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