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RE: CenturyLink's Response to Staff's 2016 Lifeline Report Data Request

Dear Ms. Salak:

In response to your memo dated July 15, 2016, regarding 2016 Lifeline Report Data Request, please see attached response on behalf of Embarq Florida, Inc., d/b/a CenturyLink. CenturyLink is also filing with the Commission Clerks office, under Claim of Confidentiality our response to Question #9.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at 850-847-0173, or via email sandy.khazaree@centurylink.com

Sincerely,

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## **ILEC LIFELINE DATA REQUEST 2016**

To assist the Public Service Commission (PSC) in the development of our Annual Report to the Governor, President of the Senate, and Speaker of the House of Representatives on the Lifeline program as required by Chapter 364.10, Florida Statutes, staff requests that you provide responses to the following by August 15, 2016. Your response should include your company name, contact person, and email address.

For items 1 through 17, please provide the data for the fiscal year July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2016.

For those items requesting that the data be reported on a monthly basis, provide the appropriate number as of the last day of each month during the review period.

1. The number of residential access lines in service each month.

### Response: See Attachment 1

2. The number of customers participating in Lifeline each month. Note: Do not include customers receiving Lifeline through the Transitional Lifeline provision or resold access lines

Response: See Attachment 1

3. The amount of Lifeline credit provided to Lifeline customers on a monthly billing.

### Response: See Attachment 1

4. The number of customers denied Lifeline service. Identify the reason(s) customers were denied Lifeline (i.e. customer currently receiving Lifeline, inability to verify participation in a qualifying program, past due balance, other reasons not listed).

### Response:

Reason	Quantity
Failed to recertify due to incomplete documentation	655
Failed to recertify due to no response	2916
Household already on Lifeline	742
Invalid Account Holder Name	299
Telephone Number Not Active or Found	731
Suspended	67
NLAD Rejection	14
Other Reason	34
Total	5458

5. The number of Lifeline customers added each month. Note: Do not include customers receiving Lifeline through the Transitional Lifeline provision or resold access lines.

### Response: See Attachment 1

6. The number of customers removed from Lifeline each month. Note: Do not include Lifeline customers removed from resold access lines, or Lifeline customers moved to Transitional Lifeline.

**Response: See Attachment 1** 

7. The number of customers participating in Transitional Lifeline each month.

**Response: See Attachment 1** 

8. The number of customers participating in Lifeline under the Tribal Lands provision each month.

Response: See Attachment 1

9. The number of access lines with Lifeline resold to other carriers each month. Identify each carrier separately by name or certificate number.

### Response: See Attachment 1

- 10. Description of your company's procedures for enrolling customers in the Lifeline program. Include the following in your response.
  - a. Procedures used to process applications received from the Office of Public Counsel.

Response: The Office of Public Counsel sends a weekly file to CenturyLink via email. This file contains the names, addresses and phone numbers of customers that the OPC has verified are eligible for the Lifeline discount based on their income. These accounts are routed to a work-list management system, which distributes the accounts to CenturyLink agents who add the Lifeline codes to the approved customers' accounts so that the proper monthly recurring discounts are added to the customers billing. Nightly, accounts that have had Lifeline added to their account are sent via API batch to the National Lifeline Accountability Database (NLAD). If the customer is already in the NLAD, the entry will fail and we remove Lifeline from the account. If the customer information passes NLAD, Lifeline remains on the account.

b. Procedures used to process applications received directly from customers.

Response: When contacted by a Florida residential customer, a CenturyLink representative explains the Lifeline program/process and helps the customer evaluate their eligibility. A letter is mailed to the customer explaining the Lifeline program and the eligibility requirements. A Lifeline application is included with the letter. When the customer sends the completed application and eligibility documentation back to CenturyLink, it is scanned along with any attachments included by the customer and then electronically transferred to the work-list management system. Representatives in a CenturyLink offline center process these Lifeline applications sequentially. If the Lifeline application was filled out correctly and signed by the account holder, and the proper documentation of eligibility is attached, the Lifeline discount is added to the account.

If the application was not completed correctly or was not signed, or if the applicant fails to attach acceptable documentation of eligibility, a letter is sent explaining the missing or incomplete application/documentation along with a new application form. The customer is requested to provide the correct information and return the new application. Upon receipt of the correctly completed application, the Lifeline discount is added to the account.

Nightly, accounts that have had Lifeline added to their account as described above are sent via API batch to the National Lifeline Accountability Database (NLAD). If the customer information passes NLAD, Lifeline remains on the account. If the information does not pass NLAD, we remove Lifeline from the account and notify the applicant that they failed to pass the NLAD check so Lifeline was not added to their account. They are sent a new application and instructions on how to reapply and what additional information is needed to pass the NLAD check in the event they wish to apply.

c. Procedures used to process applications received through the PSC on-line process.

Response: CenturyLink receives an email from the Florida Public Service Commission indicating there are Lifeline applications available to download. CenturyLink downloads these applications and formats them for processing in an automated system. The applications that are rejected from the automated system are routed to a work-list management system which distributes the accounts to agents for manual processing. The agents determine why the discount was not automatically added by the automated system and then adds Lifeline to the account as required. Nightly, accounts that have had Lifeline added to their account as described above are sent via API batch to the National Lifeline Accountability Database (NLAD). If the customer is already in the NLAD, the entry will fail and we will remove Lifeline from the account. If the customer information passes NLAD, Lifeline remains on the account.

d. Procedures used to process applications received through the Department of Children and Families coordinated enrollment process.

Response: CenturyLink receives an email from the Florida Public Service Commission indicating there are Lifeline applications available to download. CenturyLink downloads these applications and formats them for processing in an automated system. The applications that are rejected from the automated system are routed to a work-list management system which distributes the accounts to agents for manual processing. The agents determine why the discount was not automatically added by the automated system and then adds Lifeline to the account as required. Nightly, accounts that have had Lifeline added to their account as described above are sent via API batch to the National Lifeline Accountability Database (NLAD). If the customer is already in the NLAD, the entry will fail and we will remove Lifeline from the account. If the customer information passes NLAD, Lifeline remains on the account.

e. The amount of time required to process applications. Include time period between receipt of customer application and the billing date of the first bill providing the credit.

Response: The majority of Lifeline applications are processed within 5 days of receipt of application depending on work volume within the CenturyLink Offline Center. The amount of time between receipt of the customer's application and the billing date of the first bill providing the credit will vary depending on what billing cycle the customer is assigned to. It should not be longer than the second billing cycle after receipt of the customer's application and may in some cases be the first billing cycle after receipt of the application.

- 11. Description of your company's procedures for performing continued certification of customer eligibility after initial certification. Include the following in your response:
  - a. Time period between initial certification and annual recertification.

Response: CenturyLink follows the FCC's guidance for recertifying Lifeline benefits annually as described in the FCC's May 22, 2013 Press Release. That guidance requires ETC's to utilize their current year data month February 497 subscriber list, adjusted to remove any January and February Lifeline additions, as the basis for the current year recertifications. The time between initial certification and annual certification will vary by subscriber.

b. Method(s) used to verify customer eligibility.

Response: CenturyLink partnered with the Florida PSC and the DCF for assistance in recertifying our Lifeline subscribers in 2015. CenturyLink sent a list of our Lifeline subscribers to the PSC, who worked with the DCF to determine which Lifeline customers were still eligible according to the DCF

database. Those customers that DCF could not verify as still eligible were mailed a 30-day written notice in accordance with 47 CFR § 54.405(d)(4) that they needed to validate their continued eligibility by either completing and returning the form attached to the notice or responding to the notice via IVR. Upon expiration of the 30-day notice period, Lifeline was removed from the accounts of non-responders and those that provided incomplete or inaccurate responses.

- 12. Description of your company's procedures for Lifeline. Include the following in your response:
  - a. Internal procedures for promoting Lifeline.

Response: CenturyLink has established processes for use by Customer Service Representatives, as well as publishing bill inserts (see Attachment 12A) informing customers of the availability of Lifeline annually. CenturyLink also provides a link on our web site where customers can learn more about Lifeline and access an application.

http://www.centurylink.com/Pages/Support/LifeLine/

Outreach and educational efforts involving participation in community events.

### Response:

- August 2, 2015- Big Backpack Event Harborside Event Center Fort Myers. CenturyLink promoted Lifeline in conjunction with Internet Basics.
- August 9, 2015- La Familia Harborside Event Center Fort Myers.
   CenturyLink promoted Lifeline in conjunction with Internet Basics.
- August 13, 2015- Port Charlotte Boys & Girls Club backpack event. CenturyLink promoted Lifeline in conjunction with Internet Basics.
- August 15, 2015- Lipman Produce Backpack Event Immokalee.
   CenturyLink promoted Lifeline in conjunction with Internet Basics.
- August 20, 2015- Hector J. Cafferata Jr. Elementary School Open House Cape Coral. CenturyLink promoted Lifeline in conjunction with Internet Basics.
- August 21, 2015- Traffalgar Middle School Open House Cape Coral.
   CenturyLink promoted Lifeline in conjunction with Internet Basics.
- September 14, 2015- CenturyLink promoted Lifeline at the kick off "National Lifeline Awareness Week" in Tallahassee. The event was sponsored by Goodwill Industries and the PSC.

- October 21, 2015- Bond Community Health Center Inc Food Give Away in Tallahassee CenturyLink promoted Lifeline in conjunction with Internet Basics.
- November 7, 2015- Family First Expo at Kleman Plaza in Tallahassee with Mayor Andrew Gillum. Century Link promoted Lifeline in conjunction with Internet Basics.
- February 2, 2016- Pinewood Apartments Food Give Away in Tallahassee CenturyLink promoted Lifeline in conjunction with Internet Basics.
- April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Dragon Boat Festival. promoted Lifeline in conjunction with CenturyLink Internet Basics
- May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016- The Vinings (MDU Community Event). CenturyLink promoted Lifeline in conjunction with CenturyLink Internet Basics
- May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016 The Madison Crossing. CenturyLink promoted Lifeline in conjunction with CenturyLink Internet Basics
- June 4th, 2016- Hispanic Business Expo in Osceola County.
   CenturyLink promoted Lifeline in conjunction with CenturyLink Internet Basics.
- June 24, 2016 Glen Oaks Apartments in Tallahassee CenturyLink promoted Lifeline in conjunction with Internet Basics.
- c. Outreach and educational efforts involving mass media (newspaper, radio, television).

