

# Wisconsin Lifeline Fact Sheet-REVISED

#### What is Lifeline?

The Lifeline program provides low-income Wisconsin residents affordable access to essential telecommunications by discounting the cost of phone, cell and internet services.

### How much money can I save with Lifeline?

This depends on which type of service(s) you have, but your discount could range from \$7.25 - \$18.50 per month. Your service provider can tell you the exact amount.

### Who is eligible?

You are eligible if you participate in one of the following qualifying programs:

- Medicaid
- FoodShare
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Federal public housing assistance (Section 8)
- Veterans and Survivors Pension Benefit

Or, if your income is at or below 135% of the federal poverty guidelines.

Only one person per household may receive a Lifeline discount.

## How can I find out if I am eligible?

You can check your eligibility online using the National Verifier at www.checklifeline.org.

The National Verifier is connected to federal databases and can determine if you are enrolled in a qualifying program listed above. If you do not participate in a qualifying program, you must provide proof that you meet the income guidelines. Your provider can help you with this, or you can contact one of the numbers listed below.

#### How can I enroll?

You must contact an eligible telecommunications carrier (ETC) to enroll. You can find a list of ETCs at <u>psc.wi.gov</u> on the <u>Lifeline Program webpage</u> under the Programs tab.

You can determine your eligibility before you contact the ETC, or you can ask them to help you find out if you are eligible.

## How can I get help?

Wisconsin Internet & Phone Helpline: (608) 267-3595.

Open Monday through Friday, from 7:45 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Request an interpreter if you need assistance in a different language.

Federal (USAC) Lifeline Support number: (800) 234-9473.

Open Monday through Friday, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Email lifelinesupport@usac.org.

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