

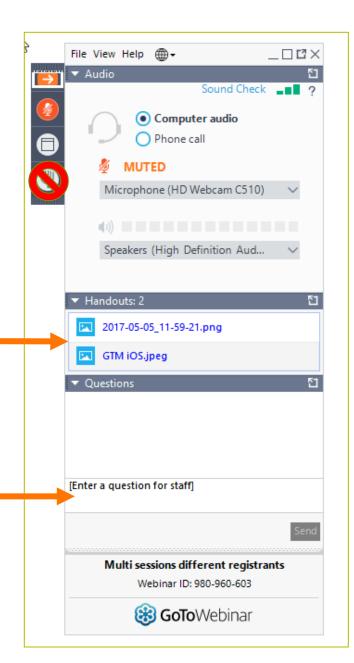
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Meet Our Presenter

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Webinar Overview

In this webinar, designed for service providers new to USAC, we'll cover the basics of the 499 ID and the filing requirements.

Agenda

- 498 ID & 499 ID Purpose
- USAC's Website
- 499 ID Assignment
- Filing Calendar
- Quarterly Form 499-Q
- Annual Form 499-A

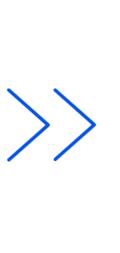
498 ID & 499 ID

Understanding the Difference

Purpose of These IDs

499 ID

- Takes its name from the registration form – FCC Form 499-A
- Identification used to contribute to the Universal Service Fund





498 ID

- Takes its name from the registration form -FCC Form 498
 - Identification used to receive Universal Service funding

Universal Service Fund

ID Differences

498 ID

Nine-digit number beginning with "143" or "443" (i.e. 143999999, or 443999999)

Who -

Telecommunications Providers

Nine-digit number beginning with "143"

Why - to receive funding from any of the 4 programs USAC administers: *Rural Health Care*, *High Cost*, *Lifeline*, *E-Rate*

499 ID

Six-digit number beginning with an "8" (i.e. 889993)

Who - <u>All</u> Telecommunications Providers, including VoIP service providers and resellers

Why - to contribute to the Universal Service Fund

ALWAYS include these numbers on any correspondence with USAC.

Companies that have a 498 ID don't necessarily have to have a 499 ID, and vice versa!

499 ID Assignment

Next Steps

Email Notification of Assignment

Next Steps

Two emails were sent to the Company Officer listed on the registration form.

- 1. Company Officer username and log in instructions for E-File.
- 2. Assignment of the 499 Filer ID and a list of forms you are required to file.

The Company Officer should now add additional users to USAC's E-File system to prepare forms or make payments to USAC.

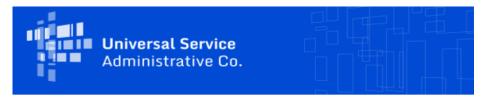
ALL FCC Forms 499 must be submitted online through E-File. Paper copies are not accepted.

Required Form Filings

Included in Assignment Email

The FCC Forms listed are based on the date you entered as the date you started selling telecom.

If you've entered the date the company started, you'll need to correct it!



FCC Form 499 Approval Confirmation

Note: This email is an automatic notification and unable to receive replies. If you have questions, please use the contact information at the bottom of this email.

Please review the <u>Forms to File webpage</u> to determine which future FCC Form 499 filings you are required to submit.

Required Action: Submit Previous FCC Form 499 Filings
The reported information states that have been accommodated telecommunications in the U.S. in the control of the communication of the following previous FCC Form 499 filings:

499A Filings

• 2025 FCC Form 499-A - Reporting Calendar Year 2024 Revenues

499Q Filings

• February 2025 FCC Form 499-Q

Please note: FCC Form 499-A filings submitted in or before 2013 must be submitted to USAC via the mail as hard copies. FCC Form 499-A filings submitted from 2014 onwards must be submitted to USAC electronically through E-File.

The deadline to submit your previous FCC Form 499 filings is April 01, 2024.

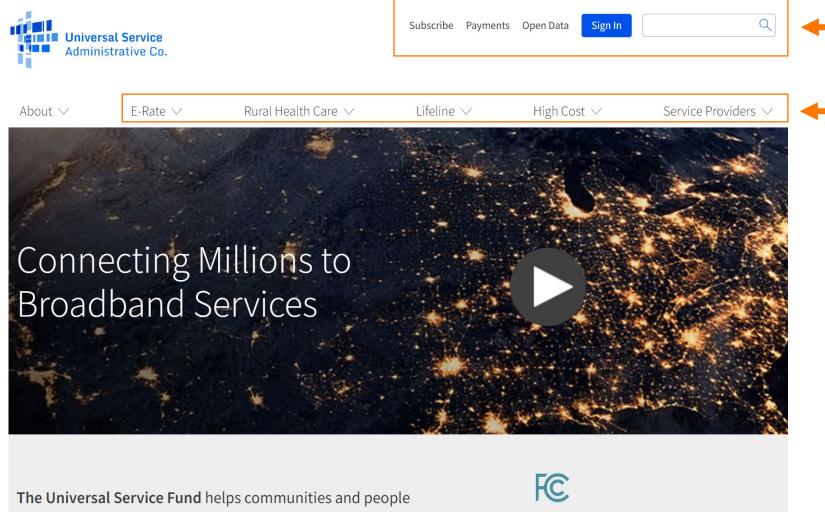
Thank you,

USAC

Online Resources

USAC Website

www.usac.org



Tools – Sign in to USAC's online systems

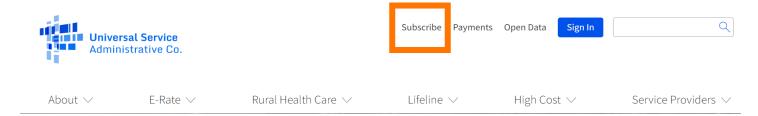
Program Specific webpages

Scroll down the page for links to program pages, as well as statistics on the Universal Service Fund.

across the U.S. stay connected to the information,



Newsletter Subscription



Found on main webpage at www.usac.org

offordable Connectivity Program (ACP)	Lifeline	
Claims Updates Consumer Group Updates Program Updates Service Provider Training Invitations System and Technical Updates	Program Newsletter NLAD Bulletin Consumer Advocates Rural Health Care (RHC) Program	
E-Rate News Brief Tribal Newsletter	Healthcare Connect Fund (HCF) Program (Consortia) Healthcare Connect Fund (HCF) Program (Individual HCPs) Telecom Program	
Tribal Stakeholders	Service Providers FCC Form 499 (Contributors)	
High Cost		
Detailed HUBB Updates		
Program Updates		

