

You should know...



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Link Up & Lifeline

*If you can't afford telephone services--Link Up and Lifeline can help eligible people pay **PART** of their telephone costs.*

LINK UP:

-  Will save you 50% of the initial charges to hook up basic local telephone services, or \$30, whichever is less.
-  Your telephone company may defer payment on the balance and waive interest.
-  You may qualify for service without a deposit. Ask your local telephone company.

LIFELINE:

-  Can save you at least \$8.25 on your monthly phone bill for basic local telephone service.
-  Applies only to basic local telephone service in the home where you live.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE:

Anyone qualified under one of the four major economic assistance programs:

-  TANF
-  Food Stamps
-  Energy Assistance
-  Medicaid

NOTE:

-  **If you have been disconnected for non- payment of telephone bills, these programs are available to you if you bring your local bill current. You may be required to pay a reconnect fee.**

HOW TO OBTAIN THE TELEPHONE SERVICES:

-  When you qualify for TANF, Food Stamps, Energy Assistance or Medicaid through your county social services office, you will *automatically* receive a Qualifying Certificate within a month by mail.
-  Provide the Qualifying Certificate to your local telephone company.

WHAT IF MY BENEFITS STOP:

-  If you no longer qualify for any economic program, you no longer qualify for Link Up or Lifeline.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

-  For more information on Link Up and Lifeline, **call your local telephone company.**
-  If you have questions about *eligibility*, **call your county social services office.**

NOTE:

-  Individuals who live on tribal lands may be eligible for a separate Tribal Link Up and Lifeline program. Contact your local telephone company for more information.