



LIFELINE SERVICE OFFERINGS, TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Lifeline Discounted Service Offering:

The Lifeline Service Program (Lifeline), sponsored by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is a program designed to maintain and preserve universal service by providing a reduction in the price of basic residential exchange service (voice) or broadband internet service to qualifying low-income customers.

Qualifying individuals may receive a monthly discount of up **<u>\$9.25</u>** for each month they qualify. Effective <u>December 1, 2019</u>, the monthly discount for stand-alone voice service will be reduced to \$7.25 per month.

Eligibility:

Lifeline is restricted to low-income residential customers. To qualify for Lifeline service, a customer must certify and provide documentation as income eligible. For a consumer to be eligible under the income requirements, the consumer's household income as defined in §54.400(f) of the FCC Rules must be at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines for a household of that size or be a recipient of benefits from any one of the following federal programs:

- Federal Public Housing Assistance (FPHA) or Section 8;
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), formerly known as Food Stamps;
- Medicaid;
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI);
- Veterans Pension or Survivors Pension

Georgetown Telephone Company, Inc. does not make lifeline eligibility determination. Subscriber eligibility is determined through the Lifeline National Eligibility Verifier (National Verifier). Once eligibility verification is received from the national verifier, Georgetown Telephone Company, Inc. will apply the appropriate lifeline discount to the subscribers account.

Customers **must** notify their service provider within 30 days if they move or they are no longer eligible for Lifeline.

Federal rules prohibit eligible low-income consumers from receiving more than <u>one</u> Lifeline discount per household. An eligible consumer may receive a discount on either a wireline or wireless service, but not both. A consumer whose household currently is receiving more than one Lifeline service must select a single Lifeline provider and contact the other provider to de-enroll from their program.

If you think you may qualify for this program or would like additional information please contact us at (601) 858-2211 or visit our office located at 1154 Railroad Avenue, Georgetown, MS 39078. Additional information on the Lifeline program can also be found at http://www.lifelinesupport.org.