USAC's Online Filing System - E-File

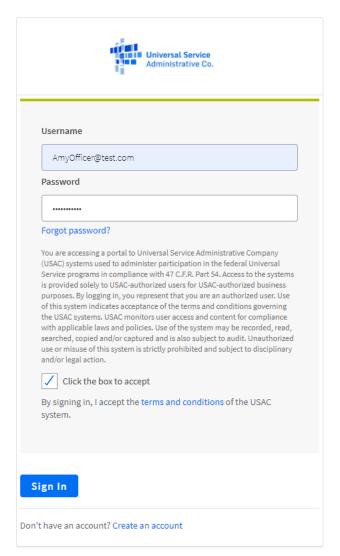




'Sign In' page will prompt you for a username and password to log in to the E-File system.

USAC maintains security using a multi-factor authentication system, sending a 6-digit code to the applicable email address (Username) to enter prior to logging in to the system.

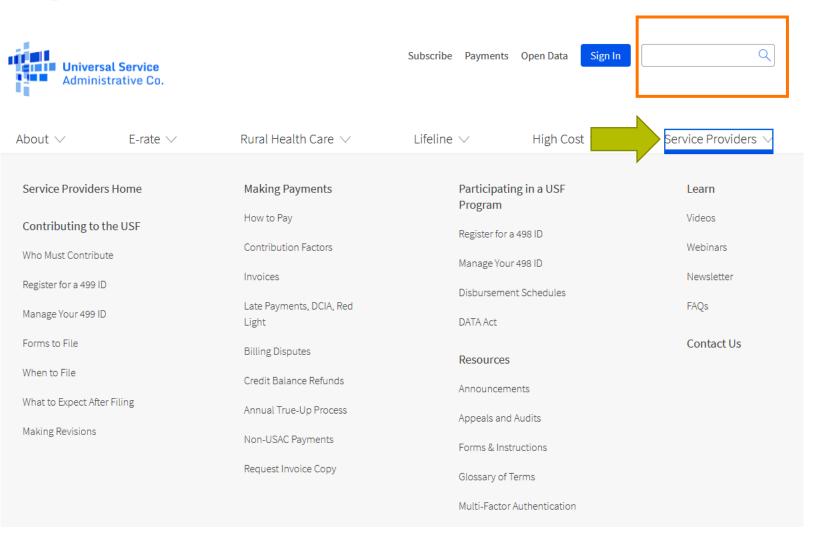
It's important not to share usernames. That's a violation of our terms and conditions.



Service Provider Specific Menu

Click on the words 'Service Providers' and you'll see a drop-down menu with topics specific to Service Providers, the Forms 499 and 498.

Use the search box in the upper right-hand corner if navigating the menu is confusing.



Webinar Training Announcements

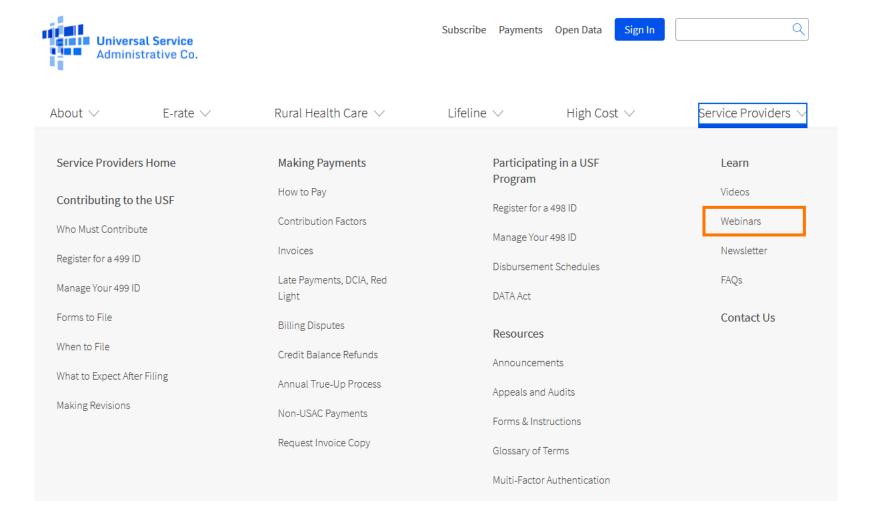
Annual Form Training

February & March

Monthly Trainings

- New 499 ID
- Office Hours open topic and discussion

Previous webinar recordings also stored here.



Additional Learning Resources

The USAC website offers several options to learn via our online video library as well.

Click on the words 'Service Providers' on the main webpage.

Videos

These videos are designed to help you understand and manage the form filing process, FCC requirements, and other elements to offer service provider support.



Overview
Accessing E-File
499 Filer ID Basics
E-File Navigation

FCC Form 498 FCC Form 499-A FCC Form 499-Q

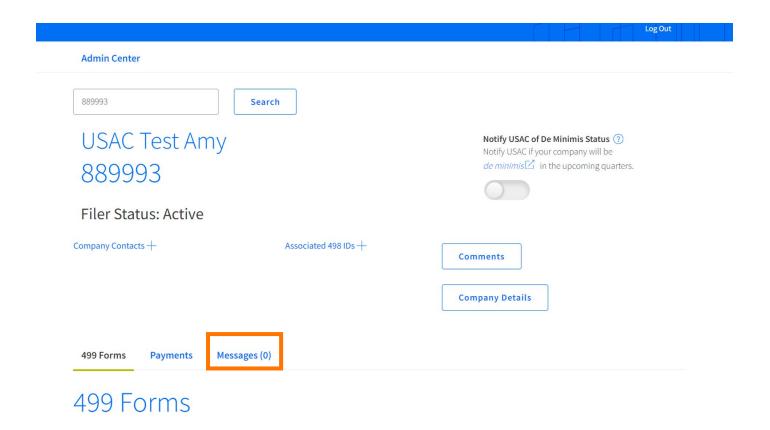
Contacting USAC

Message System within E-File

Customer Specific Contact

The best way to contact your assigned 499 analyst is via E-File Messages.

