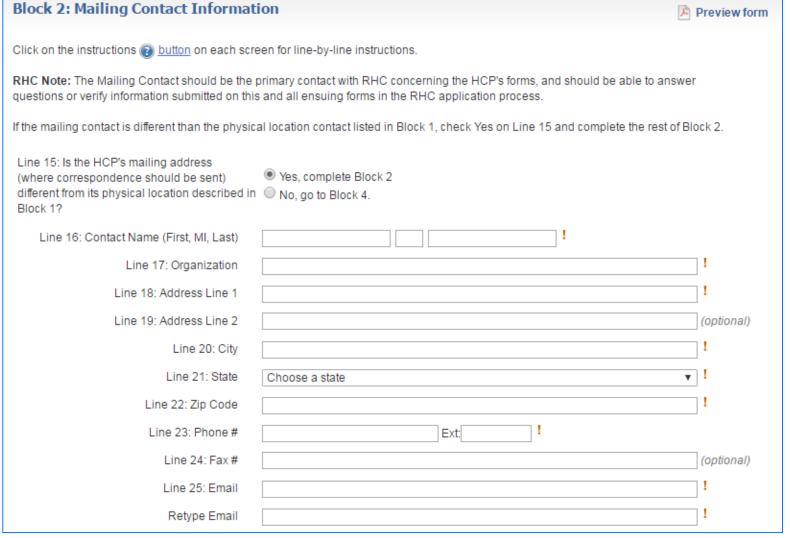
#### **Enter HCP Location Information**

• Enter the physical location of your site.

HCP Note: The physical location contact is <u>not</u> the person who will be contacted if there are questions about the application. This person must be at the physical location of the HCP.			
Line 5: Contact Name (First, MI, Last)		] !	
Contact Employer		] <b>!</b>	
Title		<u>!</u>	
Line 6: Address Line 1		] <b>!</b>	
Line 7: Address Line 2		(optional)	
Line 8: County	First select the state on line 10. ▼	] <b>!</b>	
Line 9: City		<b>!</b>	
Line 10: State	Choose a state ▼	] <b>!</b>	
Line 11: Zip Code		] <b>!</b>	
Line 12: Phone #	Ext:	<b>!</b>	
Line 13: Fax #		(optional)	
Line 14: Email		<u>!</u>	
Retype Email		<b>✓</b>	

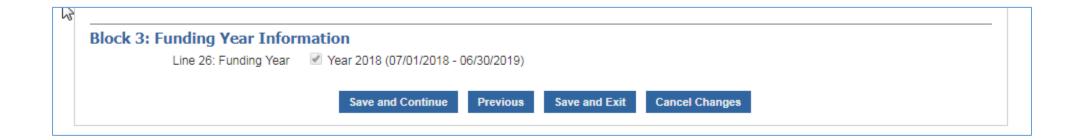
#### **Enter Mailing Contact Information**

Enter the information of the individual who will be the main contact with this HCPs forms.



