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Telehealth Program

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FCC and OUSF COVID 19 Relief Actions

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Recent FCC COVID-19 Relief Actions

RHC Program Waivers March 2020

- Gift Rules waived through September 30, 2020
 - <https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/DA-20-290A1.pdf>
- FY2020 Filing extended to 6/30/2020, other deadlines extended
 - <https://www.fcc.gov/document/fcc-provides-relief-rural-health-care-program-participants>

New Funding Opportunities April 2020

- **COVID 19 Telehealth Program**
 - \$200 Million available
- Connected Care Program
 - \$300 Million Pilot Program over 3 years.

<https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/DOC-363498A1.pdf>

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Oklahoma Relief for Health Care

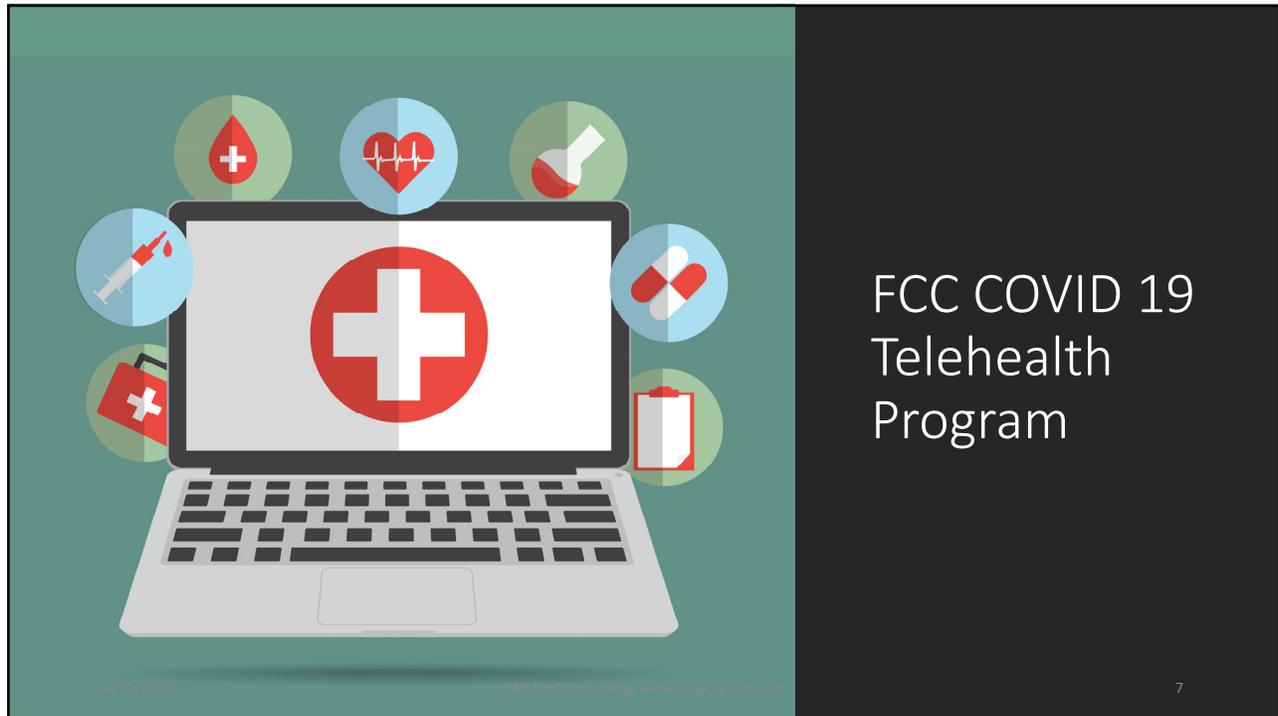
- 3/23/2020
- COVID-19 Emergency Response Process
- https://www.occeweb.com/pu/OUSF/OUSF_COVID19.htm
- Hospitals, Schools, and Libraries currently receiving funding should reach out to their service provider directly to request an increase in bandwidth during the designated emergency period. Healthcare providers, if this change puts your Federal funding in jeopardy, we are hereby committing to cover your services. This is a public safety matter and cannot be delayed. - Brandy Wreath, Administrator

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What is it and Why Should We Apply?

On April 2, 2020 the FCC established the \$200 million COVID-19 Telehealth Program for emergency relief.

Why you should be interested in applying for funds:

- Services and equipment can be purchased for access to the home
- Both urban and rural entities are eligible for funding
- Consortia do not have to be over 50% rural
- No competitive bidding required
- RHC funding from the existing RHC programs can be combined with this fund
- No waiting for funding – FCC is already approving \$\$

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Eligibility

Participation limited to nonprofit and public, eligible health care providers that fall within the following categories:

- Post-secondary educational institutions offering health care instruction, teaching hospitals and medical schools;
- 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; and
- Consortia of health care providers consisting of one or more entities falling into the first seven categories.

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Funding Services and Equipment

Information Services	Internet Connected Devices/Equipment
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Remote patient monitoring platforms and services;• Patient reported outcome platforms;• Store and forward services, such as<ul style="list-style-type: none">• asynchronous transfer of patient images and data for interpretation by a physician;• platforms and services to provide synchronous video consultation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tablets,• Smart phones,• Connected devices to receive connected care services at home• Broadband enabled blood pressure monitors;• Pulse-ox) for patient or health care provider use;• Telemedicine kiosks/carts for health care provider site

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Compliance

- **No Deadline to Apply** – Started April 13, 2020
- **No competitive bidding** process but strongly urged to purchase cost-effective eligible services and devices
- **Record maintenance requirement** for 3 years from the last date of the service
- **Retention of gift documentation** for 3 years required from the last date of the service
- Permits participating health care providers to receive gifts or things of value from service providers valued at over \$20, including but not limited to devices, equipment, free upgrades, or other items.

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Before you Apply

- **File FCC Form 460** if you do not already have an eligibility determination from USAC
- **FCC Registration Number (FRN)** by registering with CORES
- **Register with federal System for Award Management (SAM)**. May take up to 10 business days for registration to become active, even though unregistered entities can still apply.
- **DUNS number** and **National Provider Identifier (NPI) code/taxonomy code**
- **DATA Act Business Types** (up to three) as provided on FCC Form 498

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Application Process

- Available now!
- Funding on a rolling basis until funds are expended or the Pandemic Ends
- Goal is to select applications that target areas that have been hardest hit by COVID-19 and where the support will have the most impact on addressing the health care needs.
- Goals & objectives for use of the fund – COVID-19 related treatment but also to “prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus”
- Timeline for deployment of services or devices

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Application Additional Details

- Factors/metrics used to help measure impact
- How COVID-19 has affected health care providers in your area
- Info about geographic area and population served (list strain)
- Any targeting of high-risk and vulnerable patients
- Requested funding amount and funding for devices?
- Supporting Documentation- summarize the expected costs, may include invoice or quote from a vendor or service provider

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FCC Covid-19 Telehealth Program Resources

Application Portal

- <https://www.fcc.gov/covid-19-telehealth-program>

UPDATE your Form 498

- <https://www.usac.org/wp-content/uploads/service-providers/documents/FCC-Form-498-Business-Types.pdf>

FCC CORES

- <https://apps.fcc.gov/cores/userLogin.do>

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