

Rural Health Care Program

Equipment in the Connected Care Pilot Program

Projects may receive support for network equipment necessary to make broadband services functional even if the service is not directly supported by Connected Care Pilot Program (CCPP). Projects may also receive support for network equipment necessary to make a connected care service functional as part of the CCPP.

<u>Eligible Equipment</u>	Individual	Consortia
Equipment that terminates at service provider's transmission facility and routers/switches that directly connect to either the facility or the terminating equipment	Yes	Yes
Network equipment that helps manage, control, or operate a supported service	No	Yes
Network equipment necessary to make a connected care service functional as part of the Pilot Program (limited to equipment purchased either because of the increase in Internet traffic caused by the connected care services, or because the equipment would be primarily used for connected care information services)	Yes	Yes
Servers used exclusively for eligible broadband services	Yes	Yes
Routers (including at a patient's home)/switches	Yes	Yes
Installation, activation and Initial configuration (including integration costs necessary to integrate eligible information services with existing systems)	Yes	Yes
Miscellaneous – Fees and charges that are necessary components of eligible services (shipping charges, taxes, surcharges and other reasonable charges incurred in obtaining an eligible product or service)	Yes	Yes

NOTE: This chart is illustrative and is not intended to be exhaustive.

Key Points

- Submit each piece of equipment requested using the HCP number for the location of where the equipment will reside.
- If there are multiple components separated on an invoice or price quote, please submit a “per unit” bundle e.g. how many modules, transceivers, secondary power cords, etc. constitute a router or a switch. A single power cord is not eligible for funding unless it is part of a router/switch bundle.
 - Note: You must include all of the components of each part of a bundle to determine eligibility. You must provide an explanation of what constitutes a unit with your supporting documentation.
- Use a separate line item for contracts or warranties associated with the piece of equipment.
 - Note: warranties are only eligible for funding for equipment supported by CCPP.
- The CCPP funds equipment necessary for connected care services as part of the Pilot Program (i.e., equipment necessary to make a broadband service or connected care service functional).
 - This includes, for example, modems, switches and routers that make broadband or connected care services functional.
 - This does not include costs of internal connections associated with making service available throughout a building or to a specific workstation, such as wireless access points, cabling and similar costs.

- For example, selected projects should provide documentation that demonstrates that the equipment is not used to deliver service inside of a building or to workstations or computers. This includes wireless networks inside of buildings or campuses.
- For consortia applicants: Be sure to include all HCP member sites that would use the requested equipment on the FCC Form 461 and RFP used to bid for equipment. If a site is not listed on the FCC Form 461, you will not be able to select it on the FCC Form 462 as it wasn't part of the competitive bidding process.
- Projects must cost allocate all ineligible services and/or equipment that are included in bundles, packages, or suites of services used in the CCPP.

Ineligible Expenses/Equipment

Expenses that are not eligible for support under the CCPP include:

- End-user wireless devices including smartphones and tablets
- Medical equipment
- HCP (doctor's) fees
- Administrative and personnel costs (including but not limited to medical professional costs)
- Live translation services
- Internal connections between HCPs
- Storage devices
- IT support
- Maintenance costs
- DocuSign
- VPN solutions
- Special construction/Network builds
- Applications not purchased as part of connected care information service
- Standalone voice, including VoIP
- Standalone messaging services
- Network Equipment not necessary to make broadband or connected care service function or manage, control, or operate a supported broadband service.

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