

RHC Connect User Guide – FCC Form 460

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About RHC Connect for the FCC Form 460

RHC Connect is the web-based system that hosts the FCC Form 460. Although the look of the application has changed, the FCC Form 460 did not. To submit your FCC Form 460, you will be asked the same questions and are required to provide the same information as in years past. No preparation for this change is required by you.

Per FCC Order FCC 23-110, the FCC Form 460 will now be used to determine eligibility in both the Healthcare Connect Fund (HCF) Program and the Telecommunications (Telecom Program). This eliminates the need for Telecom Program participants to seek an eligibility determination every time they engage in competitive bidding.

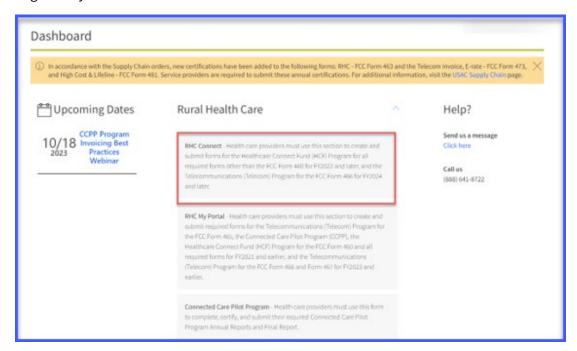
Please Note: The red boxes and arrows in the screenshots that follow do not actually appear in RHC Connect.



RHC Connect Walkthrough – Submitting a New FCC Form 460

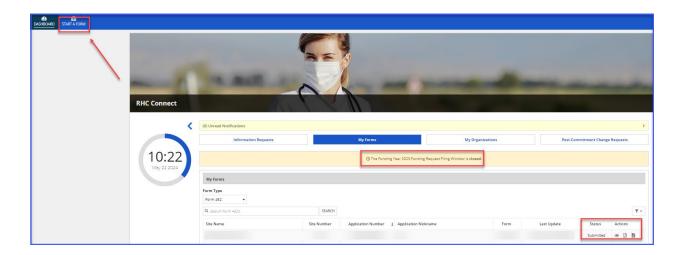
Step 1: Dashboard Log In

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Step 2: RHC Connect Dashboard

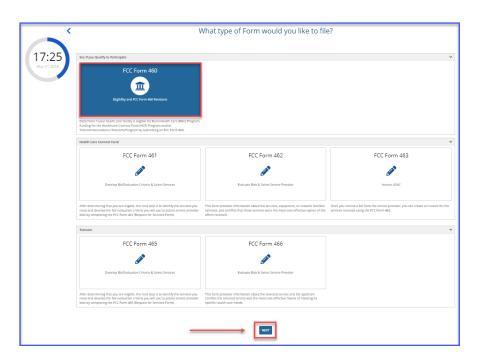
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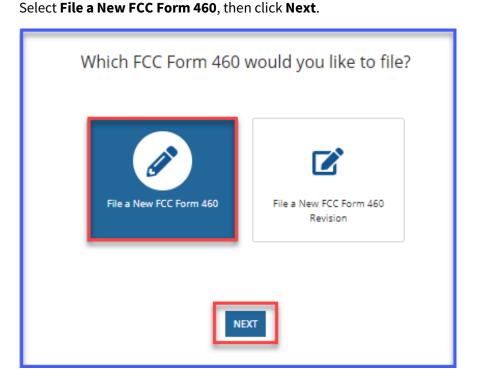


Step 3: Start a Form

Click FCC Form 460. Then, click Next.



Step 4: Start a Form (Continued)