Located within the E-File portal, a secure message can be sent to ask specific questions about your filer ID, Forms 499, payments, and any other inquiry.

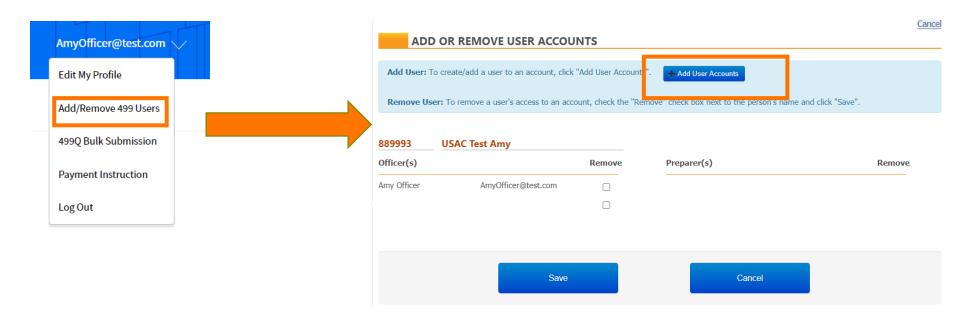


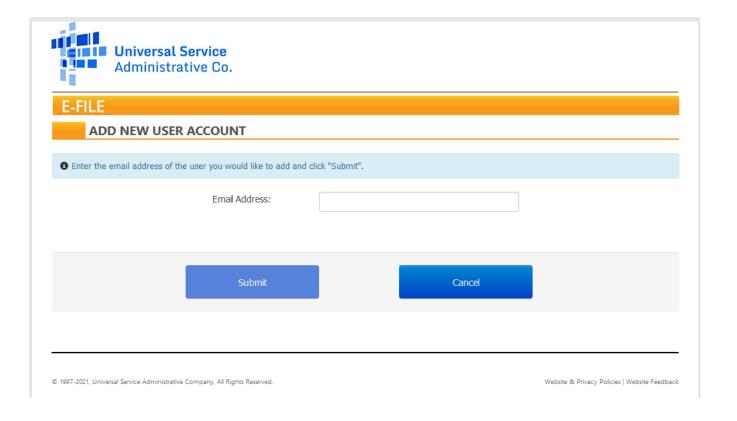
Adding E-File Users

Only Company Officers can grant E-File access to additional users.

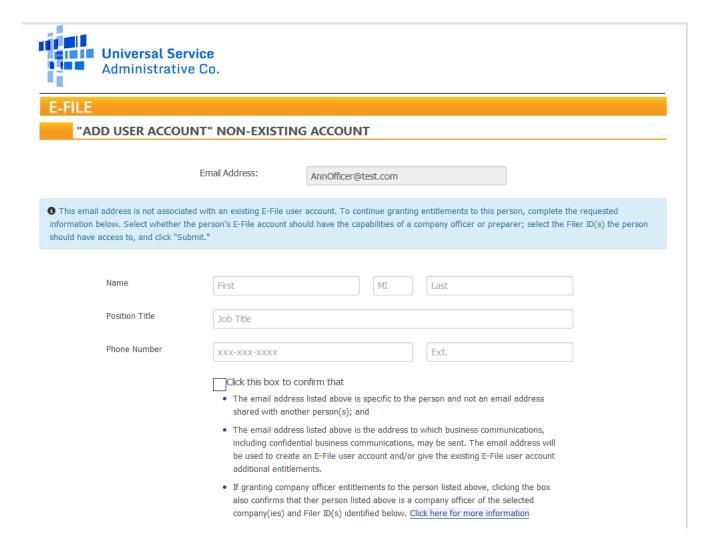
Click the down arrow next to your user ID in the top right-hand corner of the screen, then select the option, 'Add/Remove 499 Users'.

At the next screen, click the blue button '+Add User Accounts'.

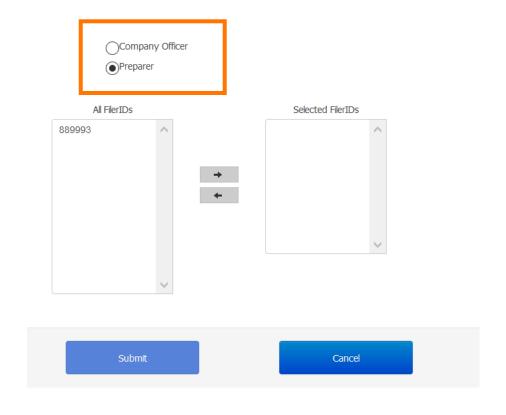




- •The email address entered acts as the new user's E-File username.
- •The email address entered should be specific to the person and not an email address shared with another person(s) or a generic email address (e.g., Billing @gmail.com).
- •The email address listed will be the address to which business communications, including confidential business communications, may be sent.



- Enter the contact information of the user you are adding.
- Place a check mark in the box confirming that the username you are adding meets the USAC terms and conditions.
- Scroll down to assign a role to the new user.



- Determine the level of access you will grant to the new user.
 - Company officers are the only persons who can certify an FCC Form 499.
 - Company officers can also add/remove users who have authority to access the account.
- Select which Filer IDs the new user will have access to by highlighting the Filer ID and clicking the right arrow button to move it to the 'Selected Filer IDs' column.
- Complete the set up by clicking the 'Submit' button.

2025 Filing Calendar

When to File the FCC Forms 499

Types of FCC Form 499

FCC Form 499-A

- Required for EVERYONE
- 2. The FCC Form 499-A is the annual form used to report the company's actual revenue billed during the prior calendar year.
- 3. The FCC Form 499-A is due annually on April 1.
- 4. USAC will notify you of due date.

FCC Form 499-Q

- 1. Required for all non-de minimis filers
- 2. The FCC Form 499-Q is used to *project* or *forecast* the company's revenue for the <u>next</u> calendar quarter.
- 3. The FCC Form 499-Q due dates:
 - February 1
 - May 1
 - August 1
 - November 1
- 4. USAC will <u>not</u> notify you of due dates.

