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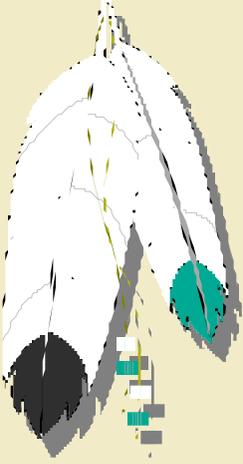
USAC Rural Health Care Program

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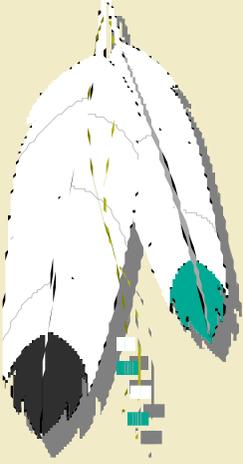
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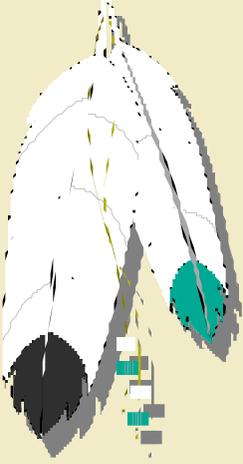
- Overview
 - Support to equalize rates between urban and rural areas
 - Support for all distance charges (minus the SUD)
 - Base rates can be supported if there is a difference
 - Urban or rural health care providers may receive support for up to 30 hours (\$180) per month of toll charges to reach internet, if no local dial-up access is available.
 - Rural health providers must seek competitive bids for services
 - Must apply every year



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- Eligible Providers
 - Public and non-profit health care providers
 - Next slide has details
 - Located in “rural” area
 - Defined by OMB, see our website for a list
 - “Urban” health care providers qualify for limited support if they cannot obtain toll free access to the Internet

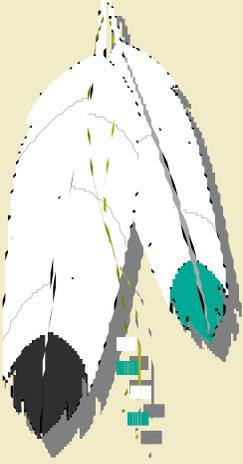


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- Public and non-profit health care providers
 - post-secondary educational institution offering health care instruction, teaching hospital, or medical school
 - community health center or health center providing health care to migrants
 - local health department or agency
 - community mental health center
 - not-for-profit hospital
 - rural health clinic
 - consortia of health care providers consisting of one or more of these entities (e.g. networks including urban medical centers)

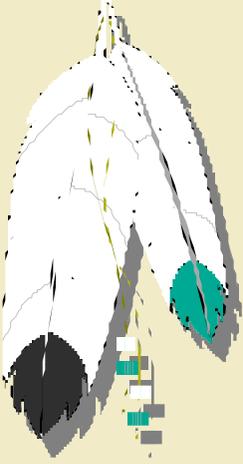
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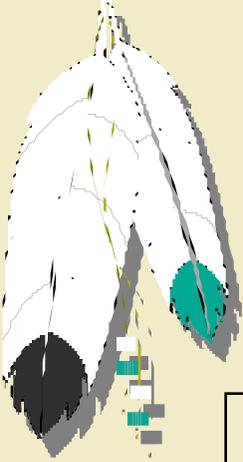
- Eligible Service Providers
 - The provider must be a Common Carrier