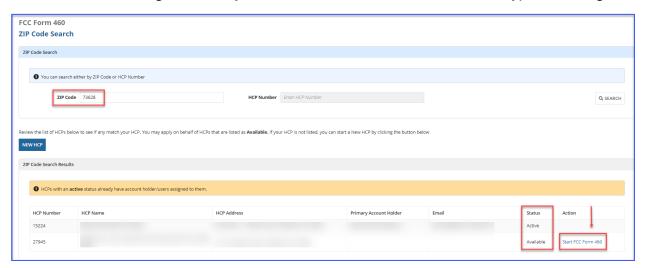


Step 5: Zip Code Search

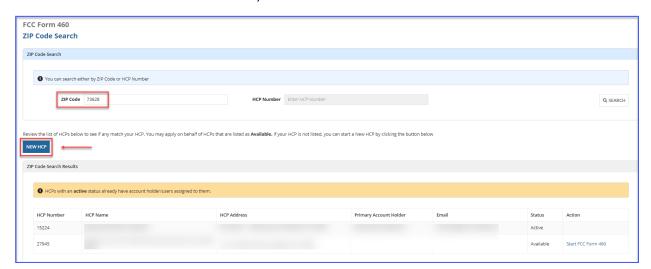
Enter the zip code of the HCP or enter an HCP number that might be associated with the HCP. Then click **Search**.



HCPs with an **Active** status already have account holders assigned to them. Only authorized account holders can file a form for the HCP. If **Available** appears in the **Status** column, that HCP number has no account holders assigned and may be selected. Click the **Start FCC Form 460** hyperlink to begin.



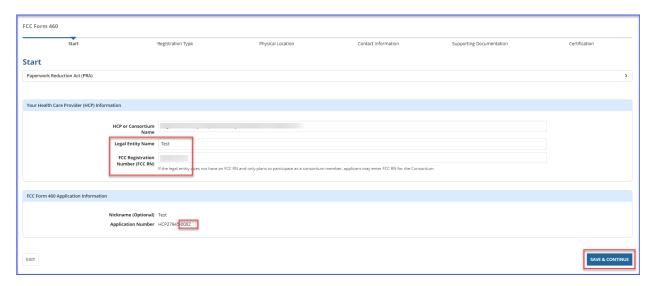
If none of the HCPs listed match the HCP, click the **New HCP** button.



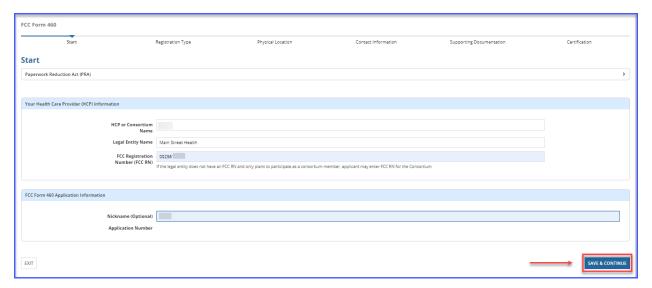


Step 6: Start

If an existing **Available HCP** is selected, some information will be pre-populated, and the HCP number will be assigned a "version" with a number greater than 00001 attached to it. Enter information in the fields and click **Save & Continue**.



If **New HCP** is selected, enter information about the site in the fields as shown. Then click **Save & Continue**.





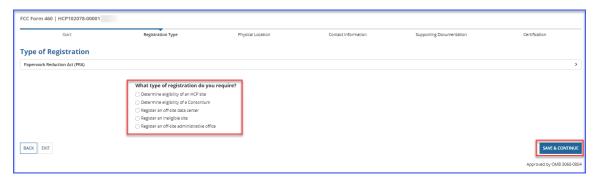
Step 7: Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA)

Click the arrow to the far right to read information about the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA).



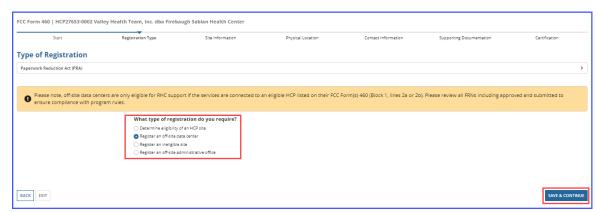
Step 8: Registration Type

Select the type of registration required. Then click **Save & Continue.**



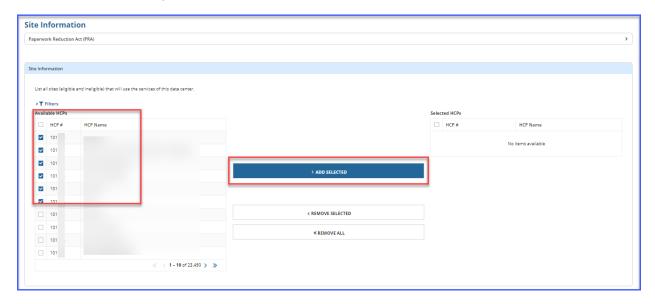
Step 8.1: Registering an Off-Site Data Center or Administrative Office

If an off-site data center or off-site administrative office is selected, the note in yellow will appear describing the rules regarding these entity types. These types of entities are only eligible for support if the services are connected to an eligible HCP listed on their FCC Form 460. Go to Steps 10-18 below to complete submission.

