## 1.1 APPLICABILITY

1.1.1 This tariff contains the general terms and conditions applicable to the provision of Lifeline/Tel-Assistance Services provided by New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC dba AT&T Mobility (hereafter "AT&T Mobility" or "Company"). This tariff only applies to those areas in West Virginia in which the Company is designated as a federal Eligible Telecommunications Carrier ("ETC"). Eligibility for Lifeline/Tel-Assistance Service shall be subject to verification by the Company. The Company's provision (C) of Lifeline/Tel-Assistance Service to customers within the State of West Virginia will (C) be further subject to the terms and conditions of a separate Wireless Customer Agreement by and between the customer and the Company, This Agreement is comprised of the terms and conditions found in the Terms of Service, the AT&T Calling Plan, Service Plan or Rate Plan ("Rate Plan") brochure, the Customer Service Summary, and the Lifeline/Tel-Assistance Application and Contract Rider (collectively, "Agreement"). In the event of any conflict between the provisions of this informational tariff and the terms and conditions of the Agreement, the provisions of the Agreement will prevail. This Tariff is subject to all provisions of applicable state and federal law, including but not limited to 47 U.S.C. §332. The Company expressly reserves all rights under federal and state law.

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## 3.1 LIFELINE/TEL-ASSISTANCE SERVICE (CONT'D)

- 3.1.2 Eligibility Criteria for Lifeline/Tel-Assistance Service<sup>1</sup>
  - (A) To be eligible for Lifeline/Tel-Assistance Service, a customer or applicant must permanently reside within the Designated ETC Areas and participate in or receive assistance or benefits in one or more of the following programs:
    - (i) Medicaid
    - (ii) Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
    - (iii) Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
    - (iv) Federal Public Housing Assistance (FPHA)
    - (v) Veterans and Survivors Pension Benefit; or,
  - (B) Income must be at or below 135% of the federal poverty guidelines as published by the United States Department of Health and Human Services and updated annually.
  - (C) Initiation of Lifeline/Tel-Assistance Service
    - (1) Eligibility for Tel-Assistance Service shall be subject to verification
      (C) by the Company.
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- (2) On a monthly basis, the Company shall provide the names of new (C) West Virginia Tel-Assistance Service subscribers to the DHHR and, if requested by DHHR, the last four digits of the social security number of the subscriber(s). (C) (O)
- (3) The Company shall not charge a processing fee for transferring a customer to or from federal Lifeline or Tel-Assistance.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Effective December 2, 2016, in compliance with the FCC "Lifeline Reform and Modernization Order", TANF, LIHEAP, National School Lunch Program's free lunch program, School Clothing Allowance and Benefits under other qualifying incomerelated state or federal programs are no longer qualification criteria for the federal Lifeline program. Existing Lifeline/Tel-Assistance subscribers qualified under these programs prior to December 2, 2016, and who remain qualified for these programs, may remain in the federal Lifeline program until such time as they must re-certify under current FCC rules and criteria. Additionally, effective December 2, 2016, in compliance with the FCC "Lifeline Reform and Modernization Order", receipt of the Veterans and Survivors Pension Benefit will be a qualifier for the federal Lifeline program.