



Link-up / Lifeline Discount Local Telephone Service

If you receive SSI, Food Stamps, Medicaid, Section 8 Housing Assistance, Energy Assistance (LIHEAP) or Work First Family Assistance benefits, and the telephone service is in your name, you are eligible for local telephone service discounts through two programs called Link-up and Lifeline

Link-up provides a 50 percent discount, up to \$30, off the price of connecting local telephone service.

Lifeline provides a discount of up to \$13.50 per month on the cost of local telephone service.

Enrolling is easy. Here is how qualified persons can apply to receive these discounts.

If you already have phone service:

- Depending on the type of benefits you receive, contact your case worker, local SSA representative, or housing official and have them complete the Link-Up/ Lifeline form and mail it to your telephone company.

If you do not have phone service:

- Depending on the type of benefits you receive, contact your case worker at the Department of Social Services, your local SSA representative at Social Security or your Housing Authority or Section 8 official and ask them to assist you with completing the Lifeline/Link-up application.
- Contact your local telephone company to order service and provide them with your completed application at the time of ordering.
- If you request service to be installed before the approved form is received by the telephone company, you will not receive the Link-Up discount.

For more information about the Lifeline and Link-up programs, visit <http://www.lifeline.gov> on the Internet or contact the Federal Communications Commission at (202) 418-7400. You may also contact ATMC at 910-754-4311.