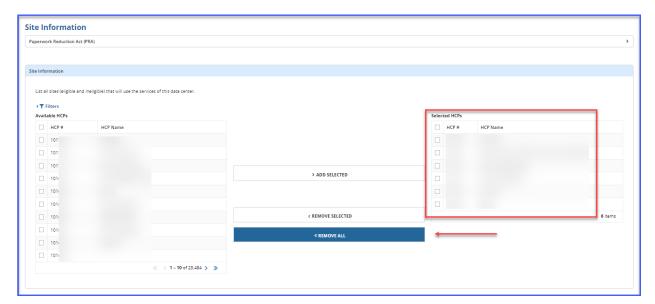




When submitting an FCC Form 460 for an off-site data center or administrative office, all eligible and ineligible sites that will use the services of this entity must be listed. Check the box beside the sites that should be included, then click **Add Selected** to add them.



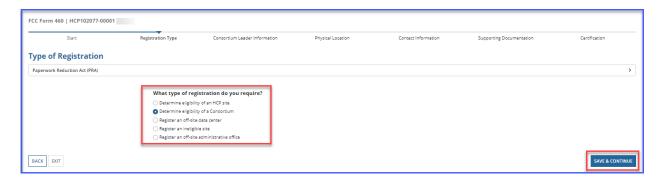
Once **Add Selected** is clicked, the selected HCPs will move to the right side of the screen. Click **Remove Selected** or **Remove All** to remove HCPs from the **Selected HCPs** list.



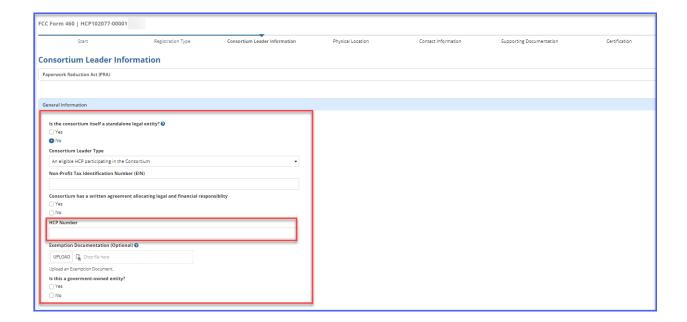


Step 8.2: Determining Eligibility of a Consortium

To determine eligibility of a consortium, select **Determine eligibility of a Consortium** on the **Type of Registration** screen. Then click **Save & Continue**.



Under the **General Information** section of the **Consortium Leader Information** screen, select **Yes** or **No** for the question "Is the consortium itself a standalone legal entity?" then select the **Consortium Leader Type** from the dropdown menu. If the **Consortium Leader Type** is "An eligible HCP participating in the Consortium," enter the member HCP Number in the field below. Enter the **Non-Profit Tax Identification Number (EIN)** and select **Yes** or **No** for "Consortium has a written agreement allocating legal and financial responsibility." If **Yes** is selected, the **Exemption Document** may be uploaded. Select **Yes** or **No** to the question "Is this a government-owned entity?"

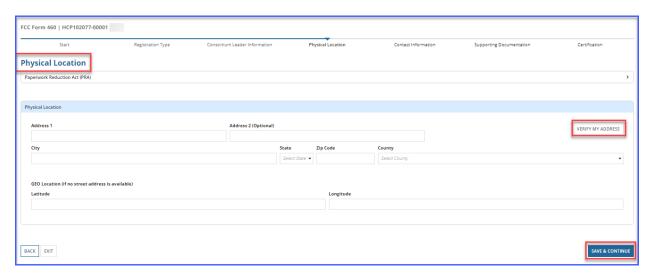




Continuing on the **Consortium Leader Information** screen, enter information for the **Consortium Leader** and click **Save & Continue**.

