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## Rural Health Care Pilot Program News

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Welcome to the **FCC's Rural Health Care Pilot Program!**

We at the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) share your excitement and anticipation for this new program that makes significant provision to increase access to acute, primary, and preventive health care through telecommunications in rural America. While the Federal Communications Commission selected you to participate in this program, the Universal Service Administrative Company will be administering the pilot program itself.

As we read and analyze the information in the [FCC Order](#), we anticipate that you may have questions or concerns on how to get your project up and running in the most efficient and effective manner. It is USAC's goal to help you do just that, and we will provide more information shortly.

Please read below for some tips for the Pilot Program application process. This e-mail is the first in a series that USAC will send detailing preliminary Pilot Program information to program participants.

### What Should I Do Now?

- You are currently listed as the point of contact for your project. If someone else on your project needs to receive preliminary project information, please send his/her e-mail address to us at [RHCPilot@usac.org](mailto:RHCPilot@usac.org) so that we can include that person on the distribution list.
- Read the FCC Order very carefully. You will get the most out of the program if you understand the program rules and structure, as laid out in the Order.
- Gather your questions about the program, as there will be ample opportunity to address them in later exchanges.

### What Is USAC Doing?

- We are developing a website dedicated to the Pilot Program that will be launched soon. This website will be your source for key information, explanation and clarification of questions on the FCC Order, and templates and examples to assist with your applications. USAC will notify participants once this website is live.
- USAC will schedule and conduct a kickoff conference call and formal training sessions with the program participants to answer all of the questions that you gather between now and then.

### What Should I Be Ready to Do Next?

- Decide among members of your project who will be your Project Coordinator (PC). This one individual will be responsible for the management of the entire network build-out and will be required to sign off on several legal and financial documents for the project.

**CLARIFICATION: Please disregard the dates sent in the prior notice.**

The Project Coordinator contact information must be submitted to USAC in writing 14 days following Office of Management and Budget approval of this and other information collections set forth in the FCC Order. The Commission will issue a public notice announcing the effective date of the information collection requirements. USAC will also provide guidance explaining how to submit this information in the coming weeks.

We look forward to working with each of you over the next few months and will be in touch shortly with additional information on the website launch, kickoff conference call, and other items noted above, so stay tuned!

Thank you,

USAC Rural Health Care Pilot Program

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