Response: CenturyLink advertises in newspapers within or adjacent to our service territories and distributes press releases to the State Press Association for inclusion in each of their members' papers. (Please see Attachments 12C1, 12C2, and 12C3.)

d. Copies of Lifeline outreach materials of your company.

Response: Please see attachments 12D1, 12D2, 12D3, 12D4, and 12D5 documents.

e. Organizations you are currently partnering with, have partnered with, and organizations you plan to partner with to educate and inform customers about Lifeline.

Response: Schools, School Foundations, Public Housing Administrators, Community Assistance Program, Senior Resource Alliance, DCA, DCF,OPC, FPSC, Florida Department of Education, Florida Department Of Elder Affairs, Jobs Plus, AARP, Goodwill, and Career Source.

13. Please describe the training you provide to your customer service representatives regarding Lifeline and provide the script used by your company's representatives.

Response: Sales representatives go through their initial training which consists of a review of the Lifeline program and the requirements per state. They then review the company's Handbook where they can find policy information on each state we serve. This is where the Lifeline requirements are maintained for all representatives in the company to find and review when needed.

Attachment Q.13 is a copy of the overall Lifeline document for customer service representatives that include how to discuss Lifeline availability with customers.

14. Please provide any link on your Web site that provides Lifeline information.

Response: CenturyLink has a link on its website that provides State specific information. The Lifeline home page is <a href="http://www.centurylink.com/Pages/Support/LifeLine/">http://www.centurylink.com/Pages/Support/LifeLine/</a>.

Florida can be selected from the State list via a drop-down menu on the right side of the page or accessed directly using

http://www.centurylink.com/static/shop/SpecialOffers/misc5.html.

In addition to CenturyLink's own website, USAC's Lifeline website contains a link to CenturyLink's website

http://www.lifelinesupport.org/ls/companies/CompanyListing.aspx?state=FL&stateName =Florida

15. Do you anticipate offering and seeking reimbursement for Basic Internet Access Services (BIAS) in Florida as part of the Lifeline Program?

Response: Yes, we do.

If yes, please project when you will offer BIAS and when you will seek reimbursement for it.

Response: CenturyLink plans to start offering BIAS for the federal Lifeline Program on 12/1/16. We would then start seeking reimbursement for it 1/31/17.

16. Do you see any impediments in the implementation to the FCC's new Lifeline Order (FCC 16-38)?

Response: CenutryLink anticipates that implementation of the new Lifeline Modernization Order will be a challenge and are working aggressively to meet challenges like the 12/1/16 due date. The challenges are compounded by a number of requests for clarification/reconsideration of portions of the Order. We've also started working to resolve the issues that have come from some of the more difficult parts of the order. This includes issues like the manner in which USAC and ETCs are expected to manage the new port freeze requirements, and individual state responses to how they see their programs working with the new federal order. We welcome the opportunity to have additional discussions

with you regarding the details of how some of these challenges may affect Florida Lifeline customers.

17. To the extent you have experienced a decline in Lifeline customers, please list and describe any issues that may have contributed to the decline. Any additional general comments or information you believe will assist staff in evaluating and reporting the Lifeline participation in Florida are welcome.

Response: CenturyLink has experienced a significant decline in Lifeline customers over the past several years. Nationally, wireless providers now receive 90% of the Lifeline credits because of their offers of free service for limited minutes and texts, and we believe that most of our lost Lifeline customers switched to the free Lifeline mobile service offered by wireless resellers.

### ATTACHMENT 1: CenturyLink's Response to the following questions

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Question:												
1	The number of re	esidential ac	cess lines in	service ead	ch month.							
	Jul-15	Aug-15	Sep-15	Oct-15	Nov-15	Dec-15	Jan-16	Feb-16	Mar-16	Apr-16	May-16	Jun-16
	591,362	587,201	585,173	583,128	581,907	580,502	579,620	577,758	573,145	567,019	562,856	558,146
2	The number of cus	tomers partic	ipating in Life	line each mo	nth. Do not ii	nclude transit	ional or resolo	d access line	S.			
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8	The number of customers participating in Lifeline under the Tribal Lands provision each month.											
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9	The number of acc	ess lines with	ı Lifeline reso	ld to other ca	rriers each m	onth. Identify	/ each carrier	separately by	y name or ce	rtificate numb	er.	

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<sup>\*\*\*</sup> went out of business in December 2015

### IMPORTANT NEWS FROM CENTURYLINK ABOUT YOUR PHONE SERVICE

Federal Universal Service Fund Changes - The Federal Universal Service Fund (USF) rate is reviewed on a quarterly basis by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). Consequently, you may see changes on your bills in January, April, July and/or October. CenturyLink will apply rate changes on all applicable CenturyLink charges, such as those for the local line, private line interstate, long-distance interstate and international service. The Federal USF rate and charge are clearly identified on your bill. The effective rate can be found on http://www.fcc.gov/encyclopedia/contribution-factor-quarterly-filings-universal-service-fund-usf-management-support.

Federal Access Charge Changes - The annual adjustments of a federally approved telephone Subscriber Line Charge and Access Recovery Charge took effect July 1, 2016. These charges cover part of the cost for providing access to and maintenance of your local network. The effective rates can be found on your bill.

Your Rights Regarding Pay-Per-Call Information-Delivery Services -CenturyLink wants to be sure you are informed of your legal rights related to pay-per-call information-delivery services. These are services you generally access through dialing prefixes like "900" or "700" and that charge by the call or by the minute. Pay-per-call services can include recorded telephone messages, interactive programs or other information services. CenturyLink does not provide interstate pay-per-call services. But we do bill customers in our local service region on behalf of many third-party companies, including interexchange long-distance carriers and billing aggregators. A number of these companies, in turn, bill on behalf of pay-per-call service providers. You have specific rights and responsibilities regarding pay-per-call charges that may appear on any of these various companies' bill pages within your CenturyLink bill. We are providing this notice in order to explain those rights as described in the federal Telephone Disclosure and Dispute Resolution Act (TDDRA).

To Report a Billing Error - If you believe you have been billed in error for any pay-per-call services, call the toll-free number listed on the bill page where the pay-per-call charge appears no later than 60 days after you receive the bill containing the charges; or 60 days after the goods you ordered were delivered or should have been delivered, whichever is later. When you call, be prepared to provide the following information:

- Your name and telephone number
- The date the disputed charges first appeared on your bill
- The amount of the disputed charges
- A brief explanation of why you believe you were billed in error If you contact CenturyLink either directly or because CenturyLink is acting as the first point-of-contact for a pay-per-call billing entity about a disputed charge, CenturyLink will credit your bill for the

disputed amount and refer the matter and the charges back to the billing entity. That billing entity, or the pay-per-call service provider, may elect to pursue further action, so it is always good to follow-up with the entity billing the charges on behalf of the pay-per call provider to assure full resolution of your matter.

Response From the Billing Company - In the event you contact the company whose name appears on the bill page where the pay-percall charge appears, in a timely manner, they must acknowledge your claim in writing within 40 days if they haven't resolved your claim within that time. This company must also acknowledge that you are not required to pay the disputed charge pending resolution of their investigation. You must still pay the nondisputed portion of your bill; failure to pay may result in your access to pay-per-call services being involuntarily blocked and/or collections activity against you. If the disputed amount has already been sent to collections, the collection activity will be suspended. This same company must investigate, within 90 days of your initial complaint. whether or not the disputed charges are valid. If there was a billing error, the billing company will let you know and will adjust the charges as appropriate. If the charges have been referred to collections, the collections activity will stop. If the billing company determines the charges were not billed in error, you will receive a written explanation detailing how that conclusion was reached, how much you owe, and the date by which you must pay it. Failure to pay could lead to collection activity. If you continue to dispute the charges, the billing company should not report you as delinguent without also reporting that you continue to dispute the charges.

Compliance - Any long-distance carrier or billing aggregator acting as a billing agent for a pay-per-call service provider that does not comply with the federal rules may not collect the first \$50 of any disputed pay-per-call transaction - regardless of whether or not the disputed charges are discovered to be correct.

Additional Customer Rights - You have a right not to be billed for pay-per call services that do not comply with federal laws and regulations. Your local telephone service cannot be disconnected if you do not pay for pay-per-call services. You may request a block to prevent access to pay-per-call services from your phone line. CenturyLink will provide the block, where feasible, at no charge to

# Telecommunications Relay Service Dial 7-1-1 or Special Toll Free Numbers Listed in Your Telephone Directory

Telecommunications Relay Service is a free telephone service that allows persons with hearing or speech disabilities to place and receive telephone calls using standard telephone equipment or telephone equipment designed for individuals with disabilities. To use Relay dial one of the toll free numbers listed in your telephone directory, or simply dial 7-1-1. A specially trained Communications Assistant (CA) will answer your call and relay the telephone

conversation between you and the party you are calling. All call information and conversations are confidential. Relay service is available 24 hours per day, 365 days a year. Long distance calls placed for you can be billed to your existing long-distance service calling plan, collect, or with the use of a pre-paid calling card, carrier calling card, or third-party billing.

### Types of TRS Calls

Computer (ASCII): users can access Relay Service by setting the communications software to the following protocols: speeds ranging from 300 to 2400 baud: 8 Bits, No Parity; 1 Stop Bit; Full Duplex. For speeds at or below 300 baud, follow the above using Half Duplex.

Hearing-Carry-Over (HCO): HCO allows hearing individuals with very limited or no speech capability to type his or her conversation for the Communications Assistant to read aloud to the hearing person. The HCO user hears the other party's response. HCO requires a specially designed telephone.

Internet Protocal (IP) Relay: Connect to the relay using your computer or other web device. The Communications Assistant handles the call the same as a traditional relay call - "voicing" or reading everything you type to the other party - and typing everything the other party says for you to read on your screen.

**Spanish Relay:** Spanish speaking persons with a hearing or speech disability are able to make relay calls. This is not a translation service – both parties must speak Spanish, and at least one party must have a hearing or speech disability.

Speech-to-Speech (STS): STS allows a person who has difficulty speaking or being understood on the phone to communicate using his or her own voice or voice synthesizer. The Communications Assistant revoices the words of the person with the speech disability so the person on the call can understand them. No special telephone is required.