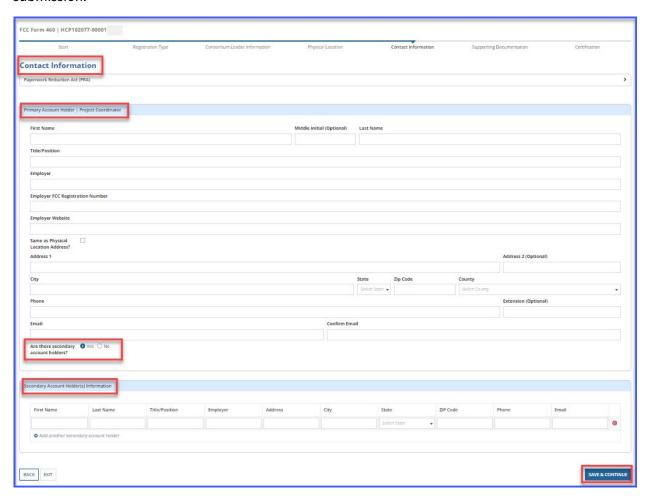


Enter the **Physical Location** of the Consortium Leader. Click **Verify My Address**, then click **Save & Continue**.





On the **Contact Information** screen, enter information for the **Primary Account Holder/Project Coordinator**. To enter Secondary Account Holders, select **Yes** at the bottom of the screen and enter their information in the fields. Then click **Save & Continue**. Go to Steps 16-18 below to complete submission.



Step 9: Determine Eligibility of an HCP Site

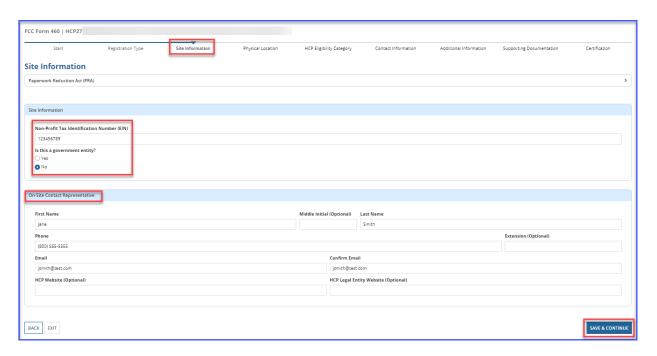
Select Determine eligibility of an HCP site. Then click Save & Continue.





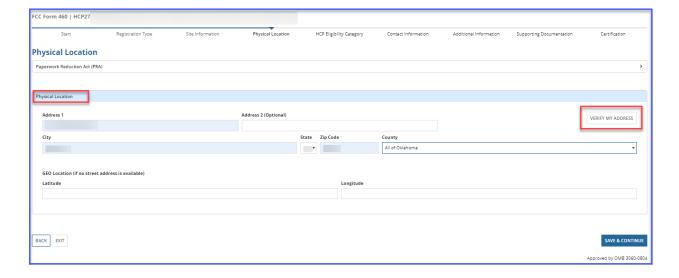
Step 10: Site Information

Enter the **Non-Profit Tax Identification Number (EIN)** and the information for the **On-Site Contact Representative** on the **Site Information** screen.

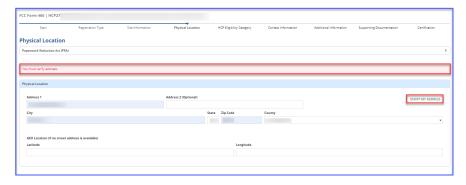


Step 11: Physical Location

Enter the physical address of the location, then click **Verify My Address**. A red banner will appear the address is not verified.

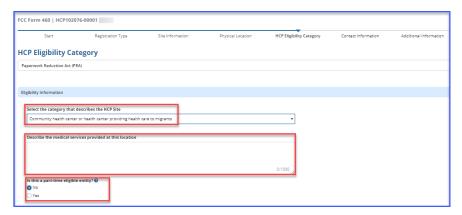






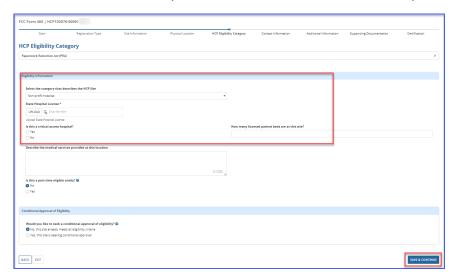
Step 11: HCP Eligibility Category

On the **HCP Eligibility Category** screen, select the category that best describes the HCP site, enter a description of the medical services provided at the site, and answer the question about part-time eligible entity type.



