

Federal Communications Commission

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care providers and/or non-eligible entities.

(F) *Management.* Describe the management structure of the network for the duration of the sustainability period. The applicant's budget must describe how management costs will be funded.

(v) *Material change to sustainability plan.* A consortium that is required to file a sustainability plan must maintain its accuracy. If there is a material change to a required sustainability plan that would impact projected income or expenses by more than 20 percent or \$100,000 from the previous submission, or if the applicant submits a funding request based on a new Form 462 (*i.e.*, a new competitively bid contract), the consortium is required to re-file its sustainability plan. In the event of a material change, the applicant must provide the Administrator with the revised sustainability plan no later than the end of the relevant quarter, clearly showing (*i.e.*, by redlining or highlighting) what has changed.

(b) [Reserved]

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§ 54.644 Multi-year commitments.

(a) Participants in the Healthcare Connect Fund are permitted to enter into multi-year contracts for eligible expenses and may receive funding commitments from the Administrator for a period that covers up to three funding years.

(b) If a long-term contract covers a period of more than three years, the applicant may also have the contract designated as "evergreen" under § 54.642(h)(4) which will allow the applicant to re-apply for a funding commitment under the contract after three years without having to undergo additional competitive bidding.

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§ 54.645 Payment process.

(a) The Consortium Leader (or health care provider, if participating individually) must certify to the Administrator that it has paid its contribution to the vendor before the invoice can be sent to Administrator and the vendor can be paid.

(b) Before the Administrator may process and pay an invoice, both the Consortium Leader (or health care provider, if participating individually) and the vendor must certify that they have reviewed the document and that it is accurate. All invoices must be received by the Administrator within six months of the end date of the funding commitment.

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§ 54.646 Site and service substitutions.

(a) A Consortium Leader (or health care provider, if participating individually) may request a site or service substitution if:

(1) The substitution is provided for in the contract, within the change clause, or constitutes a minor modification;

(2) The site is an eligible health care provider and the service is an eligible service under the Healthcare Connect Fund;

(3) The substitution does not violate any contract provision or state, Tribal, or local procurement laws; and

(4) The requested change is within the scope of the controlling request for services, including any applicable request for proposal used in the competitive bidding process.

(b) Support for a qualifying site and service substitution will be provided to the extent the substitution does not cause the total amount of support under the applicable funding commitment to increase.

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§ 54.647 Data collection and reporting.

(a) Each consortium lead entity must file an annual report with the Administrator on or before September 30 for the preceding funding year, with the information and in the form specified by the Wireline Competition Bureau.

(b) Each consortium is required to file an annual report for each funding year in which it receives support from the Healthcare Connect Fund.

(c) For consortia that receive large upfront payments, the reporting requirement extends for the life of the supported facility.

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