



PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Montana

Fact Sheet: Find Help Paying Your Phone Bill

Lifeline

Lifeline is a federal program that provides eligible households with a monthly benefit of \$9.25 for telephone service or broadband service, if purchased from participating providers.

Residents of tribal lands may qualify for an additional \$25 benefit if they participate in a qualifying tribal program. They may also qualify for the Tribal Link-Up benefit to assist with installation or activation fees.

Qualifications

To qualify for Lifeline, someone in the household must participate in one of these federal programs:

- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), formerly known as Food Stamps; Medicaid;
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI);
- Federal Public Housing Assistance (FPHA) or Section 8;
- Veterans Pension and Survivors Benefit; or
- Tribal Programs (and live on federally-recognized Tribal lands)

You may also qualify if your household's income is at or below 135 percent of the federal poverty guidelines.

Montana Telephone Assistance Plan

MTAP is a program authorized by Montana law that complements the Federal Lifeline program. MTAP provides eligible households with a monthly benefit of \$3.50 for telephone service, if purchased from participating providers.

Qualifications

To qualify for MTAP, the telephone subscriber must participate in Medicaid, and must use that as the qualifying program for Federal Lifeline.

How Do I Apply

Contact your phone company or internet provider for details on applying. Once qualified, the Lifeline program requires that eligibility be recertified annually.

More Information:

Visit www.lifelinesupport.org

Contact your phone company or internet provider

Contact the Montana Public Service Commission