Step 11.1: Eligibility Category - Non-profit Hospital

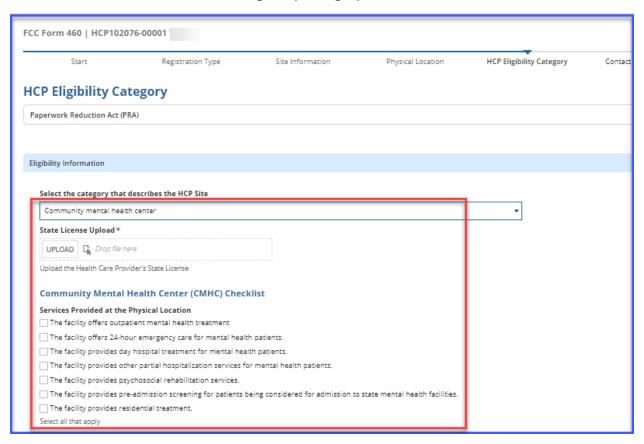
If **Non-profit hospital** is selected, upload the state hospital license, answer the question about if the site is a critical access hospital, and enter the number of licensed patient beds that are at the site.





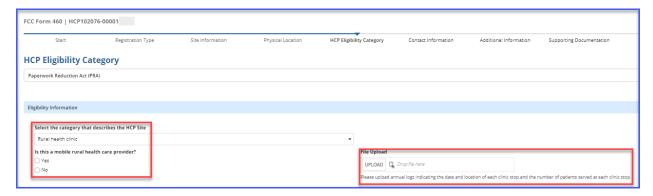
Step 11.2: Eligibility Category - Community Mental Health Center

If Community mental health center is selected, upload the state license, and check the relevant boxes under Services Provided at the Physical Location in the Community Mental Health Center (CMHC) Checklist section of the HCP Eligibility Category screen.



Step 11.3: Eligibility Category - Rural Health Clinic

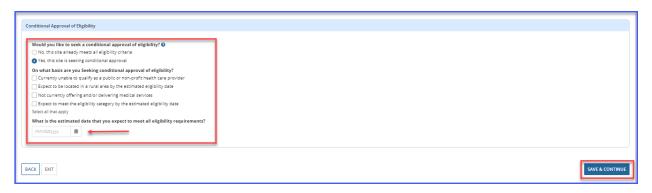
If **Rural health clinic** is selected, answer **Yes** or **No** for the question "Is this a mobile rural health care provider." If **Yes** is selected, upload the required logs.





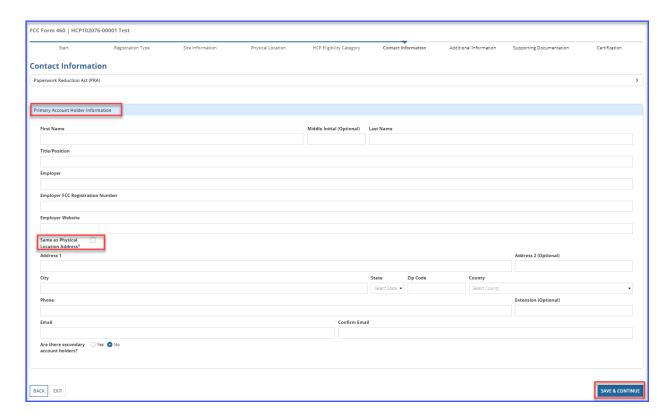
Step 12: Conditional Approval of Eligibility

Select **No** if not applying for conditional eligibility. Then click **Save & Continue**. Select **Yes** if applying for conditional eligibility. For more information about what's being asked, click on the question mark. Select all relevant checkboxes for the basis for seeking conditional eligibility. Use the calendar menu to enter the estimated date that all eligibility requirements are expected to be met. Then click **Save & Continue**.