2025 Filing Deadlines

Due Date	Revenue Reported	Revision Deadline	Contributor Billing
FCC Form 499-Q February 3, 2025	2Q projected 2025 4Q revenue 2024	March 20, 2025	April – June 2025
FCC Form 499-A April 1, 2025	Prior year: 2024 January – December	March 31, 2026	July 2025
FCC Form 499-Q May 1, 2025	3Q projected 2025 1Q revenue 2025	June 16, 2025	July – September 2025
FCC Form 499-Q August 1, 2025	4Q projected 2025 2Q revenue 2025	September 15, 2025	October – December 2025
FCC Form 499-Q November 3, 2025	1Q projected 2026 3Q revenue 2025	December 18, 2025	January – March 2026

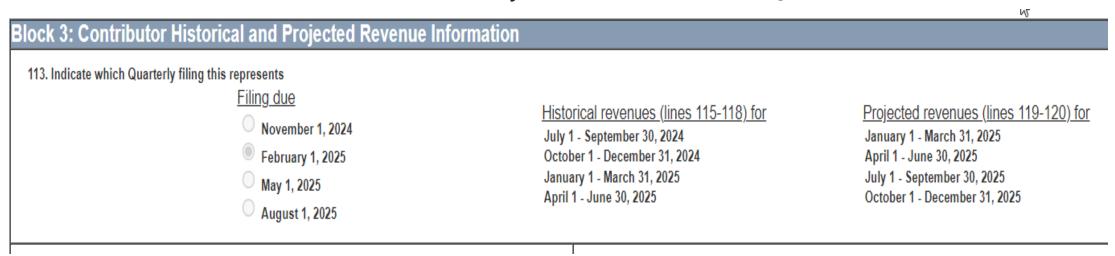
^{*} When a form due date falls on a weekend or holiday, the form is due the following business day.

Quarterly Filing Periods

Filing Dates – from the FCC Form 499-Q

One form is used to file all four of the quarterly filings. The relevant time periods are included on the form showing the filer exactly what time periods the form is reporting. After the revision deadline has passed, revisions to the 499-Q will not be accepted.

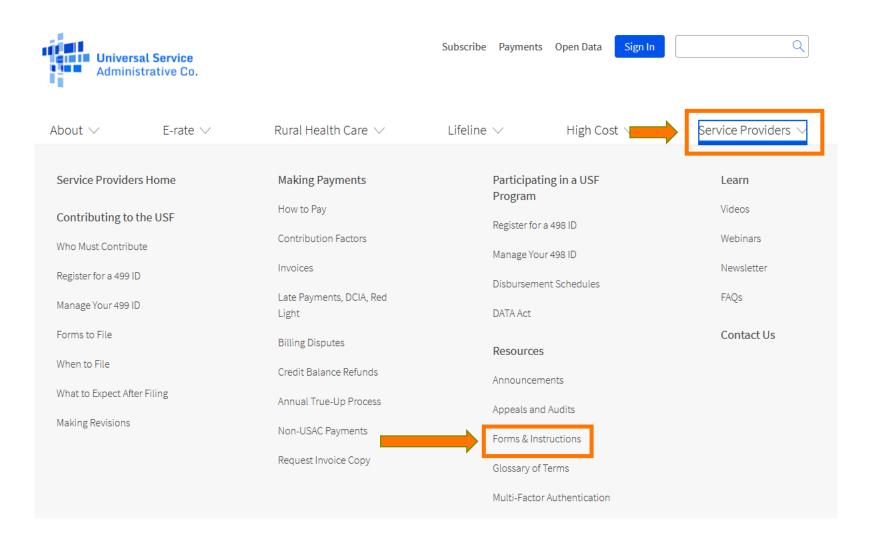
Below is a screen shot from E-File's data entry for the FCC Form 499-Q.



^{*} When a form due date falls on a weekend or holiday, the form is due the following business day.

Find the FCC Forms

Select "Forms & Instructions" from the drop-down mega menu.



Form 499 & Instructions

All 3 forms relevant to Service Providers can be found on this page.

The paper copy of the instructions as well as the form itself are listed in this section. Actual forms are the last pages of the instructions document.

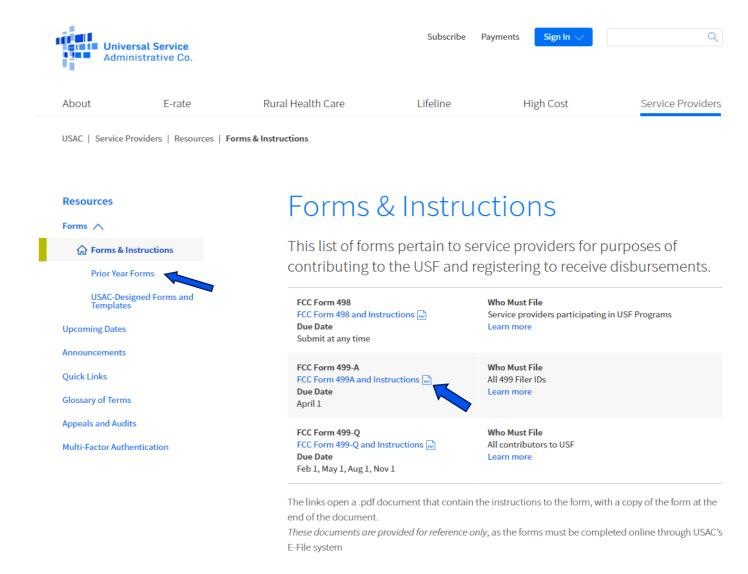
Click on the name to open up a .pdf document.

FCC Form 499-Q

• filed 4 times a year.

FCC Form 499-A

filed once a year



Gross Billed Revenues - Definition

Per the 499-A Instructions, gross billed revenues include:

- Revenues from all sources, including non-regulated telecommunications offerings, information services, and other non-telecommunications services.
 - Account set-up.
 - Connection.
 - Service restoration.
 - Termination.
- Revenues derived from the activation and provision of interstate, international, and intrastate telecommunications and non-telecommunications services.

Gross billed revenues do NOT include:

- Deposits.
- Taxes.

Please see the 499-A Instructions for the complete definition. Note that revenues are <u>not</u> profits.

Questions?

Quarterly Filing

Who is Required to File the 499-Q

FCC Form 499-Q Purpose

What is it?

- The FCC Form 499-Q (quarterly) is used to determine the amount of money a company must contribute to the universal service fund for a quarter.
 - It is similar in concept to the IRS quarterly estimated tax forms a business must file.
- While the filer reports both historical and projected revenues on the form, only
 the projected revenues are used to determine the contribution amount billed
 in the upcoming quarter.

