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A3. BASIC LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE

A3.31 Lifeline (Cont'd)

A3.31.3 Rates and Charges

A. General

1. Lifeline is provided as a monthly credit on the eligible residential subscriber's access line bill for local service.
2. Service Charges in Section A4. are applicable for installing or changing Lifeline service.
3. The Secondary Service Charge in Section A4. is not applicable when existing service is converted intact to Lifeline service.

B. The total Lifeline credit consists of one Federal credit.

	Monthly Credit	
1. Federal credit ¹		
(a) Supplemental Security Income (SSI)	\$5.25	(C)
(b) Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)	5.25	(C)
(c) Medicaid	5.25	(C)
(d) Federal Public Housing Assistance	5.25	(C)
(e) Income at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines	5.25	(C)
(f) Veterans and Survivors Pension Benefit	5.25	(C)

A3.31.4 Tribal Lifeline

A. Description of Service

Qualified residents of federally recognized tribal lands may receive up to twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per month in additional federal Lifeline support for their residential service.

B. Terms and Conditions

1. Tribal Lifeline support is in addition to traditional Lifeline support.
2. All Lifeline regulations are applicable to Tribal Lifeline.

C. Eligibility

To qualify, in addition to meeting the tribal land residency requirement, the customer may be a current recipient of any of the programs identified for Lifeline in A3.31.2 paragraph B, or may be a recipient of one of the following federal programs:

1. BIA (Bureau of Indian Affairs) general assistance
2. Tribally administered Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
3. Head Start (income eligible)
4. Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations

D. Rates and Charges

1. General
 - a. The Tribal Lifeline credit is in addition to the federal Lifeline credit.

Note 1: Effective December 2, 2016, in compliance with the FCC “Lifeline Reform and Modernization Order”, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and National School Lunch Program’s free lunch program are no longer eligible programs under the federal Lifeline program. Existing Lifeline subscribers qualified under these programs prior to December 2, 2016, and who remain qualified for these programs, may retain the Lifeline discount until such time as they must re-certify under current FCC rules and criteria. Effective July 5, 2017, Lifeline discounts noted in this paragraph will only apply to Lifeline subscribers who reside in CAF II Funded Census Blocks.