Step 13: Contact Information

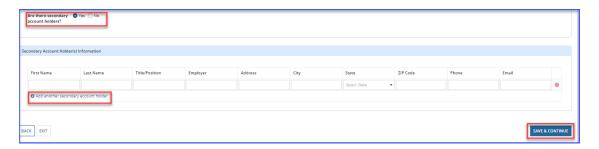
Enter the **Contact Information** for the **Primary Account Holder**. Check the box in the middle of the screen if the information is the same as the **Physical Location Address**. If not, enter the address in the fields shown. Then click **Save & Continue**.





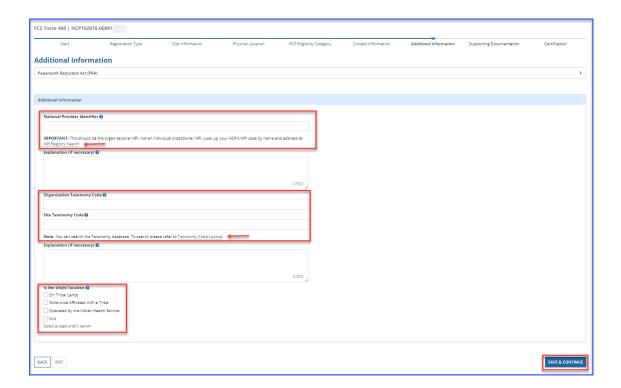
Step 14: Adding Secondary Account Holders

To add Secondary Account Holders, answer **Yes** to the question "Are there Secondary Account Holders?" and enter the information in the fields. Click the **Add another secondary account holder** hyperlink to add multiple Secondary Account Holders. Then click **Save & Continue**.



Step 15:

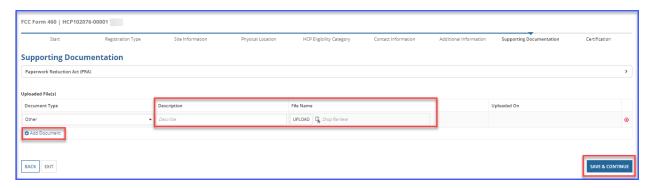
In the **Additional Information** section, enter the **National Provider Identifier (NPI)** for the organization. To look up the NPI, click the **NPI Registration Search** hyperlink and provide an explanation in the field if necessary. Next, enter the **Organization Taxonomy Code** and the **Site Taxonomy Code**. To search the Taxonomy database, click on the **Taxonomy Code Lookup** hyperlink and enter an explanation in the field if necessary. For more information, click on the questions marks in the blue circles on this screen. Click all that apply to site locations that may be affiliated with a Tribe or located on Tribal Lands, then click **Save & Continue**.





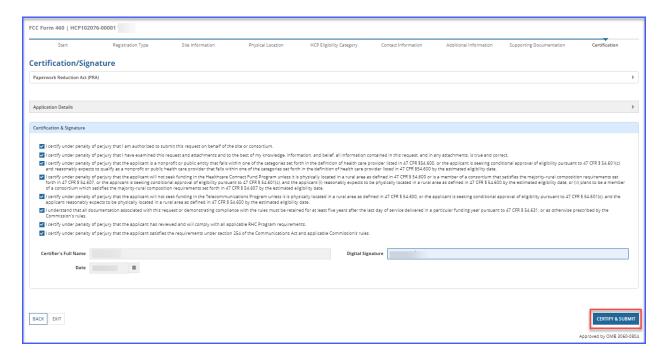
Step 16: Supporting Documentation

On the **Supporting Documentation** screen, click the **Add Document** hyperlink to add additional documents, upload the document, and enter a description in the **Description** field. Then click **Save & Continue**.



Step 17: Certifications

Click all certifications, then enter **Certifier's Full Name** as it appears in RHC Connect into the **Digital Signature** field. Click **Certify & Submit**.





Step 18: After Submitting

Once the FCC Form 460 is submitted, the message in the green banner will appear with a summary of the submitted form. Click on the hyperlink in the green banner titled **Dashboard** or the **Back to Dashboard** hyperlink on the upper right corner of the screen to return to the RHC Connect Dashboard.