Define "de minimis"

Definition of de minimis

A filer qualifies for *de minimis* status for a given calendar year when the revenue reported on its corresponding FCC Form 499-A is such that the calculated annual contribution to the federal Universal Service Fund is less than \$10,000.

Annual Revenue Threshold

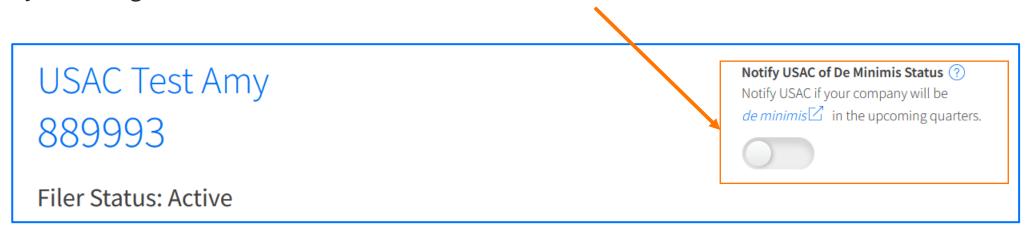
For calendar year 2025, filers that bill less than **\$39,062** of <u>combined **end user** interstate and</u> international telecommunication revenues will be considered *de minimis* for 2025.

For calendar year 2024, filers that billed less than **\$41,841** of <u>combined **end user** interstate and international telecommunication revenues</u> will be considered *de minimis* for 2024.

If the company has determined that it will be required to be a direct contributor to the Federal Universal Service Fund, that company must file an FCC Form 499-Q, the quarterly filing.

Who Must File

- Every <u>non</u> de minimis telecommunications company <u>must</u> file the FCC Form 499-Q. This means your company is a direct contributor to the FUSF and is billed monthly by USAC. If the company does not file, a late filing fee will be applied.
- 2. De minimis filers are not required to file the FCC Form 499-Q, but must notify USAC of their status by selecting the de minimis button on their main screen.



de minimis Notification

- If you notified USAC previously of your de minimis status for 2025 by clicking the button, you will be sent an email instructing your company that it is not required to file quarterly forms covering the calendar year 2025.
- If the company has determined that your de minimis status has changed, you should 'unclick' the de minimis button and file the February FCC Form 499-Q.
- Regardless of a company's de minimis status, there will always be an entry in E-File listing the FCC Form 499-Q.

Filing Online

Accessing the Forms Through E-File

Online Filing - Before You Start

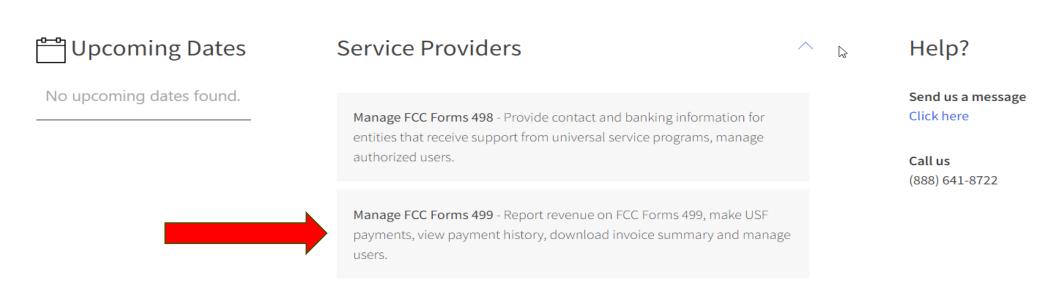
- Google Chrome, Mozilla Firefox, and Microsoft Edge internet browsers are recommended.
 - Apple Safari and mobile access are not recommended.
- Make sure your internet browser's 'pop up blocker' is **OFF**.
 - The system opens a new window to display the data entry screen for the FCC Form 499-Q.
 - If you have clicked 'Start Form' and you don't see a new, smaller window you most likely have the pop-ups blocked.
- Please ensure these email addresses from USAC don't go to your SPAM folder!
 - Important USAC communication comes from the following emails:
 - √ 'form499@usac.org'
 - √ 'CustomerSupport@usac.org'
 - √ 'form499@universalservice.org'
- Not sure if you are *de minimis* or not? FILE the form anyway!
 - We would rather have you report your revenues than us having to estimate on your behalf.

Online Filing the FCC Forms 499

Once logged in to E-File, the service provider portal will appear. Only systems for which you have authorization to access will appear. In this example, the user can only access the 498 ID and the 499 Filer ID. Select the paragraph 'Manage FCC Forms 499'.

Dashboard

in accordance with the Supply Chain orders, new certifications have been added to the following forms: RHC - FCC Form 463 and the Telecom invoice, E-rate - FCC Form 473, and High Cost & Lifeline - FCC Form 481. Service providers are required to submit these annual certifications. For additional information, visit the USAC Supply Chain page.



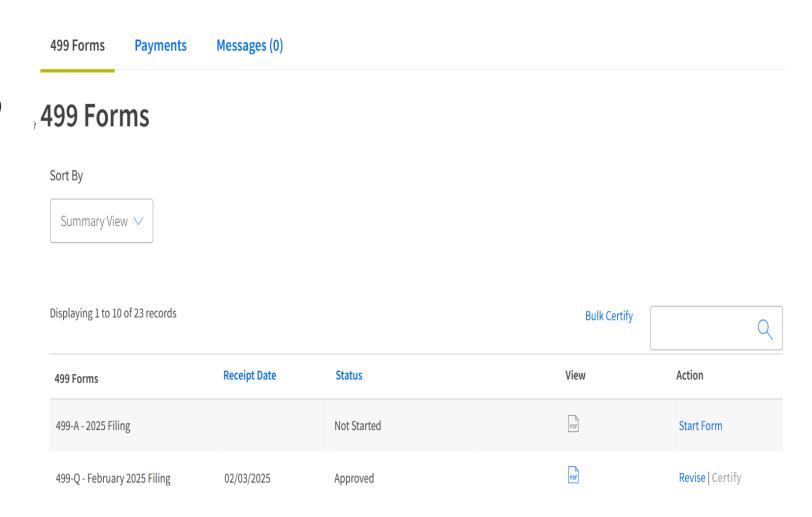
Online Filing the FCC Forms 499

Using the E-File navigation system, navigate to the Filer ID that you wish to work on, if you have more than one 499 Filer ID.

