

VPS Memo

Performance Measures Module

USAC HAS DEVELOPED THE REPORTING SYSTEM TO BE USED FOR PERFORMANCE MEASURES TESTING.

Summary

Overview

The Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) has developed a Performance Measures Module (PMM), which will be the reporting system used for performance measures testing.

The PMM will:

- Allow carriers to differentiate HUBB reported locations as actively served vs. not actively served.
- Allow USAC to select a random sampling of actively served locations for performance testing.
- Collect performance testing results from carriers.

For USAC to generate a random sample of actively served locations, beginning with the testing start dates and biannually thereafter, carriers will need to download all certified locations already filed in the HUBB and upload into the PMM via a separate CSV file.

The PMM upload file will contain all information in the HUBB download file with one additional column named Subscriber ID. The Subscriber ID field will be a carrier-generated, alphanumeric unique identifier for locations with active subscribers. This will enable USAC to generate a random sampling of HUBB certified locations that have active subscribers for performance testing purposes. It would be worthwhile to discuss with your billing vendor to determine if they will be implementing a Subscriber ID solution or if it will be up to you to assign a Subscriber ID.

Background

The table below shows the current performance testing schedule for various funds:

Program	Pre-Testing Start Date	Testing Start Date
CAF Phase II (Price Cap)	January 1, 2020	July 1, 2020
RBE	January 1, 2021	January 1, 2022
Alaska Plan*	January 1, 2021	January 1, 2022
ACAM I	January 1, 2021	January 1, 2022
ACAM I Revised	January 1, 2021	January 1, 2022
ACAM II	January 1, 2022	January 1, 2023
Legacy Rate of Return	January 1, 2022	January 1, 2023
CAF II Auction	January 1, 2022	January 1, 2023
New NY Broadband	January 1, 2022	January 1, 2023

*Note: Alaska Plan carriers that have committed to defined build-out obligations must perform speed and latency test of their network. However, Alaska rate-of-return carriers that have committed to maintaining existing service levels are not subject to the performance measures.

Additional Information

Additional information regarding this process, the PMM, and timelines can be found at:

<https://www.usac.org/high-cost/annual-requirements/performance-measures-testing/>

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