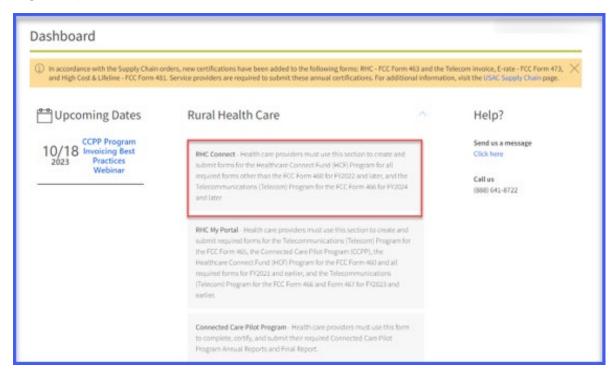
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| Ø Your FCC Form 460 Application HCP102076-00001 has been successfully submitted. You can view this application on your Dashboard. | | | |
| Summary | | | |
| HCP Name Legal Entity Name FCC Registration Number (FCC RN) Nickname (Optional) Application Number Registration Type | Non-Pri Identi Numb Governmen Tribal Lo | Entity | |
| On-site Contact Representative First Name | | Name | |
| Phone HCP Website (Optional) | Middle HCP Legal Website (Op | Email Entity | |
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RHC Connect Walkthrough – Submitting an FCC Form 460 Revision

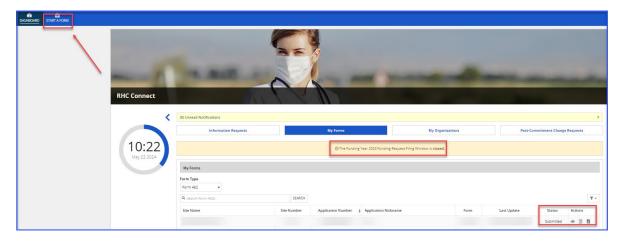
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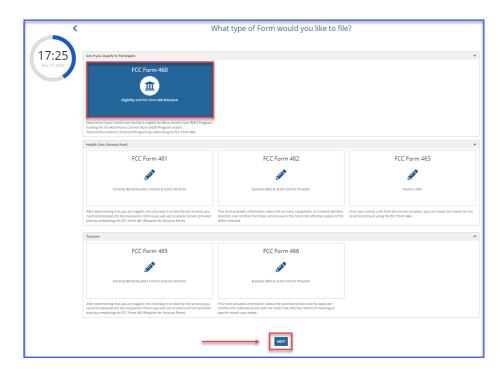
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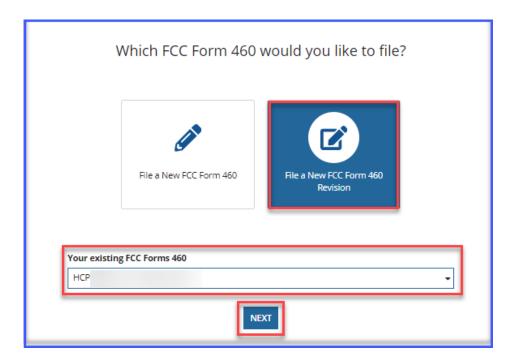
Step 3: Start a Form

Click FCC Form 460. Then, click Next.



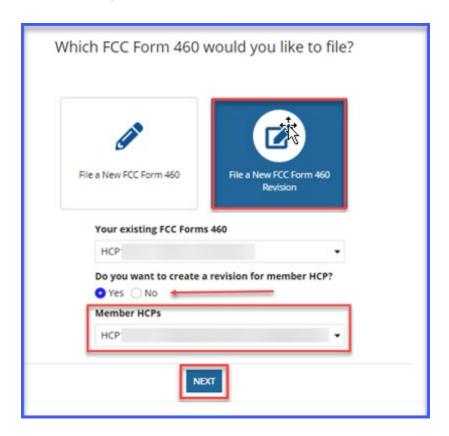
Step 4: Start a Form (Continued)

Select File a New FCC Form 460 Revision, click on the existing HCP, then click Next.



