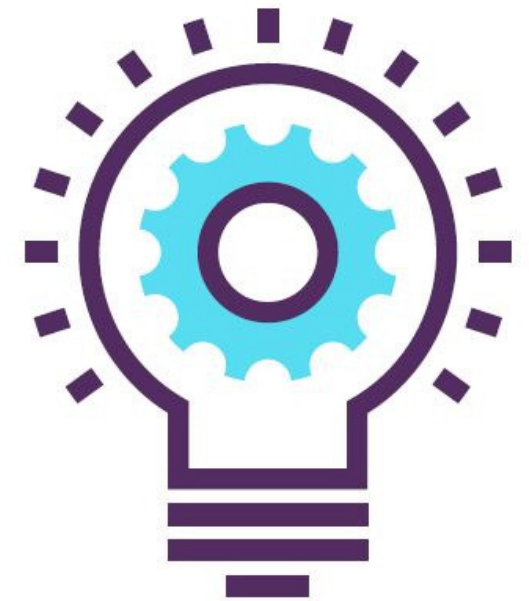


who we are

Arkansas 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**.



Cost Savings

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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 healthcare data centers & admin offices
- Post-secondary educational institutions offering healthcare instruction
- Community health centers/health centers providing healthcare to migrants



membership benefits

As a member of the Arkansas 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 & appointments offices & data centers.

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

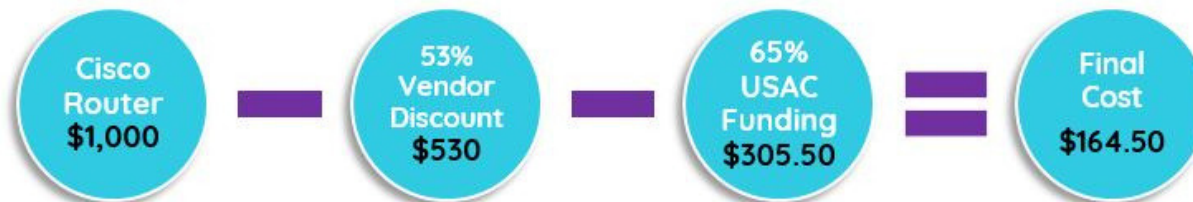
Arkansas e-Link RFP vendors have discounted network equipment - routers, switches, & optical - at 50-70% off list price. For USAC eligible members, this savings, combined with additional USAC discounts of up to 65%, can be a game-changer for rural HCPs.

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 or dedicated health care network connectivity
- SIP
- Metro Ethernet connectivity
- Dark fiber
- Indefeasible Rights of Use (IRUs)
- WAN equipment
- Connectivity to regional/national research & education networks (Internet2)

how it works



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