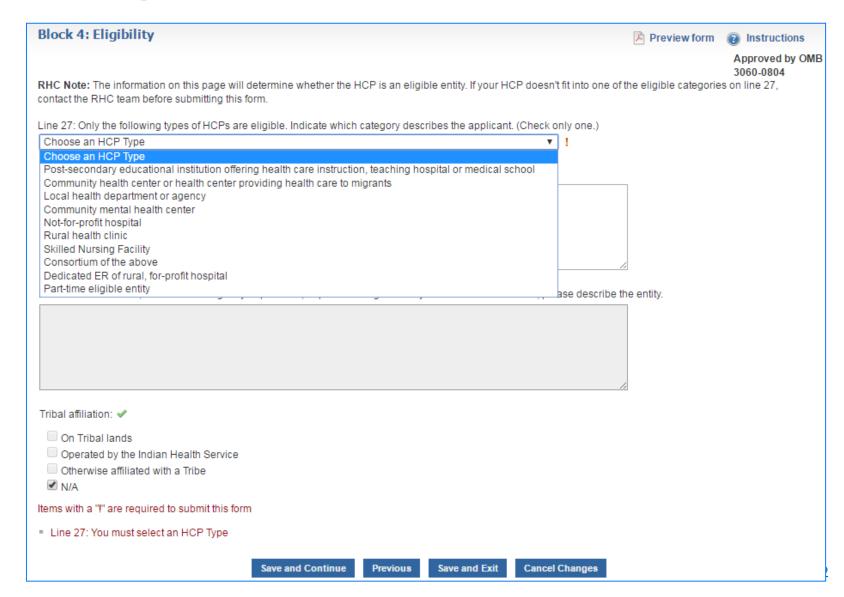
## **Select Funding Year**

You can only file for funding years that are open.



#### **Select HCP Type and Provide Explanation**

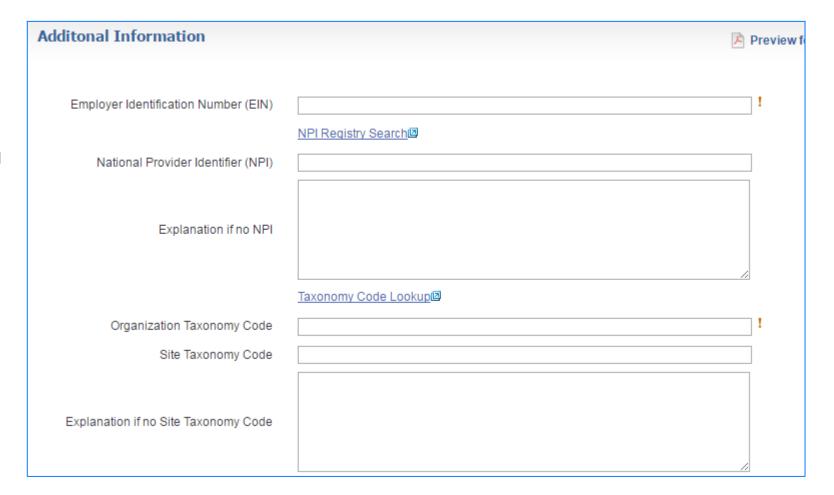
- All eligible HCP types are listed in the drop down.
- Provide a brief explanation of why your site qualifies as the category you chose.



#### **Enter Additional Information**

- National Provider

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   Organization
   Taxonomy Codes can
   be found using the
   lookup links right on
   the page.
- Using the lookup links, please use the codes that best identify the HCP.

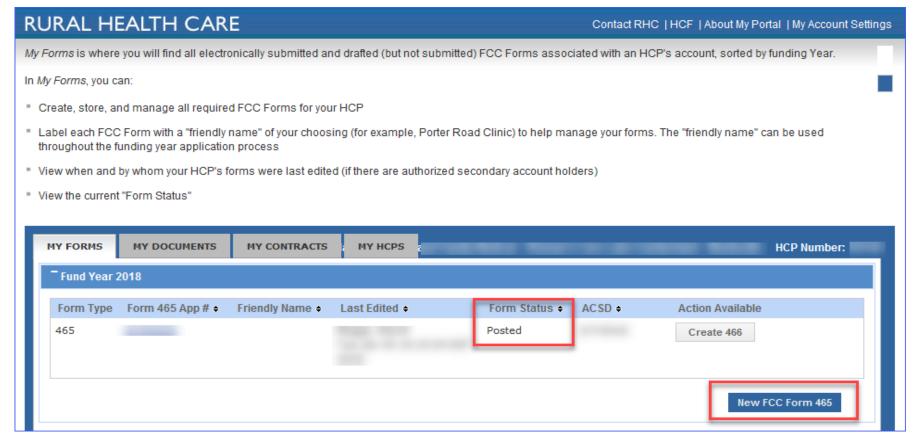


#### **After Submission**

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- FCC Forms 465 take an average of three days to review, you will receive an email after it has been reviewed with an eligibility determination.
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#### **After Submission**

• Once a decision has been made on the form, the only way to make any changes is to file an FCC Form 465 revision via My Portal by selecting "New FCC Form 465".



