

AREA AND MDU CHALLENGES

What is an Area or a MDU Challenge?

ACA will administer Area and MDU challenges for the following challenge types: **Availability (A), Speed (S), Latency (L), Data cap (D), and Technology (T).**



An area or multi dwelling unit (MDU) challenge is triggered if a threshold value or more broadband serviceable locations (BSL) using a particular technology from a single provider within an area or MDU are challenged under the same challenge type*. Once triggered, all the locations in that area or MDU served by that provider and service will be challenged and the service provider will be responsible for rebutting all the challenged locations.

** Each provider, service, and challenge type is considered separately. If a provider offers multiple technologies, each is treated separately since they may have different availability and performance.*

MDU Challenge Threshold

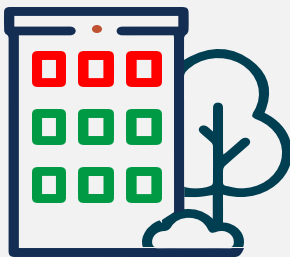
An MDU challenge assesses the units within a single MDU. An MDU challenge requires challenges by **at least three (3) units or 10 percent of the unit count** listed in the Fabric within the same broadband serviceable location, whichever is larger.

MDU challenges also count towards an area challenge (i.e., six (6) successful MDU challenges in a census block group will trigger an area challenge).

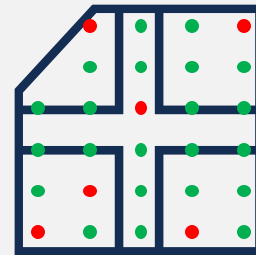
Area Challenge Threshold

The area considered in an area challenge is a census block group. An area challenge is triggered **if six (6) or more broadband serviceable locations** using a particular technology and a single provider within a census block group are challenged.

Multi Dwelling Unit (MDU)



Census Block Group



A service provider will only need to submit a rebuttal for challenges to locations they serve, not every location within the challenged census block group or MDU.

Area and MDU Challenge Notifications and Timeline for Rebuttals

- Area and MDU challenges will be assessed on a rolling basis as challenges are received.
- Service provider will be notified of an area and/or MDU challenge once the submitted challenges has been validated and the threshold requirement has been met.
- Service providers will have 15 days from notification of an area or MDU challenge to provide a rebuttal for all the challenged locations