**Text Telephone (TTY):** Allows anyone who is deaf, hard of hearing or speech disabled to use a TTY to communicate with anyone using a standard telephone.

Video Relay Service (VRS): Allows natural telephone communication between Sign Language and standard telephone users. This service requires high-speed internet service such as DSL, cable modem, or mobile broadband modem.

Voice-Carry-Over: VCO enables people who have difficulty hearing on the phone to voice their conversations directly to the hearing person. The CA then types the hearing person's response to the VCO user. (Requires a special telephone with text display.)

**Voice/Standard Telephone:** A hearing person may use a standard telephone to place a relay call and easily converse with a person who is deaf, hard of hearing or speech disabled.

Voice Over Internet Protocal (VOIP): VoIP customers can access the Telecommunications Relay Service (TRS) by dialing 7-1-1 or using the toll-free number listed in your telephone directory.

### Captioned Telephone Relay

CapTel uses a telephone with a text display screen to allow a person who is hard of hearing to see word-for-word captions of what the other party on the call is saying, while also listening to what is being said using their residual hearing (much like TV captioning). The CapTel user speaks directly to the other person on the call, and the CA uses voice recognition technology to repeat what the other party says, which is then transmitted as text to the user's specialized CapTel phone.

### TTY Users and Emergency Assistance ("9-1-1")

TTY callers should dial 9-1-1 directly. All 9-1-1 centers are equipped to handle TTY calls. Using Relay for 9-1-1 may result in a delay to getting your urgent message through. For more information about TRS, please go to the following URL: http://www.centurylink.com/Pages/AboutUs/Community/Disabled

### Monitoring and Recording of Calls with CenturyLink Business Offices and Other CenturyLink Representatives

Please remember, when you call CenturyLink for sales, service or repair issues, CenturyLink may monitor or record those calls for quality assurance or training purposes. Additionally, when a CenturyLink customer service representative or repair technician calls you, those calls too may be monitored or recorded for the same purpose. Please inform all members of your household or business who may be in contact with CenturyLink of this information.

High Cost Fund (Applicable to Colorado Customers Only) - You may have noticed a charge on your telephone bill for the Colorado Universal Service Fund. This charge is required by the Colorado Public Utilities Commission (PUC) to pay for the Colorado Universal Service Fund established by state law.

What is the Colorado Universal Service Fund? It is a fund to ensure that basic telephone service is affordable in Colorado, and to support the building of broadband networks in unserved areas. Money from the fund is: (1) used to support basic local phone service in non-competitive areas where costs to provide service are high, allowing local phone rates to remain reasonably comparable across the state, and (2) assigned to a state broadband board and then used to fund the building of broadband networks in unserved areas in Colorado.

What services is this charge applied to and who pays it?
This charge is assessed as a percentage of your in-state
telecommunications services for local, wireless, paging, in-state
long distance and optional services. The charge is not applied to
interstate services. All telecommunications customers in Colorado
pay this monthly charge.

What is the monthly charge?

The monthly charge is currently set at 2.6 percent. The PUC may adjust the charge over time depending on how much money is needed for the fund and to make sure that customers do not pay more than is necessary.

Who do I call if I have questions about this charge? For more information, contact your telecommunications provider.

Slamming - Have you ever been slammed? Would you know if you have? Slamming is when one telephone company changes a customer's telephone service - usually long distance service - to another telephone company without that customer's permission. CenturyLink is here to offer some helpful tips on how to avoid being a victim of slamming. Initially, you should call your local telephone company and request a "PC FREEZE" (Preferred Carrier), which will prohibit future changes to your carrier selection until further notice from you. If you receive a call from a telemarketer asking you to change your long distance service and you are happy with your current service, just say that you are not interested and hang up. Don't verify your name, your spouse's name, or your address and never give out your Social Security number. Always carefully read the fine print on everything, including any checks, offers for calling cards, sweepstakes or drawings. If you are slammed, notify your local company to reconnect you to your preferred long distance company at no charge. If the rates charged are higher than your normal rates, you may be entitled to a refund.

Telephone Assistance - CenturyLink participates in a government benefit program (Lifeline) to make residential telephone service more affordable to eligible low-income individuals and families. Eligible customers are those that meet eligibility standards as defined by the FCC and state commissions. Residents who live on federally recognized Tribal Lands may qualify for additional Tribal benefits if they participate in certain additional federal eligibility programs. The Lifeline discount is available for only one telephone number per household, which can be either a wireline or wireless telephone number. A household is defined for the purposes of the Lifeline program as any individual or group of individuals who live together at the same address and share income and expenses. Lifeline service is not transferable, and only eligible consumers may enroll in the program. Consumers who willfully make false statements in order to obtain Lifeline telephone service can be punished by fine or imprisonment and can be barred from the program. If you live in a CenturyLink service area, please call 1-800-201-4099 or visit centurylink.com/lifeline with questions or to request an application for the Lifeline program.

Annual Customer Do-Not-Call Notification - The federal government established a national Do-Not-Call Registry where consumers can register their residential telephone number(s) (including wireless) for free and it will remain on the national Do-Not-Call Registry until you remove or discontinue it. Consumers can register their numbers from the phone number they wish to

register by telephone at 1 888-382-1222 or through the Internet at www.donotcall.gov. TTY users should call 1-866-290-4236.

CenturyLink's Response - Attachment 12A (English)

**8-1-1 Call Before You Dig** - Digging into underground telephone, electric, gas or water lines can disrupt service to your area or could cause serious injury and you could be charged substantial fines. For peace of mind, please call 8-1-1 at least two days before digging up your property. This is a free service.

Privacy - CenturyLink is committed to maintaining our customers' privacy. Like most companies, we collect information about our customers and use it to provide our services. We also share it as needed to meet our business goals or fulfill our legal obligations. We protect the information we have about our customers, and we require those we share it with to protect it too. Our Privacy Policy describes the information we collect, how we use and share it, the choices you have about our use and sharing, and the steps we take to protect it. You can find our Privacy Policy here <a href="http://www.centurylink.com/aboutus/legal/privacypolicy.html">http://www.centurylink.com/aboutus/legal/privacypolicy.html</a> or, if you are unable to access the Internet, write us at Privacy Group, CenturyLink Legal, 100 Centurylink Drive, Monroe, LA 71203 to request a printed copy.

We value you as a customer and look forward to continuing to serve your communication needs. If you have any questions, please contact customer service at the number listed on your bill.

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### NOTICIAS IMPORTANTES DE CENTURYLINK SOBRE SU SERVICIO TELEFÓNICO

Cambios del Fondo Federal de Servicio Universal - La Comisión Federal de Comunicaciones (FCC por sus por sus siglas en inglés) revisa trimestralmente la tarifa del Fondo Federal de Servicio Universal (USF por sus siglas en inglés). En consecuencia, usted podrá percibir cambios en sus facturas correspondientes a los meses de enero, abril, julio y/u octubre. CenturyLink aplicará cambios de tarifa a todos los cargos aplicables de CenturyLink, como los cargos de línea local, servicio interestatal de línea privada, servicio interestatal de línea privada, servicio interestatal de línea privada, servicio interestatal de Servicio Universal se identifican claramente en su factura. Puede consultar la tarifa vigente en http://www.fcc.gov/encyclopedia/contribution-factor-quarterly-filings-universal-service-fund-usf-management-support (disponible solo en inglés).

Cambios en el Cargo Federal de Acceso - Los ajustes anuales del cargo de la línea telefónica de un suscriptor y del cargo de Recuperación de Acceso aprobados por el gobierno federal entraron en vigor el 1 de julio de 2016. Estos cargos cubren parte del costo para proporcionar acceso y mantenimiento de su red local. Puede consultar las tarifas vigentes en su factura

Sus Derechos Respecto a los Servicios de Información y Suministro de Pago por Llamada - CenturyLink desea asegurarse de que esté informado de sus derechos legales en relación a los servicios de información y suministro de Pago por Llamada. Estos son los servicios a los cuales usted generalmente accede por medio del marcado de prefijos como "900" o "700" y cuyo cargo se establece por llamada o por minuto. Los servicios de Pago por Llamada pueden incluir mensajes telefónicos grabados. programas interactivos u otros servicios de información. CenturyLink no proporciona servicios interestatales de pago por llamada. Sin embargo, le facturamos a los clientes en nuestra región de servicio local en nombre de varias compañías externas, incluyendo los operadores entre centrales de larga distancia e integradores de facturación. Muchas de estas compañías, a su vez, realizan cobros en nombre de los proveedores de servicios de pago por llamada. Usted tiene derechos y responsabilidades específicas con respecto a los cargos del servicio de pago por llamada que pueden aparecer en cualquiera de las páginas de facturación de estas compañías dentro de su factura de CenturyLink. Proporcionamos este aviso con el fin de explicar los derechos mencionados de acuerdo a su descripción en la Ley federal de Divulgación Telefónica y Resolución de Conflictos (TDDRA, por sus siglas en inglés).

Notificar un Error de Facturación - Si considera que su factura presenta un error en cualquiera de los servicios de Pago por Llamada, comuníquese al número gratuito que aparece en la página de la factura donde se refleja el cobro del servicio de Pago por Llamada dentro de 60 días después de recibir la factura que contiene los cargos mencionados, o 60 días después de que los bienes que usted adquirió hayan sido enviados o debieron haber sido enviados, cualquiera que ocurra posteriormente. Cuando llame, esté preparado para proporcionar la siguiente información:

- Su nombre v número de teléfono.
- La fecha en que los cargos en disputa aparecieron por primera vez en su factura.
- La cantidad de los cargos en disputa.
- Una breve explicación sobre el motivo por el cual usted considera que

hay un error en la factura.

Si se comunica con CenturyLink, ya sea directamente o ya sea porque CenturyLink actúa como el primer punto de contacto para una entidad de facturación del servicio de Pago por Llamada, en relación a un cargo en disputa, CenturyLink acreditará a su factura la cantidad en disputa y remitirá el caso y los cargos a la entidad de facturación. Esa entidad de facturación, o el proveedor de los servicios de pago por llamada, puede decidir emprender nuevas acciones. Por ello, siempre es bueno hacer un seguimiento junto con la entidad de facturación de los cargos en nombre del proveedor del servicio de pago por llamada para garantizar la resolución total de su caso.