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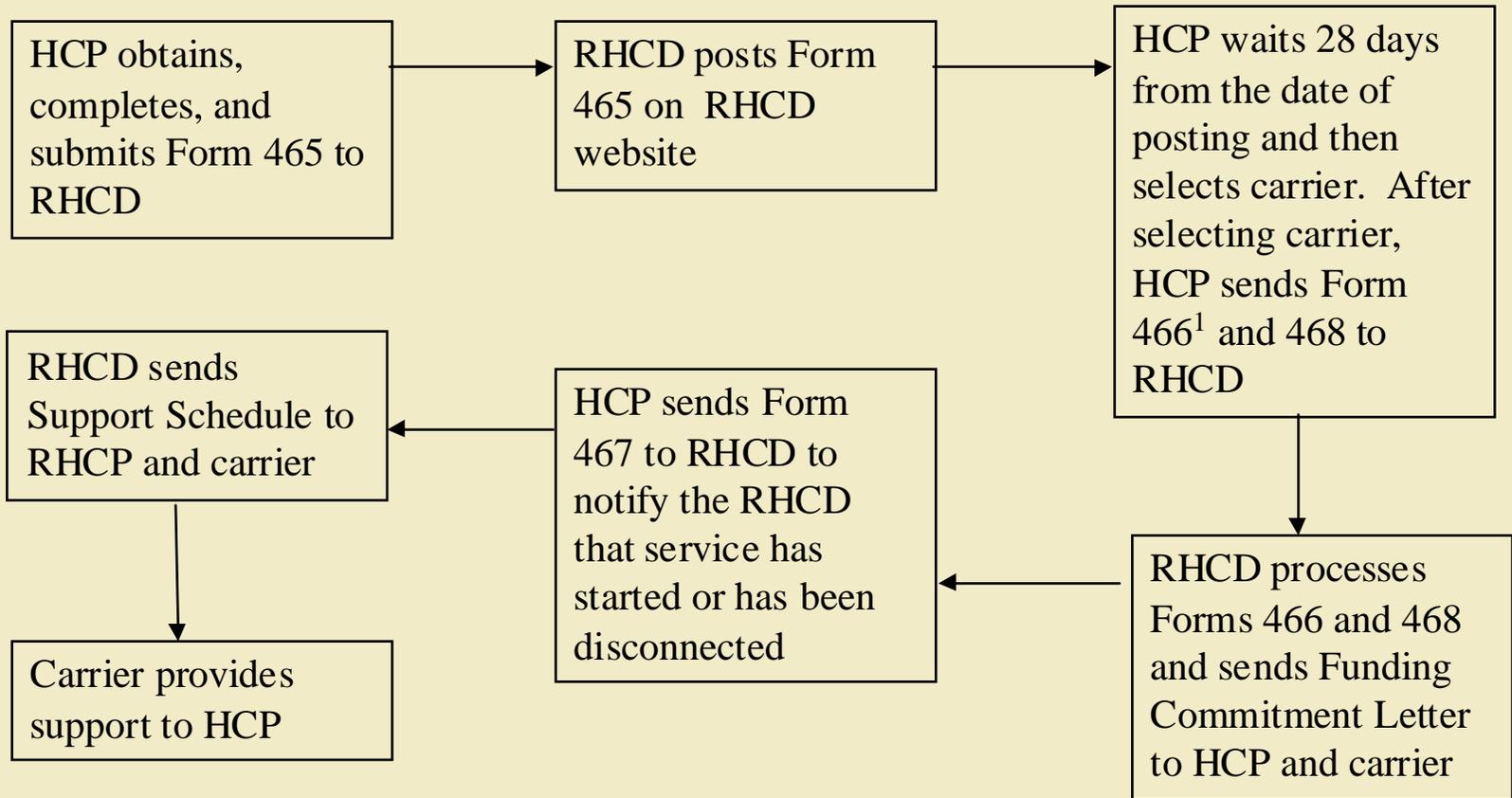
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- Eligible Services
 - All telecommunications services, no limit on bandwidth
 - Toll free access to internet service



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1. Form 466-A may be required depending on supported services selected

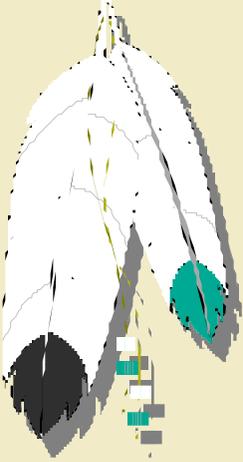


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– Your Responsibility

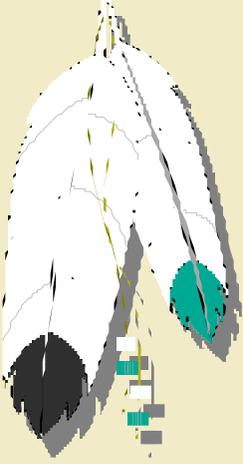
- Decide what services you need and let RHCD know by filing a form 465
- Select a service provider no sooner than 28 days after we tell you the Form 465 is posted on our website (this lets all service providers know what services you are looking for)
- Let RHCD know who you selected and what the price is by filing a Form 466 and Form 468
- Let RHCD know that services have been installed by filing a form 467



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- Service Provider Responsibilities
 - Respond to applicants
 - Check the website for postings
 - Don't sign contracts during the 28-day posting period
 - Complete the Form 468
 - Provide the discounts to applicants
 - Invoice USAC