Scroll to the bottom of the screen and summary view of the FCC Form 499s. The forms are listed in chronological order. In the 'Action' column, your choices for form entry are in blue.

Not Started, Certified, and Approved are the most common statuses.

499-Qs past the revision deadline will not appear in the Summary View.



Monthly Billing Statements

How USAC Uses the Revenues on the 499-Q

Online Billing Statements Available

Billing statements are available online in E-File that:

- Show up-to-date transaction activity, balances, and statuses for your company's receivables.
- Allow payments to be applied to specific charges if needed.
- Provide information on individual USF contribution calculations.

USAC has discontinued sending monthly paper invoices.

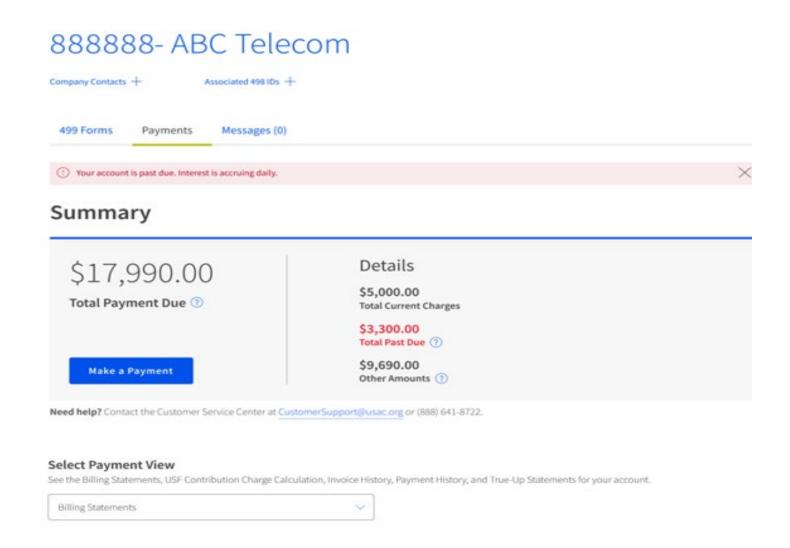
Log in to E-File and go to the Payments tab to access your billing statements.

Learn more by visiting the "Making Payments" pages or viewing the "E-File Payments Changes" video on the USAC website.

Accessing Billing Statements

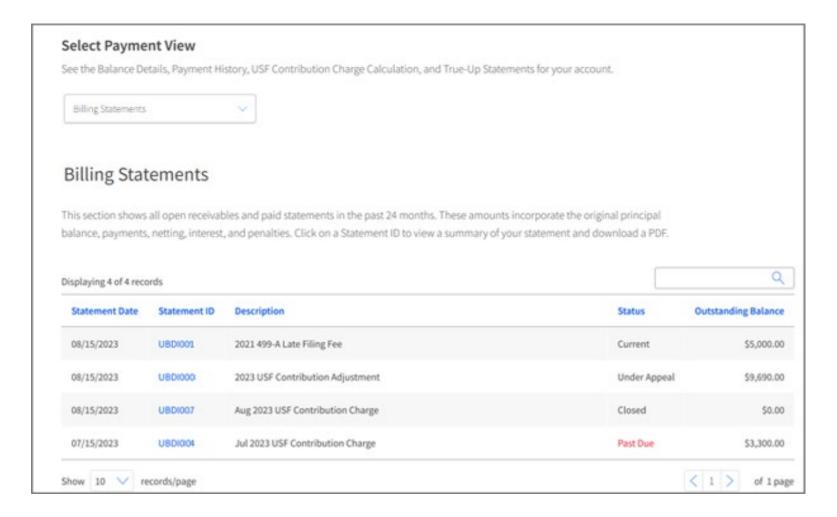
On or around the 15th of the month, an online billing statement will be made available to authorized users in E-File.

To access the Billing
Statements page from the
'Payments' section, scroll
down to 'Select Payment
View', click in the box,
and select 'Billing
Statements'.



USAC Billing Statements

Billing Statements show open receivables and payments:



USAC Billing Statements

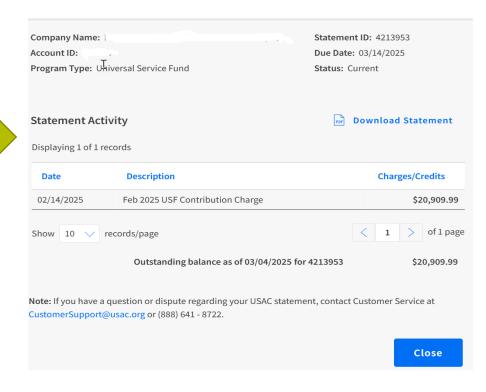
February 2025 FCC Form 499-Q

114. Check if using safe harbor to allocate intersate/intrastate revenues for each of the following (as applicable):	Cellular and Broadband	☐ Paging ☐ Analog SMR ☐	Interconnected VoIP	
Historical billed revenues with no allowance or deductions for uncollectables. See instructions.	Total Revenues in \$ (a)	Interstate Revenues in \$ (b)	International Revenues in \$ (c)	
115. Telecommunications provided to other universal service contributors for resale as telecommunications or as interconnected VoIP	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
116. End-user telecommunications revenues including any pass-through charges for universal service contributions, but excluding international-to-international revenues	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
117. All other goods and services	\$0.00	Column (b) and (c) not requested for Lines 117 and 118		
118. Gross-billed revenues from all sources [sum of above]	\$0.00			
Projected gross-billed end-user interstate and international telecommunications revenues including any pass-through charges for universal service contributions, but excluding international-to-international revenues		\$0.00	\$0.00	
120. Projected collected end-user interstate and international telecommunications revenues including any pass-through charges for universal service contributions, but excluding international-to-international revenues		\$0.00	\$0.00	

The revenue projections entered on <u>Line 120</u> of the 499-Q will be used for determining your contribution amounts billed on the <u>2nd quarter 2025 billing</u> <u>statements</u>.

April, May, and June 2025 USAC Billing Statements

Statement Summary



Questions?

Annual Filing FCC Form 499-A

FCC Form 499-A Purpose

What is it?

A company reports their actual historical revenues on the FCC Form 499-A.

The 2025 FCC Form 499-A reports actual revenues from calendar year 2024.

