

Who we are

UAMS e-Link is the third largest telemedicine network in the nation. It is made up of a consortium of more than 650 health care providers. This partnership allows members to apply for **RHCF**, making telemedicine more affordable by **reducing data circuit costs** and **providing savings on networking equipment**.



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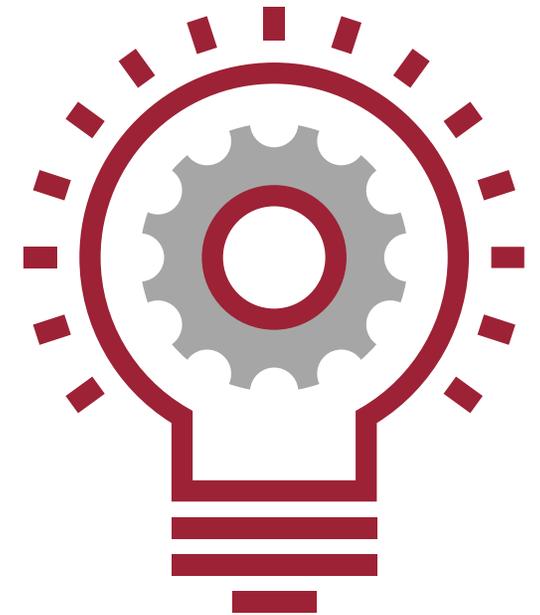
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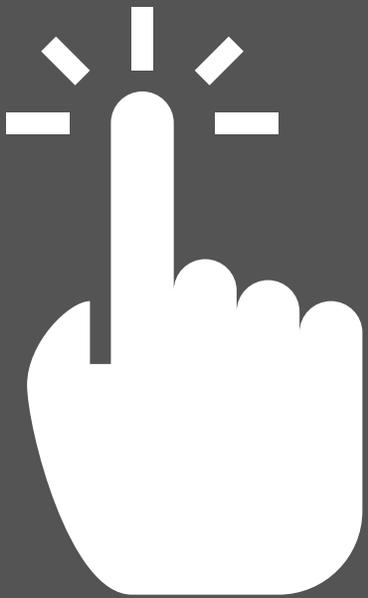
Cost Savings

RURAL HEALTHCARE
CONNECT FUND



Who qualifies?

- Not-for-profit hospitals
- Community mental health centers
- Rural health clinics/mobile clinics
- Local health departments/agencies
- Dedicated EDs at rural for-profit hospitals
- Skilled nursing facilities
- Off-site health care data centers & admin offices
- Post-secondary educational institutions offering health care instruction
- Community health centers/health centers providing health care to migrants



Membership benefits

As a member of the **UAMS e-Link** Consortium, you may qualify for USAC discounts resulting in significant savings for items such as increased bandwidth for EMR, Health Information Exchange, billing and appointments, offices and data centers.

Membership also allows you to take advantage of lower contract pricing often associated with consortia bulk buying.

UAMS e-Link RFP vendors have discounted network equipment including routers, switches and optical at **50-75% off list price**. For USAC eligible members, this savings, **combined with additional USAC discounts of up to 65%**, can be a **game-changer for rural HCPs**.

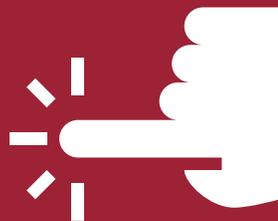
Ineligible health care providers (HCPs) are not entitled to USAC funding, however, as a consortium member, they can still benefit from lower contract pricing.



Examples of discounts

- Equipment for managing controlling or maintaining broadband services on a dedicated health care network
- SIP
- Metro Ethernet connectivity
- Dark fiber
- Indefeasible Rights of Use (IRUs)
- WAN equipment
- Connectivity to regional/national research and education networks (Internet2)

How it works



*Example of cost savings calculated using the maximum USAC funding benefit of 65%