Respuesta de la Compañía de Facturación - En caso de que usted se

comunique de manera oportuna con la compañía cuyo nombre aparece en la página de la factura donde se muestra el cargo por el servicio de pago por llamada, esta compañía debe reconocer la reclamación por escrito dentro de 40 días si su reclamo aún no ha sido resuelto en ese periodo de tiempo. Esta compañía también debe reconocer que usted no está obligado a pagar el cargo en disputa hasta que se tome una decisión como resultado de una investigación. Ústed aún debe pagar la cantidad de la factura que no está en disputa. El incumplimiento en el pago puede causar el bloqueo involuntario del acceso a su servicio de pago por llamada y/o el emprendimiento de actividades de cobro en su contra. Si la cantidad en disputa ya ha sido remitida al departamento de cobro, se suspenderá la actividad de cobro. Esta misma compañía debe investigar, dentro de los 90 días de su reclamación inicial, si los cargos en disputa son válidos o no. Si hubo un error en el cobro del servicio, la compañía de facturación se lo notificará y ajustará los cargos según sea el caso. Si los cargos han sido remitidos al departamento de cobro, se suspenderá la actividad de cobro. Si la compañía de facturación determina que no hay errores en la facturación de los cargos, usted recibirá una explicación por escrito que detalle la forma en que se llegó a esa conclusión, la cantidad que usted adeuda y la fecha en que debe pagar. El incumplimiento en el pago podría dar lugar al emprendimiento de la actividad de recolección. Si usted decide continuar la disputa de los cargos, la compañía de facturación no le notificará su condición de retrasado sin informarle también que usted continuó la disputa de los cargos.

Cumplimiento - Cualquier operador de larga distancia o integrador de facturación que actúe como agente del proveedor de servicios de Pago por Llamada que no cumpla con las normas federales debe abstenerse de cobrar los primeros \$50 de cualquier transacción del servicio de pago por llamada en disputa, independientemente si se descubre que los cargos en disputa son correctos o no.

Derechos Adicionales del Cliente - Usted tiene el derecho a no reconocer el cobro por servicios de Pago por Llamada que no cumpla con las leyes y regulaciones federales. Su servicio telefónico local no puede ser desconectado si usted no paga los servicios de pago por llamada. Puede solicitar un bloqueo para evitar el acceso a los servicios de pago por llamada desde su línea telefónica. CenturyLink realizará el bloqueo, siempre que sea posible, sin costo alguno para usted.

Servicio de Retransmisión de Telecomunicaciones:

Marque 7-1-1 o los Números Especiales Gratuitos que se indican en su Directorio Telefónico

El Servicio de Retransmisión de Telecomunicaciones es un servicio

telefónico gratuito que permite a las personas con discapacidades auditivas y/o de habla realizar y recibir llamadas telefónicas utilizando un equipo telefónico estándar o un equipo telefónico diseñado para personas con discapacidad. Para utilizar el servicio de Retransmisión marque uno de los números telefónicos gratuitos que se indican en su directorio telefónico, o simplemente marque 7-1-1. Un Asistente de Comunicación (CA) especialmente capacitado responderá su llamada y transmitirá la conversación telefónica entre usted y la persona a la que llama. Toda la información y las conversaciones de las llamadas son confidenciales. El servicio de retransmisión está disponible las 24 horas al día, los 365 días del año. Las llamadas de larga distancia que realice pueden ser cargadas a su plan de llamadas del servicio de larga distancia existente, cobradas o pagadas a través del uso de una tarjeta telefónica prepago, tarjeta telefónica del operador, o facturación de terceros.

# Tipos de llamada del Servicio de Retransmisión de Telecomunicaciones (TRS por sus siglas en inglés)

Los usuarios de **Computadoras (ASCII)** pueden acceder al Servicio de Retransmisión a través de la configuración del software de comunicaciones a los siguientes protocolos: velocidades desde 300 a 2400 baudios: 8 Bits; Sin paridad; 1 Bit de parada; Full Dúplex. Para velocidades ubicadas en o por debajo de los 300 baudios, siga las especificaciones anteriores usando la mitad del Dúplex.

Transferencia de Audición (HCO por sus siglas en inglés): La Transferencia de Audición permite que las personas que tienen muy poca o ninguna capacidad de hablar puedan escribir su conversación para que los Asistentes de Comunicaciones la lean en voz alta al receptor. El usuario de la HCO escucha la respuesta de la otra persona. La HCO requiere un teléfono con un diseño especial.

Retransmisión del Protocolo de Internet (IP): Conecta la retransmisión mediante el uso de su computadora u otro dispositivo de red. El Asistente de Comunicaciones gestiona la llamada de la misma forma que una llamada de retransmisión tradicional - expresa "oralmente" o lee todo lo que usted le escribe el remitente - y escribe todo lo que el remitente dice para que usted lo lea en su pantalla.

Retransmisión en español: Las personas de habla hispana con discapacidad auditiva o de habla pueden hacer llamadas de retransmisión. Este no es un servicio de traducción - ambas partes deben hablar español, y al menos una de las partes deben tener una discapacidad auditiva o de

Voz-a-Voz (STS por sus siglas en inglés): El servicio STS permite que una persona con dificultad para hablar o para darse a entender a través del teléfono se comunique utilizando su propia voz o un sintetizador de voz. El Asistente de Comunicaciones retransmite las palabras de la persona con discapacidad de habla para que el receptor de la llamada pueda comprender lo que dice. No se requiere un teléfono especial.

Teléfono con teclado (TTY por sus siglas en inglés): Permite a las persona sordas, con problemas de audición o con discapacidad de habla utilicen un teléfono con teclado para comunicarse con otra persona a través de una llamada.

Servicio de Retransmisión de Video (VRS por sus siglas en inglés):
Permite la comunicación telefónica natural entre usuarios del Lenguaje
de señas y usuarios de teléfono estándar. Este servicio requiere a su vez
un servicio de internet de alta velocidad. como DSL. módem por cable o

módem de banda ancha móvil.

Transferencia de Voz (VCO por sus siglas en inglés): La VCO Permite que una persona con una discapacidad auditiva, pero que desea hacer uso de su propia voz, hable directamente con otra persona. El Asistente de Comunicaciones luego escribe la respuesta del otro interlocutor al usuario de la VCO. (Requiere un teléfono especial con pantalla de texto).

Teléfono de Voz/Estándar: Una persona sin dificultades auditivas puede usar un teléfono estándar para hacer una llamada de retransmisión y conversar fácilmente con una persona sorda, con dificultad auditiva o discapacidad de habla.

Protocolo de Voz por Internet (VOIP por sus siglas en inglés): Los clientes del VoIP pueden acceder al Servicio de Retransmisión de Telecomunicaciones (TRS) marcando 7-1-1 o utilizando el número gratuito que aparece en su directorio telefónico.

### Retransmisión Telefónica con Subtítulos:

CapTel utiliza un teléfono con una pantalla de visualización de texto que le permite a una persona con problemas de audición ver subtítulos palabra por palabra sobre lo que está diciendo el otro participante de la llamada, mientras que al mismo tiempo escucha lo que se dice utilizando su audición residual (similar a los subtítulos en la televisión). El usuario de CapTel habla directamente con la otra persona en la llamada, y el Asistente de Comunicaciones utiliza la tecnología de reconocimiento de voz para repetir lo que dice la otra parte, lo cual posteriormente se transmite en forma de texto al teléfono especializado CapTel del usuario.

Asistencia para Usuarios de Teléfono con teclado y Emergencias ("9-1-1") Los usuarios que llamen a través de Teléfono con teclado deben marcar directamente 9-1-1. Todos los centros 9-1-1 están equipados para recibir llamadas de Teléfono con teclado. El uso de la Retransmisión a través del 9-1-1 puede implicar un retraso para la recepción de su mensaje urgente. Para obtener más información sobre el TRS, por favor visite la siguiente URL: <a href="http://www.centurylink.com/Pages/AboutUs/Community/Disabled">http://www.centurylink.com/Pages/AboutUs/Community/Disabled</a> (disponible solo en inglés).

### Supervisión y Registro de Llamadas a las Oficinas Comerciales de CenturyLink y

### Otros Representantes de CenturyLink

Por favor, recuerde que al comunicarse con CenturyLink para conversar sobre asuntos de ventas, servicio o reparación, CenturyLink puede supervisar o grabar estas llamadas para fines de control de calidad o entrenamiento. Asimismo, cuando un representante del servicio al cliente o del servicio técnico de reparación de CenturyLink se comunique con usted, estas llamadas también pueden ser supervisadas o grabadas con el mismo propósito. Por favor, informe a todos los miembros de su hogar o negocio que puedan estar en contacto con CenturyLink acerca de esta información.

Fondo de Alto Costo (Aplicable solo a Clientes de Colorado) - Usted pudo haber notado un cargo en su cuenta de teléfono para el Fondo de Servicio Universal de Colorado. La Comisión de Servicios Públicos de Colorado (PUC) requiere este cargo pagar el Fondo de Servicio Universal de Colorado establecido por la ley estatal.

¿Qué es el Fondo de Servicio Úniversal de Colorado? Este es un fondo para garantizar que el servicio telefónico básico sea asequible en Colorado, y para apoyar la construcción de redes de banda ancha en áreas sin servicio. El dinero del fondo: (1) se utiliza para apoyar el servicio telefónico local básico en áreas no competitivas en donde los costos para proporcionar el servicio son altos, permitiendo que las tarifas telefónicas locales sigan siendo razonablemente comparables en todo el estado, y (2) se asigna a una tarjeta de banda ancha del estado y luego se utiliza para financiar la construcción de redes de banda ancha en áreas sin servicio en el estado de Colorado.

¿A qué servicios se aplica este cargo y quién lo paga? Este cargo se evalúa como un porcentaje de sus servicios de telecomunicación estatal para servicios locales inalámbricos, de paginación, larga distancia dentro del estado y servicios opcionales. El cargo no se aplica a los servicios entre estados. Todos los clientes de telecomunicaciones en Colorado pagan este cargo mensual.

¿Cuál es el cargo mensual?

Él cargo mensual actualmente se fija en 2.6 por ciento. La PUC puede ajustar el cargo a través del tiempo, dependiendo de la cantidad de dinero que se necesita para el fondo y para asegurarse de que los clientes no paquen más de lo necesario.

¿A quién llamo si tengo preguntas sobre este cargo? Para obtener más información, comuníquese con su proveedor de telecomunicaciones.