USAC takes the revenue on the 2025 FCC Form 499-A and compares to the projected revenue from the quarterly FCC Forms 499-Q that were filed in 2024.

Estimated Revenues - Total for Year

499-Q November 2023 Filing (1Q 2024)

499-Q February 2024 Filing (2Q 2024)

499-Q May 2024 Filing (3Q 2024)

499-Q August 2024 Filing (4Q 2024)



Actual Revenues

2025 FCC Form 499-A
 January – December 2024

Annual True-Up

Compare 499-Q revenue to the 499-A revenue

If the company's projected revenues for calendar year 2024, reported on the FCC Form 499-Qs, are **too high**, USAC will calculate your credit.

The company 'contributed' too much over the year.

If the company's projected revenues are **too low**, USAC will calculate a "true-up charge" to make up for the contribution deficit.

The company didn't contribute enough over the year.

These charges/credits will appear on the company's July billing statement.

Annual Form - Main Page

After starting the 499-A, the main page for completing of the FCC Form 499-A in E-File will appear.

There are two areas of the annual form that require attention.

Registration Information

Revenue Reporting



Company Name: USAC Test Amy

Filer ID: 889993

2024 FCC Form 499-A (Reporting calendar 2023 revenues)

MAIN PAGE: 2024 FCC FORM 499-A (REPORTING ACTUAL REVENUES FROM CALENDAR YEAR 2023)

Thank you for choosing to electronically file your FCC Form 499-A. Use this E-File system to update your registration information and to report your actual revenues from calendar year 2023. As you enter your data, be sure that you understand the requirements as indicated in the 2024 FCC Form 499-A Instructions..



Review and update your registration information, including your company contact names and addresses, carrier type and activities, and jursidiction. The E-File system has prepopulated this information from your prior FCC Form 499 submissions.

Enter/Update Revenue Information

(Pages 4-8 of FCC Form 499-A)

Enter or update your revenue information for calendar year 2023. If you are submitting a revision, the E-File system has pre-populated revenue information from your last filing.

Submitting the Form

Throughout the data entry process, the E-File system will conduct validations of your data and will advise you of any issues it detects. The "Review and Certify My Filing to USAC" button will be enabled only when any identified issues have been resolved.

Save & Close Form

Review & Certify My Filing to USAC

Registration Information Summary

Information reported in registration section

Company identification

Telecommunications services offered

Holding company/affiliates

Customer contact information

Form preparer contact information



USAC billing contact information

List of company officers

States where services are sold

As a result of the discontinuance of paper invoices, all billing contacts must be verified this year. This requires a registered E-File user associated with the 499 Filer ID.

Please add those contacts now.

Please review this information is correct when submitting the FCC Form 499-A. While the information is pre-populated from last year's form, take a moment to review for accuracy.

Service providers can update this information at any time during the year by submitting a revision.

Registration Information Summary

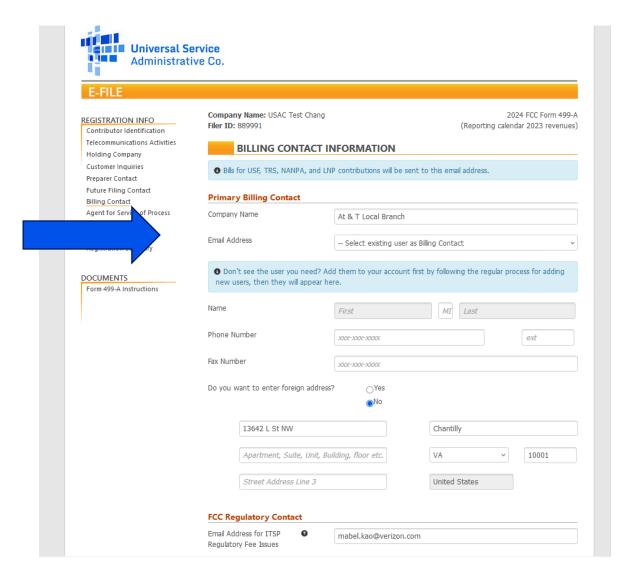
E-FILE Company Name: USAC Test Amy 2024 FCC Form 499-A REGISTRATION INFO Filer ID: 889993 (Reporting calendar 2023 revenues) Contributor Identification Telecommunications Activities REGISTRATION INFORMATION SUMMARY Holding Company **Customer Inquiries** 3 Below please find all of the registration sections of the FCC Form (2) A, including your company contact names and addresses, carrier type and activities, and jurisdist but the E-File system has pre-populated this information from your prior submissions. As you reviews to each your data, be sure that you understand the Preparer Contact Future Filing Contact Billing Contact Agent for Service of Process Click here for more information about the lavingate through this section. Company Officers Filer Jurisdiction Registration Summary Contributor Information Edit **Success!** This section is complete. **DOCUMENTS** Form 499-A Instructions **Telecommunication Activities** Edit **Success!** This section is complete. Edit **Holding Company @Success!** This section is complete.

2024 FCC Form 499-A Telecommunications Reporting Worksheet (Reporting 2023 Revenues)						PROVED BY OMB 3060-0855			
>>> Please read instructions before completing.									
			Annual	Filing due April 1,	2024				
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		in this block and a Filer 499 ID will be as	signed to you	u.]					
102	Legal name of filer								
103	IRS employer identification number			[E	inter 9 digit	number]			
104	Name filer is doing business as								
105		ler [Select up to 5 boxes that best describe	-		start	ting with "l		-	
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	☐ Toll Reseller	☐ Wireless Data		Other Local			Other Mobile	☐ Other Toll	
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	Use additional sheets if necessary. Each filer must provide all names used for telecommunications activities								

Billing Contact Update Required

On the 2025 FCC Form 499-A, all filers will be directed to select an email address for the Billing Contact.





Certify and Submit

Complete the FCC Form 499

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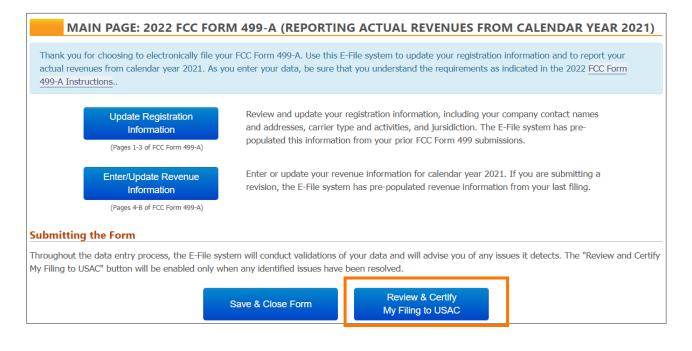
Review, Certify & Submit

Once the data entry is complete on the FCC Form 499-A, USAC does not consider it submitted until a Company Officer electronically signs (certify) and submits the form.

