

FCC COVID-19 Telehealth Program



The **COVID-19 Telehealth Program** was created in 2020 to support healthcare providers responding to the COVID-19 pandemic, funding telecommunication and other connected care services. The new round of funding from **the FCC will provide over \$249 million** to accepted healthcare organizations.

Program Eligibility

Begin the application process by reviewing eligibility requirements.

Qualifying organizations include:

- Post-secondary educational institutions
- 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
- Skilled Nursing Facilities
- Consortia of healthcare providers

Application Process

The application filing window for the COVID-19 Telehealth Program will open on **Thursday, April 29, 2021 at 12:00 PM ET**. The window will close seven days later on **Thursday, May 6, 2021 at 12:00 PM ET**. HRS recommends all applicants proceed with the application process prior to receiving eligibility confirmation via the FCC Form 460.

Prepare now by completing the following steps:

- File **FCC Form 460** to determine eligibility
- Register for an FCC Registration Number (FRN). An FRN is required to complete the application
- Complete registration on **SAM.gov** and **CORES**. Registration on both is required to complete the application

Application Review and Funding Distribution

FCC funding will be distributed in two phases. The initial phase will provide **\$150 million** based on equitable geographic distribution and applicant score. Those not funded in the initial phase will receive a notification of intent to deny from FCC, beginning a 10-day period in which the applicant can submit supplemental information for consideration. The FCC will then re-rank remaining applications and award the remaining funds.

Applicants who received funding in 2020 are eligible to apply and receive up to **\$1 million** in the latest round of funding. As well, applicants who did not receive funding in 2020 will receive 15 priority points towards their application.

Evaluation metrics for prioritizing applicants include:

- Areas that are “hardest hit”: up to 15 points
- Low-income area: up to 15 points
- Tribal community: 15 points
- Rural county: 5 points
- Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA): up to 10 points
- Critical Access Hospital (CAH): 10 points
- Round two new applicant: 5 points
- Round one unfunded applicants: 15 points

Eligible Expenses

- **Telecommunication and Broadband Connectivity Services:** voice and internet connectivity for healthcare providers and patients
- Information Services: **Remote patient monitoring (RPM) platforms and services**, store and forward services, platforms and services to provide synchronous video consultations
- **Connected Devices:** tablets, smart phones, telemedicine kiosks carts, or other connected devices to provide telehealth services

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Health Recovery Solutions (HRS) empowers the nation’s largest providers and payers to deliver care to patients across the care continuum—improving patient satisfaction, reducing readmission, decreasing costs, and optimizing clinician workflow. Ranked #1 by KLAS for Remote Patient Monitoring in 2020 and 2021, the HRS mission is to create a new standard of care by providing advanced telehealth and remote patient monitoring solutions.

To learn how HRS can assist your organization in applying for the FCC COVID-19 Telehealth Program, visit us at healthrecoveryolutions.com.