Asignación Fraudulenta - ¿Alguna vez ha sido víctima de una asignación fraudulenta? ¿Sabría usted si esto le ha sucedido? La asignación fraudulenta ocurre cuando una compañía telefónica cambia el servicio telefónico de un cliente (por lo general el servicio de larga distancia) a otra compañía telefónica sin autorización del cliente. CenturyLink está aquí para ofrecer algunas recomendaciones útiles sobre cómo evitar ser víctima de una asignación fraudulenta. Inicialmente, debe llamar a su compañía telefónica local y solicitar una "CONGELACIÓN DEL OPERADOR PREFERIDO", lo cual prohibirá futuros cambios en su selección del operador hasta que usted lo notifique. Si recibe una llamada de un vendedor telefónico solicitándole que cambie su servicio de larga distancia pero usted está satisfecho con su servicio actual, solo indíquele que no está interesado y cuelque. No suministre su nombre, el nombre de su cónvuge, o su dirección y nunca suministre su número de Seguridad Social. Lea siempre cuidadosamente las letras pequeñas en todos los documentos, incluyendo cualquier cheque, ofertas de tarjetas de llamadas, sorteos o ilustraciones. Si ha sido víctima de una asignación fraudulenta, notifíquelo a su compañía local para que vuelva a conectarlo a su compañía preferida de servicio de larga distancia sin costo adicional. Si las tarifas que se cobran son superiores a sus tarifas regulares, usted puede tener derecho a un reembolso.

Asistencia telefónica - CenturyLink participa en un programa de beneficios del gobierno (Lifeline) para permitir que el servicio telefónico residencial sea más asequible para individuos y familias de bajos ingresos que sean elegibles. Los clientes elegibles son aquellos que cumplen con las normas de elegibilidad según lo definido por la FCC y las comisiones estatales. Los residentes que viven en Tierras Tribales reconocidas a nivel federal pueden calificar para beneficios Tribales adicionales si participan en algunos programas adicionales de elegibilidad federal. El descuento del programa Lifeline está disponible solo para un número de teléfono por hogar, que puede ser una línea fija o número de teléfono inalámbrico. Un hogar se define, para propósitos del programa Lifeline, como cualquier individuo o grupo de individuos que viven juntos en la misma dirección y comparten ingresos y gastos. El servicio Lifeline no es transferible, y

solo los consumidores elegibles pueden inscribirse en el programa. Los consumidores que voluntariamente hagan declaraciones falsas con el fin de obtener el servicio telefónico *Lifeline* pueden ser castigados con multas o prisión y pueden ser excluidos del programa. Si usted vive en un área de servicio de CenturyLink, por favor llame al 1-800-201-4099 o visite el sitio web centurylink.com/lifeline en caso de dudas o para requerir una solicitud para el programa *Lifeline*.

CenturyLink's Response: Attachment 12A (Spanish)

Notificación Anual del Cliente para el Registro de "No Llamar" - El gobierno federal estableció un Registro nacional de No Llamar donde los consumidores pueden registrar su número(s) de teléfono residencial (incluyendo teléfonos inalámbricos) de forma gratuita. Este número permanecerá en el Registro nacional de No Llamar hasta que usted lo elimine o suspenda. Los clientes pueden registrar sus números desde el número telefónico que desean registrar a través de una llamada al 1 888-382-1222 o a través de lnternet en la dirección web www.donotcall.gov (disponible solo en inglés). Los usuarios de Teléfonos con teclado deben llamar al 1-866-290-4236.

8-1-1 Llame Antes de Excavar - La instalación de tuberías subterráneas para líneas telefónicas, eléctricas o para el servicio de gas o agua puede interrumpir el servicio a su área o podría causar lesiones graves y puede costarle una gran cantidad de dinero como resultado de la aplicación de multas. Para su tranquilidad, por favor llame al 8-1-1 al menos dos días antes de realizar trabajaos de excavación en su propiedad. Este es un servicio gratuito.

Privacidad - CenturyLink se compromete a mantener la privacidad de nuestros clientes. Como la mayoría de las compañías, recopilamos información sobre nuestros clientes y la utilizamos para proporcionar nuestros servicios. También compartimos esta información, según sea necesario, para cumplir con nuestros objetivos de negocio o cumplir con nuestras obligaciones legales. Protegemos la información de nuestros clientes, y le exigimos a aquellos con quien compartimos dicha información que la protejan también. Nuestra Política de Privacidad describe la información que recopilamos, la manera en que la usamos y compartimos, las opciones que tiene sobre nuestro uso y divulgación y las medidas que tomamos para protegerla. Puede consultar nuestra Política de Privacidad aquí

http://www.centurylink.com/aboutus/legal/privacypolicy.html (solo disponible en inglés) o, si no puede acceder a Internet, escríbanos a Privacy Group, CenturyLink Legal, 100 Centurylink Drive, Monroe, LA 71203 para solicitar una copia impresa.

Agradecemos su preferencia y esperamos poder continuar satisfaciendo sus necesidades de comunicación. Si usted tiene alguna pregunta, por favor, comuníquese con el servicio al cliente al número que aparece en su factura.

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Phone and Internet	01/14/2016	2 x 8.18	\$583.00	CL_1	/4_PAGE	\$0.00	0.0000%	\$583.00

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**Discounts Available to** CenturyLink Customers **Newspaper Total** \$1,166.00 **Newspaper Net** \$1,166.00 FLPA/Crestview News Bulletin County Okaloosa Phone and Internet 01/13/2016 2 x 10 \$288.00 CL \$0.00 0.0000% \$288.00 Discounts Available to CenturyLink Customers **Newspaper Total** \$288.00 **Newspaper Net** \$288.00 FLPA/Daytona Beach News-Journal County Volusia Phone and Internet 01/10/2016 2 x 9 \$120.40 CL\_WVOLUSIA \$0.00 0.0000% \$2,167.20 **Discounts Available to** CenturyLink Customers **Newspaper Total** \$2,167.20 **Newspaper Net** \$2,167.20 FLPA/DeFuniak Springs Herald County **Defuniak Springs Phone and Internet** 01/14/2016 2 x 9 \$5.50 CL \$0.00 0.0000% \$99.00 **Discounts Available to CenturyLink Customers Newspaper Total** \$99.00 **Newspaper Net** \$99.00 FLPA/Destin Log County Okaloosa **Phone and Internet** 01/13/2016 2 x 10 \$495.00 CL \$0.00 0.0000% \$495.00 **Discounts Available to CenturyLink Customers** 

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					Newspaper Tota	ı		\$495.00
					Newspaper Net			\$495.00
FLPA/Eglin Flyer					County	Okaloosa		
Phone and Internet Discounts Available to CenturyLink Customers	01/15/2016	2 x 9	\$12.55	CL		\$0.00	0.0000%	\$225.90
-					Newspaper Tota	I		\$225.90
					Newspaper Net			\$225.90
FLPA/Ft Walton Beach NW Florida	a Daily				County	Okaloosa		
Phone and Internet Discounts Available to CenturyLink Customers	01/10/2016	2 x 10	\$900.00	CL		\$0.00	0.0000%	\$900.00
					Newspaper Tota	ı		\$900.00
					Newspaper Net			\$900.00
FLPA/Ft. Meade Leader					County	Polk		
Phone and Internet Discounts Available to CenturyLink Customers	01/13/2016	3 x 8	\$282.00	CL_	_1/4	\$0.00	0.0000%	\$282.00
•					Newspaper Tota	I		\$282.00
					Newspaper Net			\$282.00
FLPA/Gadsden County Times					County	Gadsden		
Phone and Internet Discounts Available to CenturyLink Customers	01/14/2016	2 x 9	\$245.00	CL		\$0.00	0.0000%	\$245.00
					Newspaper Tota	ı		\$245.00
					Newspaper Net			\$245.00

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Caption Run Date Ad Size Rate Rate Name Color Disc. **Total** FLPA/Highlands Today County Highlands 01/10/2016 **Phone and Internet** \$16.75 CL \$0.00 0.0000% \$301.50 2 x 9 **Discounts Available to CenturyLink Customers** 01/10/2016 Phone and Internet 2 x 9 \$16.75 CL \$0.00 0.0000% \$301.50 **Discounts Available to** CenturyLink Customers **SPANISH VERSION Newspaper Total** \$603.00 **Newspaper Net** \$603.00 FLPA/Holmes County Times County Holmes 01/13/2016 2 x 10 \$270.00 CL \$0.00 0.0000% \$270.00 Phone and Internet **Discounts Available to CenturyLink Customers Newspaper Total** \$270.00 **Newspaper Net** \$270.00 FLPA/Immokalee Bulletin Collier County Phone and Internet 01/14/2016 2 x 8.18 \$504.00 CL 1/4 PAGE \$0.00 0.0000% \$504.00 Discounts Available to CenturyLink Customers **Newspaper Total** \$504.00 **Newspaper Net** \$504.00 FLPA/Jackson Co. Times County Jackson \$105.00 CL Phone and Internet 01/14/2016 2 x 9 \$0.00 0.0000% \$105.00 **Discounts Available to CenturyLink Customers** 



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					Newspaper Tota	I		\$105.00
					Newspaper Net			\$105.00
FLPA/Lake Placid Journal					County	Highlands	5	
Phone and Internet Discounts Available to CenturyLink Customers	01/13/2016	2 x 8	\$347.00	CL_	1/4	\$0.00	0.0000%	\$347.00
·					Newspaper Tota	ıl		\$347.00
					Newspaper Net			\$347.00
FLPA/Leesburg Daily Commercial					County	Lake		
Phone and Internet Discounts Available to CenturyLink Customers	01/10/2016	2 x 9	\$27.58	CL		\$0.00	0.0000%	\$496.44
					Newspaper Tota	ı		\$496.44
					Newspaper Net			\$496.44
FLPA/Lehigh Acres News Star					County	Lehigh		
Phone and Internet Discounts Available to CenturyLink Customers	01/13/2016	2 x 9	\$16.00	CL		\$0.00	0.0000%	\$288.00
					Newspaper Tota	ı		\$288.00
					Newspaper Net			\$288.00
FLPA/Madison County Carrier Pres	ss				County	Madison		
Phone and Internet Discounts Available to CenturyLink Customers	01/13/2016	2 x 9	\$7.50	CL		\$0.00	0.0000%	\$135.00