E-File Preparers cannot submit the FCC Form 499-A, only a Company Officer can.

E-File gives the Company Officer two methods for certifying forms.

Account #	Company Name	Form	Status	View	Action
889993	USAC Test Amy	499-Q - November 2020 Filing - Rev 3	Pending Officer Approval	PDF	Revise Certify
808882	CenturyLink Communications, LLC	499-A - 2022 Filing - Rev 1	Pending Officer Approval	PDF	Revise Certify
889994	USAC Test Joseph	499-A - 2022 Filing	Pending Officer Approval	PDF	Revise Certify
889993	USAC Test Amy	499-A - 2020 Filing - Rev 2	Pending Officer Approval	PDF	Revise Certify



Third Party Funds

Administrators Receiving 499-A Information

Third Party Funds

Authorized Access to Annual Form Data

- The administrators of each of the funds below use the revenue reported on the FCC Form 499-A to calculate and assess any necessary contributions.
- These administrators will notify companies of their required contributions to each
 of these funds. You will be invoiced separately for each of these funds.
- On a monthly basis, USAC provides the administrators with data from the most recent FCC Form 499-A filed.
- This data includes contact information, receipt date information, and reported revenues.
- For more information, refer to the FCC Form 499-A instructions on who is required to contribute to these funds and what revenue line number is provided.

Third Party Funds

- 1. **Telecommunications Relay Services (TRS)** enables an individual who is deaf, hard of hearing, deaf-blind, or who has a speech disability to communicate by telephone or other device through the telephone system at no additional cost. Every common carrier interstate telecommunications services and every VoIP provider (including interconnected and non-interconnected) must contribute to the TRS Fund. See 47 C.F.R. Sections 64.601(b), 64.604.
- 2. Local Number Portability (LNP) enables end users to keep their telephone number when switching from one telecommunications service provider to another. The shared costs of long-term number portability attributable to a regional database shall be recovered from all telecommunications carriers and interconnected VoIP providers servicing a given region. See 47 C.F.R. Section 52.32.
- 3. North American Numbering Plan Administration (NANP) is a numbering scheme for the public switched telecommunications networks (PSTN) within the United States, Canada, and participating Caribbean countries. All telecommunications carriers and interconnected VoIP providers in the United States shall contribute to meet the costs of establishing numbering administration. See 47 C.F.R. Section 52.17.
- 4. In addition, the FCC utilizes the revenue data contained in the FCC Form 499-A to bill carriers **Interstate Telecommunications Service Provider (ITSP)** regulatory fees. The ITSP is collected to cover the regulatory costs associated with the FCC's enforcement, policy and rulemaking, user information, and international activities. See 47 U.S.C. Section 159(a).

Third Party Fund Administrators

List of Companies and Contact Information

<u>Fund</u>	Administrator	Customer Service Number
TRS	RolkaLoube – Public Utility and Telecommunications Consulting	(717) 585-6605
LNPA	Telcordia Technologies dba iconectiv	(844) 560-8050
NANPA	North American Numbering Plan (NANP)	(613) 760-4512
ITSP	Federal Communications Commission (FCC)	(877) 480-3201, Option 6

Form Specific Training

Resources On-Line

Training Video for Filing the FCC Form 499-Q

You can find an FCC Form 499-Q training module that explains the form and walks a user through filing the FCC Form 499-Q. It is self-paced and includes a menu so you can skip to specific sections.

This video is found on our 'Videos' page or directly by clicking this <u>link</u>.



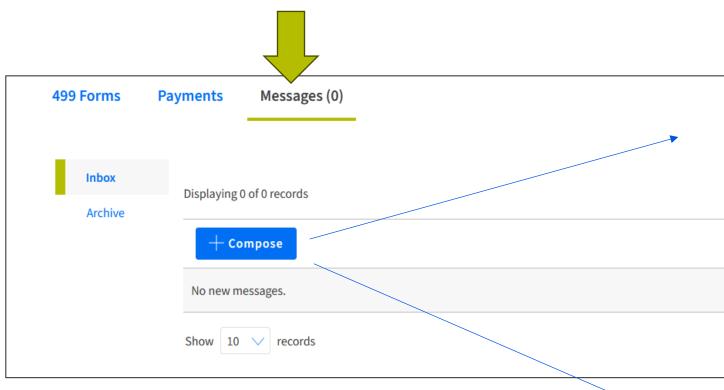
Annual Form Webinar Schedule Registration Link on Date

- March 6 Access to E-File
- March 18 Updating Registration Information
- March 20 Reporting Wholesale Revenue (Block 3)
- March 25 Reporting End User Revenue (Block 4)
- March 27 Reporting Regional Percentages and Certification of Form

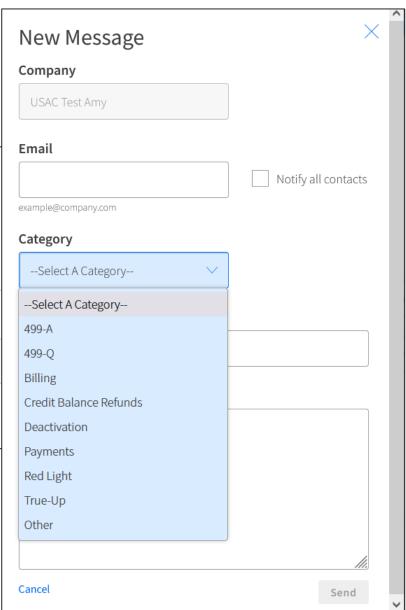
Questions?

How to Contact USAC

E-File Message Portal



Send a message to the Service Provider team directly through the Message Portal in E-File.



Contributors/Service Providers Customer Service Center (CSC)



Call us at (888) 641-8722

Monday – Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET



Email: CustomerSupport@usac.org

- Include in your email
 - 498 ID/Service Provider ID Number (SPIN)
 - 499 Filer ID

Thank You!