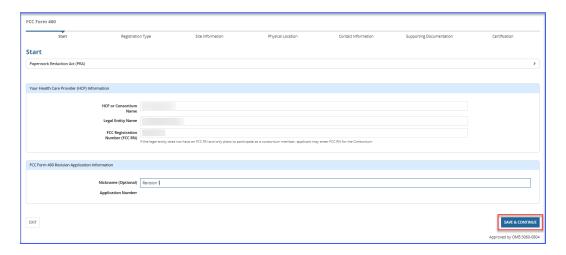


For consortia, to file an FCC Form 460 revision for a member site answer **Yes** to the questions about creating a revision for a member site, select the member site from the dropdown menu under **Member HCPs**, then click **Next**.



Step 5: Start

Since this is a revision, all fields on the **Start** screen can be edited. Click **Save & Continue** when ready to proceed.





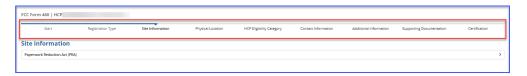
Step 6: Type of Registration

If the FCC Form 460 is being revised due to a change of registration type, click the corrected entity type, and enter the date of the entity type change in the field as shown. Then click **Save & Continue**.



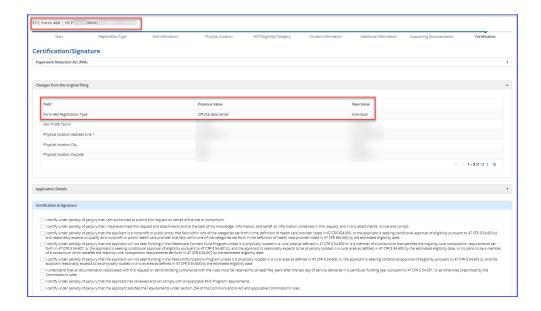
Step 7: Complete all Revisions

Since all fields can be edited, navigate through each screen of the FCC Form 460, and enter the needed changes. Click **Save & Continue** to move forward through each screen.



Step 8: Certification/Signature

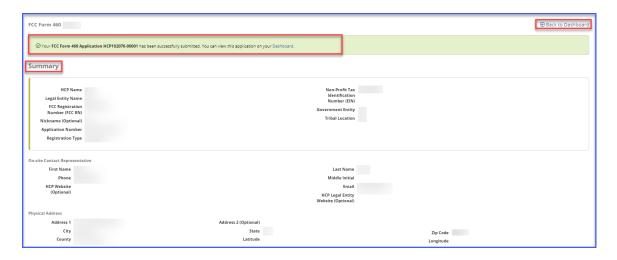
On the **Certification/Signature** screen, a summary of the revision(s) is displayed. If the information is correct, click each certification, and sign by entering the **Certifier's Full Name** in the **Digital Signature** field. **Note:** Each time an FCC Form 460 is revised, the last four digits of the form will be the version number (e.g., - 00002, - 00003, etc.). Then click **Certify & Submit**.





Step 9: After Submitting

Once the FCC Form 460 is submitted, the message in the green banner will appear with a summary of the submitted form. Click on the hyperlink in the green banner titled **Dashboard** or the **Back to Dashboard** hyperlink on the upper right corner of the screen to return to the RHC Connect Dashboard.



Frequently Asked Questions

What changes were made to the RHC Connect?

RHC Connect has a new look and feel that is more intuitive and user-friendly. It is easier to navigate the form for submission, and it is easier for RHC program reviewers to approve funding requests.

Did the FCC Form 460 change?

No, the FCC Form 460 itself did not change – only the platform changed. The questions on the form and the information required of applicants remain the same. This form is also used to determine eligibility in the Telecom Program, replacing the FCC Form 465 to determine eligibility only. The FCC Form 465 will still be used for competitive bidding.

Who is impacted by this change?

RHC Connect is used for FY2022 and future funding years for the HCF Program and FY2024 and forward for the Telecom Program. Connected Care Pilot Project (CCPP) projects are not impacted unless they also participate in the HCF or Telecom Program.

How do I access RHC Connect to file my FCC Form 460?

To access RHC Connect, simply use the same log-in credentials you use for My Portal.

Resources

For more information, visit the Welcome to RHC Connect - FCC Form 460 webpage.





For questions about the RHC program, contact RHC-Assist@usac.org or the RHC Customer Service Center at (800) 453-1546 from 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. ET Monday through Friday for assistance. Use the RHC Customer Service Center Tip Sheet to learn about what the RHC Customer Service Center can and cannot help you with.