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Caption Run Date Ad Size Rate Rate Name Color Disc. **Total Newspaper Total** \$135.00 \$135.00 **Newspaper Net** FLPA/Marco Island Eagle County Collier Phone and Internet 01/12/2016 3 x 9.25 \$530.31 CL 1/4PG \$0.00 0.0000% \$530.31 **Discounts Available to CenturyLink Customers** \$530.31 **Newspaper Total Newspaper Net** \$530.31 Jefferson FLPA/Monticello News County **Phone and Internet** 01/13/2016 2 x 9 \$7.50 CL \$0.00 0.0000% \$135.00 **Discounts Available to CenturyLink Customers** \$135.00 **Newspaper Total Newspaper Net** \$135.00 FLPA/North Lake Outpost County Umatilla 01/14/2016 2 x 9 \$5.05 CL \$0.00 0.0000% **Phone and Internet** \$90.90 **Discounts Available to CenturyLink Customers** \$90.90 **Newspaper Total Newspaper Net** \$90.90 FLPA/Okeechobee News County Okeechobee **Phone and Internet** 01/13/2016 2 x 8.18 \$768.00 CL\_1/4PG \$0.00 0.0000% \$768.00 Discounts Available to **CenturyLink Customers Phone and Internet** \$768.00 01/13/2016 2 x 8.18 \$768.00 CL\_1/4PG \$0.00 0.0000% **Discounts Available to** 



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CenturyLink Customers SPANISH VERSION								
					Newspaper Tota	I		\$1,536.00
					Newspaper Net			\$1,536.00
FLPA/Osceola News Gazette					County	Osceola		
Phone and Internet Discounts Available to CenturyLink Customers	01/14/2016	2 x 9	\$21.50	CL		\$0.00	0.0000%	\$387.00
					Newspaper Tota	I		\$387.00
					Newspaper Net			\$387.00
FLPA/Port Charlotte Sun Herald					County	Charlotte		
Phone and Internet Discounts Available to CenturyLink Customers	01/10/2016	2 x 9	\$58.60	CL		\$0.00	0.0000%	\$1,054.80
					Newspaper Tota	I		\$1,054.80
					Newspaper Net			\$1,054.80
FLPA/Sebring News-Sun					County	Highlands	<b>S</b>	
Phone and Internet Discounts Available to CenturyLink Customers	01/13/2016	2 x 9	\$11.69	CL	·	\$0.00	0.0000%	\$210.42
Phone and Internet Discounts Available to CenturyLink Customers SPANISH VERSION	01/13/2016	2 x 9	\$11.69	CL		\$0.00	0.0000%	\$210.42

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Caption Run Date Ad Size Rate Rate Name Color Disc. **Total Newspaper Total** \$420.84 **Newspaper Net** \$420.84 FLPA/Sumter County Times County Sumter Phone and Internet 01/14/2016 2 x 9 \$245.00 CL \$0.00 0.0000% \$245.00 **Discounts Available to CenturyLink Customers** \$245.00 **Newspaper Total Newspaper Net** \$245.00 FLPA/Village Sun County Sumter **Phone and Internet** 01/10/2016 2 x 9 \$31.50 CL \$0.00 0.0000% \$567.00 **Discounts Available to** CenturyLink Customers **Newspaper Total** \$567.00 **Newspaper Net** \$567.00 FLPA/Wakulla News County Wakulla 01/14/2016 2 x 9 \$245.00 CL \$0.00 0.0000% **Phone and Internet** \$245.00 **Discounts Available to CenturyLink Customers Newspaper Total** \$245.00 **Newspaper Net** \$245.00 FLPA/Walton Sun County Walton **Phone and Internet** 01/09/2016 2 x 10 \$390.96 CL \$0.00 0.0000% \$390.96 **Discounts Available to CenturyLink Customers Newspaper Total** \$390.96

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Caption Run Date Ad Size Rate Rate Name Color Disc. **Total** FLPA/Washington County News County Washington \$288.00 CL **Phone and Internet** 01/13/2016 2 x 10 \$0.00 0.0000% \$288.00 **Discounts Available to CenturyLink Customers Newspaper Total** \$288.00 **Newspaper Net** \$288.00 FLPA/Wauchaula Herald Advocate County Hardee \$6.45 CL Phone and Internet 01/14/2016 2 x 9 \$0.00 0.0000% \$116.10 **Discounts Available to CenturyLink Customers Newspaper Total** \$116.10 **Newspaper Net** \$116.10 FLPA/West Orange Times County West Orange \$16.00 CL **Phone and Internet** 01/14/2016 2 x 9 \$0.00 0.0000% \$288.00 **Discounts Available to** CenturyLink Customers Phone and Internet 01/14/2016 \$16.00 CL \$0.00 0.0000% 2 x 9 \$288.00 **Discounts Available to** CenturyLink Customers SPANISH VERSION **Newspaper Total** \$576.00 **Newspaper Net** \$576.00 FLPA/Williston Pioneer County Levv Phone and Internet 01/14/2016 2 x 9 \$245.00 CL \$0.00 0.0000% \$245.00 **Discounts Available to** 

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Total Caption Run Date Ad Size Rate Rate Name Color Disc. **Newspaper Total** \$245.00 **Newspaper Net** \$245.00 FLPA/Winter Park Maitland Observer County Orange \$210.00 CL\_1/4\_PAGE Phone and Internet 01/14/2016 2 x 8 \$0.00 0.0000% \$210.00 **Discounts Available to** CenturvLink Customers SPANISH VERSION Phone and Internet 01/14/2016 \$210.00 CL\_1/4\_PAGE \$0.00 0.0000% \$210.00 2 x 8 **Discounts Available to** CenturyLink Customers

Newspaper Total	\$420.00
Newspaper Net	\$420.00
Total Advertising	\$19,455.23
Discounts	\$0.00
Tax: USA	\$0.00
Total Invoice	\$19,455.23
Payments	\$0.00
Adjustments	\$0.00
Balance Due	\$19,455.23

# **Phone and Internet Discounts**

# Available to CenturyLink Customers

Florida Public Service Commission designated CenturyLink as an Telecommunications Carrier within its area for universal service purposes. CenturyLink's basic local service rates for residential voice lines are \$20.46 per month and business services are \$29.00-\$33.50 per month. Specific rates will be provided upon request.

CenturyLink participates in a government benefit program (Lifeline) to make residential telephone service more affordable to eligible low-income individuals and families. Eligible customers are those that meet eligibility standards as defined by the FCC and state commissions. Residents who live on federally recognized Tribal Lands may qualify for additional Tribal benefits if they participate in certain additional federal eligibility programs. The Lifeline discount is available for only one telephone per household, which can be either a wireline or wireless telephone. household is defined for the purposes of the Lifeline program as any individual or group of individuals who live together at the same address and share income and expenses. Lifeline service is not transferable, and only eligible consumers may enroll in the program. Consumers who willfully make false statements in order to obtain Lifeline telephone service can be punished by

Lifeline eligible subscribers may also qualify for reliable home high-speed Internet service up to 1.5Mbps for \$9.95\* per month for the first 12 months of service. Please call 1-800-257-3212 or visit centurylink.com/internetbasics for information.

imprisonment and can be barred from the program.

If you live in a CenturyLink service area, please call 1-855-954-6546 or visit centurylink.com/lifeline with questions or to request an application for the

Lifeline program. \*CenturyLink Internet Basics Program - Residential customers only who qualify based on meeting income level or program participation eligibility requirements, and requires

remaining eligible for the entire offer period. First bill will include charges for the \first full month of service billed in advance, prorated charges for service from the date of installation to bill date, and one-time charges and fees described above. Qualifying customers may keep this program for a maximum of 60 months after service activation provided customer still qualifies during that time. Listed High-Speed Internet rate of \$9.95/mo. applies for first 12

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months of service (after which the rate reverts to \$14.95/mo. for the next 48 months of service), and requires a 12-month term agreement. Customer must either lease a modem/router from CenturyLink for an additional monthly charge or independently purchase a modem/router, and a one-time High-Speed Internet activation fee applies. A onetime professional installation charge (if selected by customer) and a one-time shipping and handling fee applies to customer's modem/router. General - Services not available everywhere. Have not have subscribed to CenturyLink Internet service within the last 90 days and are not a current CenturyLink customer. CenturyLink may change or cancel services or substitute similar services at its sole discretion without notice. Offer, plans, and stated rates are subject to change and may vary by service area. Deposit may be required. Additional restrictions apply. **Terms and Conditions** – All products and services listed are governed by tariffs, terms of service, or terms and conditions posted at centurylink.com. Taxes, Fees, and Surcharges - Applicable taxes, fees, and surcharges include a carrier Universal Service charge, carrier cost recovery surcharges, state and local fees that vary by area and certain in-state surcharges. Cost recovery sections, state and local fees that vary by area and certain in-state surcharges. Cost recovery fees are not taxes or government-required charges for use. Taxes, fees, and surcharges apply based on standard monthly, not





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Job Numbers: A15CTL-014

Job Name: Spanish Translation of Florida Lifeline

Date: December 11, 2015

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La Comisión de Servicios Públicos de la Florida ha designado a CenturyLink como Proveedor Elegible de Telecomunicaciones dentro de su área de servicio para los propósitos de servicio universal. Las tarifas para servicios básicos locales de CenturyLink son de \$20.46 al mes para líneas de teléfono residenciales, y de \$29.00-\$33.50 al mes para servicios de negocios. Tarifas específicas serán proporcionadas mediante solicitud.

CenturyLink participa en un programa gubernamental (Lifeline) que proporciona servicio de teléfono residencial a un precio más accesible a individuos y familias de bajos recursos elegibles. Los clientes elegibles serán quienes cumplan con los estándares establecidos por la FCC y las comisiones estatales. Los residentes que habiten en Tierras Tribales reconocidas federalmente podrían calificar para obtener beneficios Tribales adicionales si participan en ciertos programas de elegibilidad federales adicionales. El descuento Lifeline está disponible para solo una línea de teléfono por hogar, ya sea de teléfono fijo o inalámbrico. Para efectos del programa Lifeline, un hogar se define como un individuo o grupo de individuos que viven juntos en el mismo domicilio y que comparten ingresos y gastos. El servicio Lifeline no es transferible, y solo los consumidores elegibles podrán inscribirse en el programa. Los consumidores que hagan declaraciones falsas intencionalmente, con el objetivo de obtener el servicio de teléfono Lifeline, podrán ser sancionados con multas o encarcelamiento y se les podrá negar la participación en el programa.