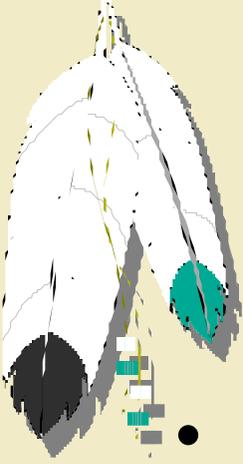


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– RHCD Responsibility

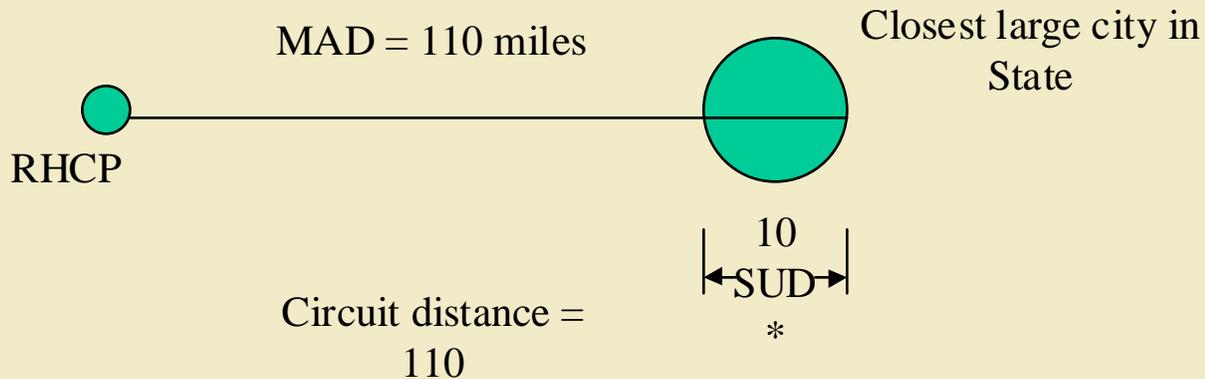
- To process your forms on a timely basis
- To help you understand the program rules
- To assist you with your application, customer service representatives are available at 800-229-5476 from 8 AM to 8 PM (ET), Monday through Friday
- To pay the service provider for the eligible services you are using once we receive a valid invoice



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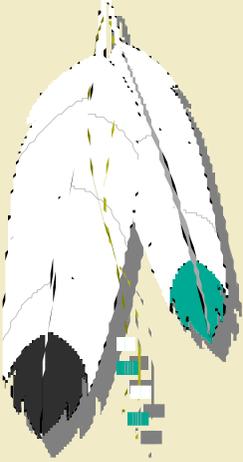
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- EXAMPLE
- T-1 from HCP to rural hospital. Circuit distance does not exceed maximum allowable distance (MAD)



Rural Rate Monthly Mileage Charges = \$10/mile

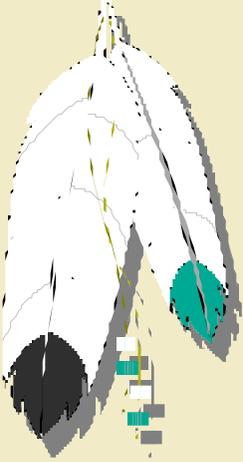
*Standard Urban Distance



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- Calculation
 - Rural rate = $(10 \times 110) = \$1100$
 - Subtract SUD (10 miles) @ \$10/mile = 100
 - Discount = $\$1100 - \$100 = \$1000$



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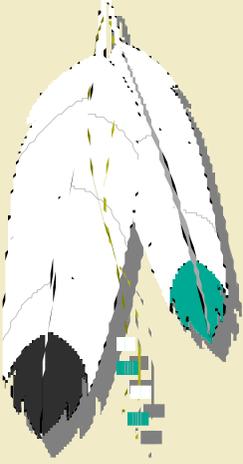
- Year 3 (July 1 2000 - June 30 2001) Key Dates
 - March 30, 2000 - First day to submit Form 465)
 - April 27, 2000 - First day to send in Forms 466/468 (466/468 may only be submitted after the 465 has been posted for 28 days)
 - July 1, 2000 - Funding year begins
 - July 1, 2000 - June 30, 2001 - Year 3 program duration
 - 3-31-2002 - All financial transactions must be completed



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- Reminders
 - All tariff services must be posted for 28-days before eligible for support
 - Do not sign Forms 466/468 during the 28 day period
 - Contracts require two signatures, dates signed, terms
 - Cannot sign any contract during the posting period
 - Multiyear contracts are eligible
 - Send Form 467 in ASAP



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- Thank you, I would be happy to answer any questions

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