#### **After Submission**

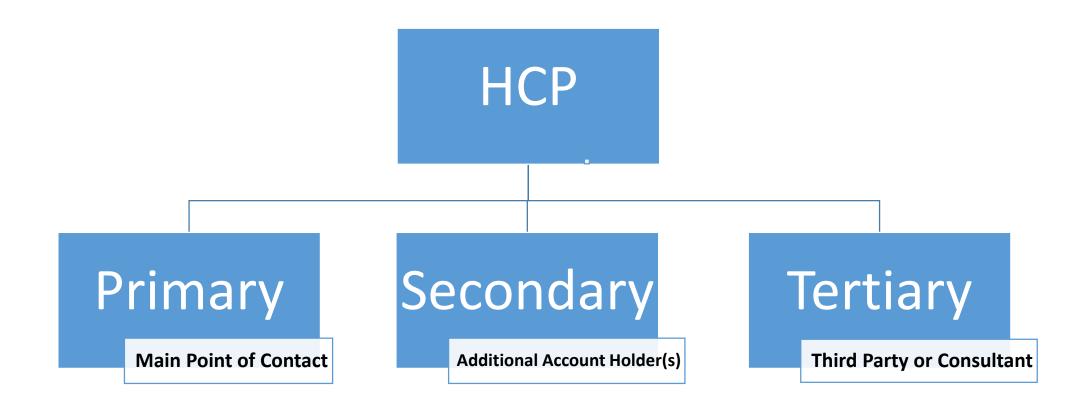
- The most common reasons for FCC Form 465 revisions are to update the following information:
  - Site Name
  - Address
  - Entity type
  - To go out for competitive bidding again\*
- FCC Form 465 revisions do not update account holders.

\*To be discussed in December 12 webinar

# **Questions?**

# **Account Holders HCP** Eligibility

#### **Types of Account Holder Rights**

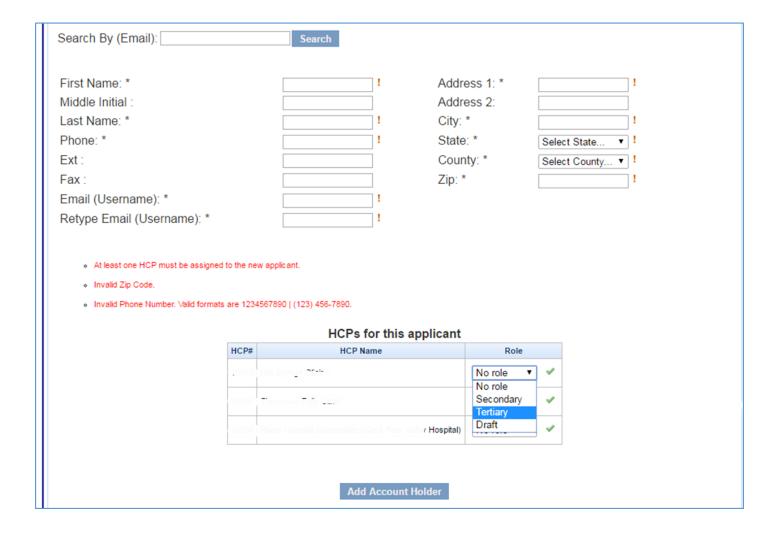


## **Primary Account Holder – HCF Program**

 In HCF, the primary account holder has the ability to manage other account holders in the Account Holders tab of My Portal.