Los suscriptores elegibles a Lifeline también podrían calificar para obtener servicio residencial de Internet de Alta Velocidad confiable, de hasta 1.5Mbps por \$9.95\* al mes durante los primeros 12 meses del servicio. Por favor comuníquese al 1-800-257-3212 (disponible solo en inglés) o visite centurylink.com/internetbasics (disponible solo en inglés) para obtener más información.

Si usted vive en un área de servicio de CenturyLink, por favor llame al 1-855-954-6546 o visite centurylink.com/lifeline (disponible solo en inglés) para resolver sus dudas o para pedir una solicitud para participar en el programa Lifeline.

\*Programa CenturyLink Internet Basics – Disponible solo para clientes residenciales que califiquen basado en el cumplimiento con los requisitos de nivel de ingreso, o con los requisitos de elegibilidad para la participación en el programa, y requiere que los criterios de elegibilidad se mantengan durante el periodo entero de la oferta. La primera factura incluirá los cargos correspondientes al primer mes entero por anticipado, cargos prorrateados por el servicio a partir de la fecha de instalación y hasta la fecha de facturación, y los cargos y cuotas únicos descritos con anterioridad. Los clientes que califiquen podrán conservar el programa durante un máximo de 60 meses luego de la activación del servicio siempre y cuando el cliente siga siendo elegible durante dicho periodo. La tarifa publicada de \$9.95 al mes por Internet de Alta Velocidad aplica durante los primeros 12 meses de servicio (después de los cuales, la tarifa se revertirá a \$14.95 al mes durante los siguientes 48 meses de servicio), y requiere de un acuerdo de plazo de 12 meses. El cliente deberá rentar un módem/router de CenturyLink mediante un cargo mensual adicional o adquirir un módem/router independientemente, y aplica un cargo único de activación de Internet de Alta Velocidad. Un cargo único por la instalación profesional (si el cliente la elije) y un cargo único por el manejo y envío del módem/router al cliente aplican. General – Servicios no disponibles en todas las áreas. No podrá haberse suscrito a servicio de Internet de CenturyLink durante los últimos 90 días ni ser cliente actual de CenturyLink. CenturyLink puede cambiar, cancelar o sustituir servicios por servicios similares a su sola discreción sin previo aviso. Ofertas, planes y tarifas publicadas están sujetas a cambios y podrían variar por área de servicio. Se puede requerir un depósito. Aplican restricciones adicionales. Términos y Condiciones – Todos los productos y servicios listados están regidos por tarifas, términos de servicio, o términos y condiciones publicados en centurylink.com. Impuestos, Cargos y Sobrecargos – Impuestos, cargos y sobrecargos aplicables incluyen un cargo de Servicio de Proveedor Universal, sobrecargos de recuperación de costos de proveedores, tarifas estatales y locales que varían por área, y ciertos sobrecargos dentro del estado. Las tarifas de recuperación de cargos no son impuestos ni cargos gubernamentales requeridos para su uso. Aplican impuestos, cargos y sobrecargos basados en la tarifa estándar mensual, no la promocional.

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# general information (cont'd)

### Lifeline Telephone Assistance Program CenturyLink participates in a program to make

residential telephone service more affordable to eligible low-income individuals and families. This program, established by the Florida Public Service Commission and in conjunction with the Federal Communications Commission, offers discounted basic local service to qualified customers. In addition, service deposits are generally waived for customers electing to place toll restriction on their lines. Monthly charges for toll restriction will be waived for customers requesting to have that restriction on their account

### Who Is Eligible For Telephone Assistance?

Eligible customers are those that meet eligibility standards as defined by the Florida Public Service Commission and the FCC. Residents who live on federally recognized Tribal Lands may qualify for additional Tribal benefits if they participate in certain additional federal eligibility programs.

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If you have questions or believe you may qualify for these benefits, please call your CenturyLink Residential Customer Service Representative.

### **Telephone Service & The Law**

Annoying and Anonymous Calls What You Can Do About Them:

- 1. Don't Talk. Don't talk to a caller you are doubtful of or give the caller an audience.
- 2. Hang Up. Hang up at the first obscene word, or if the caller does not say anything or refuses to identify himself or herself.
- 3. If calls persist, call your Local Service Provider or police department and request Call Tracing Service.
- 4. Successful trace information is only provided to your local Law Enforcement agency.

The laws of the State of Florida provide that the following acts are crimes punishable by fine, imprisonment or both. Whoever by telephone makes, or knowingly permits another to make over a telephone under his or her control:

- 1. Any comment, request, suggestion or proposal which is obscene, lewd, lascivious, filthy, or
- 2. A telephone call, whether or not a conversation ensues, without disclosing his or her identity and with intent to annoy, abuse, threaten or harass any person at the number called.
- 3. A telephone call which causes the telephone of another to repeatedly ring, with the intent to harass any person at the number called.
- 4. Repeated telephone calls, during which conversation ensues, solely to harass any person at the number called.

### **Automated Telephone Solicitation**

Florida law prohibits the use of a telephone for the purpose of offering any goods or services for sale or conveying information regarding any goods or services when such use involves any automated system for the selection or dialing of telephone numbers and the playing of a recorded message when a connection is completed to the called number. Nothing in the law prohibits the use of automated telephone systems with recorded messages when the calls are made or messages given solely in response to calls initiated by the person to whom the automatic call or message is directed, or when the calls made concern goods or services previously ordered or purchased. Violation is punishable by fine, imprisonment or both.

Under the Federal Communication Commission's registration program, you may supply your own telephone or other terminal equipment and connect it directly to the nationwide telephone network.

### **Testing Your Equipment**

If you believe the problem is with your telephone equipment, unplug your telephone and test the line by plugging another telephone into the outlet. If the other telephone works, then the problem is with your telephone line, please contact your Local Service Provider.

# Misuse of Credit Card or Telephone Number to

Florida law prohibits the use of a credit card, credit card number, telephone number, electronic means, or other means to obtain or attempt to obtain telephone service fraudulently, or to avoid, attempt to avoid, or enable another to avoid the lawful charges, in whole or in part, for such service. Violation of the law is punishable by fine, imprisonment or both.

### Recording Telephone Calls

All parties to the telephone conversation must give their prior consent to the recording of the conversation. The prior consent must be obtained in writing or be part of, and obtained at the start of the recording.

### Sales Solicitation Calls

The Florida Telephone Solicitation Act requires telephone solicitors to identify themselves and the businesses they represent within the first 30 seconds of the call

Consumers who want to avoid most sales solicitation calls can do so by registering with the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. Solicitors operating in the state are prohibited from placing a sales call to any number that appears on the Department's list. Before registering you should be aware, however, that certain businesses are exempt from the law and may continue to call you legally. These include calls for charitable contributions, calls by newspapers, real estate professionals in response to a yard sign or other advertisement, calls in connection with an existing debt or contract or in response to a request from you.

Subscription to the Florida Do Not Call list is offered free of charge for residential and mobile telephone numbers. Your number will remain on the Florida Do Not Call list for five years. Register at www.fldnc.com. Consumers may also call the Consumer Services Hotline. The toll-free hotline number is 1-800-HELP-FLA (1-800-435-7352) (Florida only), 1-800-FL-AYUDA (1-800-352-9832) (Spanish), or call 1-850-488-2221 (outside Florida) and request the Department's brochure on Telephone Solicitations.

The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Division of Consumer Services is responsible for enforcing the law, not your local Telephone Company.

### Wiretaps

It is a crime under Federal and Florida law to intercept telephone and other types of communications defined in the law, unless the person intercepting the communication has received the prior consent from one of the parties to the communication under Federal law and all of the parties to the communication under Florida law. Violation of either Federal or Florida law is punishable by fine, imprisonment or both.

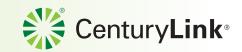


# Home Phone service should be affordable to everyone.

You may qualify for special programs available to low-income households.

For more information on telephone assistance programs for CenturyLink home phone service, just give us a call. You may also qualify for CenturyLink Internet Basics\*, which offers reliable Internet speeds up to 1.5 Mbps for just \$9.95\*\* a month. Ask for details.

For more information, call 800.366.8201 or visit centurylink.com/lifeline



The Lifeline program is a government assistance program that provides discounts on telephone service to qualifying consumers in every U.S. state, territory, and commonwealth. The amount of discount and qualifications for participation can vary by state. Consumers may be eligible if they participate in certain federal or state assistance programs or have a household annual gross income at or below 150% of the federal poverty level. Qualifying residents of American Indian and Alaskan Native tribal lands may also be eligible for up to an additional \$25 per month of enhanced Lifeline support. Additionally, a discount on the one-time charge for establishing service may be available for qualifying residents of tribal lands through the Tribal Link Up program.

The Lifeline discount is available for only one telephone per household, which can be either a wireline or wireless telephone. Lifeline service is not transferrable, and only eligible consumers may enroll in the program. Documentation of eligibility is required to enroll. Consumers who willfully make false statements in order to obtain Lifeline telephone service can be punished by fine or imprisonment and can be barred from the program.

\*CenturyLink Internet Basics Program — Available to residential customers only who qualify based on meeting income level eligibility requirements, and requires remaining eligible for the entire offer period. The first bill will include charges for the first full month of service billed in advance, prorated charges for service from the date of installation to bill date, and one-time charges and fees described above. Qualifying customers may keep the Internet Basics Program for a maximum of 60 months after service activation provided customer still qualifies during that time. Terms and Conditions — All products and services listed are governed by tariffs, terms of service, or terms and conditions posted at www.centurylink.com. Taxes, Fees, and Surcharges — Applicable taxes, fees, and surcharges include a carrier Universal Service charge, carrier cost recovery surcharges, state and local fees that vary by area and certain in-state surcharges. Cost recovery fees are not taxes or government-required charges for use. Taxes, fees, and surcharges apply based on standard monthly, not promotional, rates.