#### **Primary Account Holder – HCF Program**

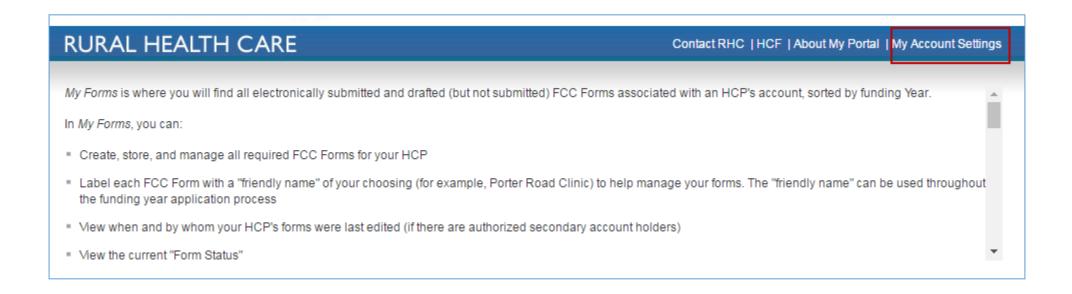


#### **Third Party Authorizations (TPAs)**

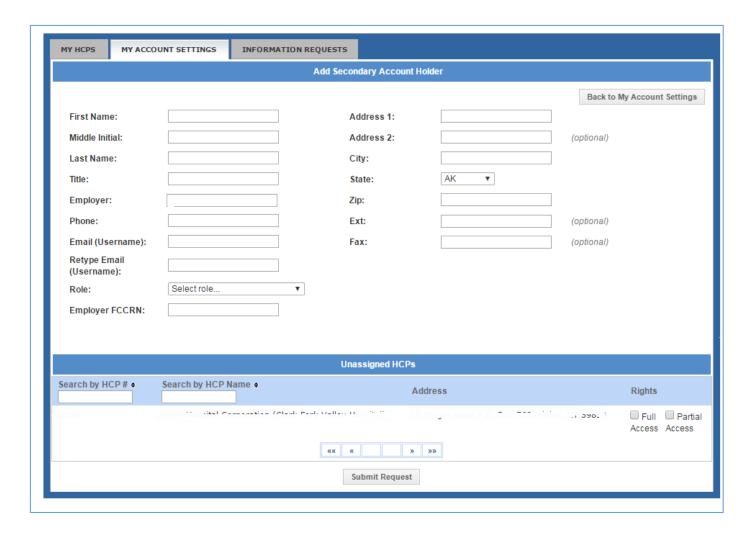
- Provides written authorization to a third party/consultant to complete and submit forms on behalf of the HCP or consortium.
- Download a sample TPA <u>here</u>.

#### **Primary Account Holder – Telecom Program**

 In Telecom, the primary account holder has the ability to add/remove other account holders in My Account Settings of My Portal.



## **Primary Account Holder – Telecom Program**



#### **Consultant Account Holder Rights**

- Consultants must have tertiary rights in the HCF Program.
- Consultants must have secondary rights in the Telecom Program.
- Consultants gain account holder rights through a Third Party Authorization (TPA)
  - The TPA can be uploaded to an FCC Form 460 or 465 before submission, or added by the primary account holder in My Portal.
  - Information and a sample template for the TPA can be found on our <u>website</u>.

# **Questions?**

## **Eligibility Best Practices**

**HCP Eligibility** 

#### **Common Reasons for FCC Form Denials**

- Non-responsiveness to Information Requests within 14 calendar days
- Not a valid entity type
- A non-rural site applying in the Telecom Program
- A duplicate filing

#### RHC Help Desk: RHC-Assist@usac.org

- The Help Desk can:
  - Answer general questions regarding both programs
  - Look up account holder information for an HCP
- The Help Desk cannot:
  - Review your form before you submit for accuracy
  - Determine your eligibility without a form submission

#### **Summary**

- Eligibility Forms
  - FCC Form 460 HCF Program
  - FCC Form 465 Telecom Program
- Submit your form at any time during the funding year
- Complete your form in one sitting
- My Portal log in information is sent via email upon form approval

#### **Upcoming Webinars**

- December 12 2:00 p.m. ET RHC Program Request for Services Best Practices Webinar Register here!
- January 16 2:00 p.m. ET RHC Program Funding Request Best Practices
   Webinar Register here!

# **Questions?**

## Thank you for joining us today!

- RHC Help Desk
  - Call (800) 453-1546
  - Email <u>RHC-Assist@usac.org</u>