\*\*Listed High-Speed Internet rate of \$9.95/mo. applies for first 12 months of service (after which the rate reverts to \$14.95/mo. for the next 48 months of service), and requires a 12-month term agreement. Listed rate applies to up to 1.5 Mbps High-Speed Internet service. Customer must either lease a modem/router from CenturyLink for a one-time charge, and a one-time High-Speed Internet activation fee applies. A one-time professional installation charge (if selected by customer) and a one-time shipping and handling fee applies to customer's modem/router. General — Services and offers not available everywhere. CenturyLink may change or cancel services or substitute similar services at its sole discretion without notice. Offer, plans, and stated rates are subject to change and may vary by service area. Requires credit approval and deposit may be required. Additional restrictions apply, © 2012 CenturyLink L-CTL-FL

# QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

# Do most telephone companies offer the Lifeline Assistance Program?

Yes. Companies serving the vast majority of Floridians offer the program, and this even includes some cellular companies.

# Can my Lifeline local service be cut off if I have unpaid long distance bills?

No, but your long distance service can be blocked.

# I don't have service now because I haven't paid an old phone bill. I also have a low credit rating. Can I still get Lifeline?

Yes. The phone company can require you to make payments on the local part of the old bill. If you haven't paid for your long-distance charges, you may need to have your long distance calling blocked.

### Do I have to pay a deposit for Lifeline?

If you have your long distance service blocked, the phone company cannot make you pay a deposit.

# What happens to my Lifeline service when I no longer qualify?

You should call your phone company and ask for Transitional Lifeline Assistance. This state program gives 30% off the monthly flat rate for residential basic service. You can get this discount for one year after you no longer qualify for the regular Lifeline program.

# Will receiving the Lifeline credit impact my benefits from other programs (for example, food stamps)?

No, it will not affect your benefits.

# Do my assets, such as owning a car, affect my income eligibility for the programs?

No, not if you meet qualifications for other discount programs.

# Do I have to be a certain age to qualify for the Lifeline program?

No, adults of all ages may qualify.



# FLORIDA LIFELINE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

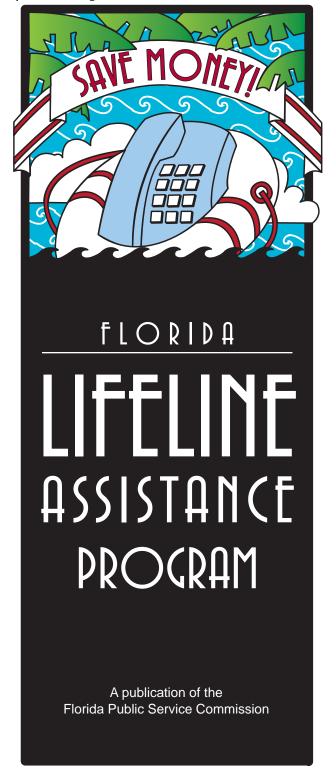
is a state program approved by the Florida Public Service Commission.

If you have questions, you may call the Florida Public Service Commission's Office of Consumer Assistance & Outreach at 1-800-342-3552.

fax your questions to 1-800-511-0809, or contact the FPSC via the following e-mail address: contact@psc.state.fl.us.

Or write to the
Florida Public Service Commission
Office of Consumer Assistance & Outreach
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

See our Internet home page at www.FloridaPSC.com.



# THE | IEEI INE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

helps make telephone service affordable to low-income customers in our state.

### LIEELINE ASSISTANCE

gives at least a \$9.25 credit per month on local phone bills. Over a year's time, that is a savings of at least \$111.00.

The Florida Public Service Commission wants all eligible low-income residents to receive this discount.

### YOU NEED TO SIGN UP TO BENEFIT.

If you have further questions please call the PSC at 1-800-342-3552.



CenturyLink's Response: Attachment 12D3

# AM I ELIGIBLE?

# STATE OR FEDERAL





- ◆ Temporary Cash Assistance
- ◆ Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
- Medicaid
- ◆ Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program
- ◆ Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- ◆ Federal Public Housing Assistance (Section 8)
- ◆ National School Lunch (NSL) Program's free lunch program

In addition, if you live on a federally recognized tribal land and are eligible for benefits through the Bureau of Indian Affairs for Tribal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, Head Start Subsidy or the NSL, you qualify for Tribal Link-Up and expanded Lifeline Assistance.



## INCOME CUIDELINES:

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\* At least 135% of U.S. Poverty Guidelines

# HOW DO I SIGN UP?

IF YOU RECEIVE STATE OR FEDERAL

First, if you do not have phone service in your home, you will need to contact a local phone company in your area to establish service and apply for the Lifeline Assistance program.

Already have phone service? Applying is easy. You can call your local phone company and ask for help signing up for the Lifeline Assistance program.

Visit the PSC's Lifeline Web page at <a href="https://www.FloridaPSC.com/utilities/telecomm/lifeline">www.FloridaPSC.com/utilities/telecomm/lifeline</a> to apply online or obtain a printed application.

Want to apply online? Simply complete the online application using the Lifeline Automated Online Application process and click Submit to send your application directly to your telephone company.

Want to apply by mail or fax? Simply print the Lifeline Certification Form. Then, complete the application form and mail or fax it to the address or fax number shown on the application for your telephone company.

D If you are a new applicant or re-certifying your eligibility at the Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF) for: ◆ Temporary Cash Assistance SNAP Medicaid

You can choose to be automatically enrolled for the Lifeline program when you apply at the Department of Children and Families.

### INCOME CUIDELINES: IF YOU MEET THE

Call 1-800-540-7039 (Office of Public Counsel in Tallahassee) and ask for help signing up for the Lifeline program.

D Download an application at www.floridaopc.gov/lifeline.cfm and mail it to the Office of Public Counsel using the address at the bottom of the application.

<sup>\*\*</sup> For each additional person, add \$5,616

# PREGUNTAS Y RESPUESTAS

¿La mayoría de las compañías telefónicas ofrecen el Programa Línea Vital? Sí. Las compañías que sirven a la gran mayoría de los floridianos ofrecen Línea Vital, incluyendo algunas compañías de teléfonos celulares.

¿Pueden desconectar mi servicio de Línea Vital si tengo cuentas de larga distancia sin pagar? No, pero pueden bloquear su servicio de larga distancia.

Yo no tengo servicio telefónico en este momento porque tengo una cuenta anterior sin pagar. También tengo una calificación crediticia baja. ¿Todavía puedo conseguir Línea Vital? Sí. Sin embargo, la compañía telefónica puede requerir que usted haga arreglos para pagar la cuenta pendiente por el servicio local. Si tiene una cuenta pendiente por llamadas de larga distancia, la compañía telefónica puede requerir que participe en el bloqueo de llamadas de larga distancia.

¿Debo pagar un depósito para Línea Vital? Si usted consiente en bloquear su servicio de larga distancia, la compañía telefónica no puede requerir un depósito.

¿Qué sucede con mi servicio de Línea Vital si mi situación mejora y no califico más? Llame a su compañía telefónica y pida Línea Vital de Transición. Este programa estatal ofrece un descuento del 30 por ciento en la parte de su cuenta que representa su servicio local básico por espacio de un año después de que usted cese de calificar para el Programa Línea Vital.

El inscribirme en el programa Línea Vital, ¿tendrá algún impacto sobre mis beneficios de otros programas si me inscribo en él? No.

Mis bienes, tales como mi automóvil, ¿afectarán mi elegibilidad para el programa? No.

¿Es necesario tener cierta edad para calificar para el programa Línea Vital? No. Adultos de cualquier edad pueden calificar.



# LÍNEA VITAL

es un programa estatal aprobado por la Comisión de Servicios Públicos.

Si tiene alguna pregunta, comuníquese con la Oficina de Asistencia al Consumidor, Divulgación y Prensa de la Comisión de Servicios Públicos de la Florida por el 1-800-342-3552,

envíe sus preguntas por fax al 1-800-511-0809

o por correo electrónico a contact@psc.state.fl.us.

O escriba a la Comisión de Servicios Públicos de la Florida Oficina de Asistencia al Consumidor, Divulgación y Prensa 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

Vea nuestra página en la Internet en www.FloridaPSC.com.

CenturyLink's Response: Attachment 12D4



# PROGRAMA DE ASISTENCIA LÍNEA VITAL

Una Publicación de la Comisión de Servicios Públicos de la Florida

# EL PROGRAMA LÍNEA VITAL

ha sido diseñado para asegurar que el servicio básico telefónico sea lo suficientemente económico para todos los residentes de la Florida.

# LÍNEA VITAL

provee un crédito de al menos \$9.25 en sus facturas mensuales por servicios telefónicos locales.Esto representa un ahorro anual de al menos \$111.00.

Es la meta de la Comisión de Servicios Públicos que todos los floridianos elegibles reciban este descuento; pero para aprovecharlo, tiene que inscribirse. Si tiene alguna pregunta, comuníquese con la PSC por el 1-800-342-3552.

CenturyLink's Response: Attachment 12D4

# ¿SOY flf(IBLf?

# Sí, si usted recibe beneficios estatales o federales de:

- ◆ Asistencia Temporal en Efectivo
- Programa Suplementario de Asistencia Alimentaria (SNAP/Cupones de Alimentos)
- Medicaid
- Programa de Asistencia de Energía para Hogares de Bajos Ingresos (LIHEAP)
- Seguridad de Ingreso Suplementario (SSI)
- Asistencia Federal para Viviendas Públicas (Sección 8)
- Programa Nacional de Almuerzos Escolares

Además, si usted vive en tierra tribal reconocida por el gobierno federal, y si es elegible para los beneficios de los programas tribales (Asistencia Temporal para Familias Tribales Necesitadas, Subsidio del Programa Head Start, y Programa Nacional de Almuerzos Escolares) a través del Negociado de Asuntos Indígenas, entonces usted es elegible para Conexión Tribal y Asistencia Ampliada de Línea Vital.



# Sí, si los ingresos de su hogar están dentro de las siguientes PAUTAS:

Número de Personas en el Hogar	Total de Ingresos <b>Anuales</b> del Hogar*	Total de Ingresos <b>Mensuales</b> del Hogar*
1	\$16,038	\$1,337
2	\$21,627	\$1,802
3	\$27,216	\$2,268
4	\$32,805 **	\$2,734
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<sup>\*</sup> Al menos 135% de la Pauta Mínima Federal de Ingresos Bajos \*\*Añada \$5,616 por cada persona adicional.

# ¿ CÓMO ME INSCRIBO?

### Si usted recibe beneficios ESTATALES O FEDERALES:

Si usted no tiene servicio telefónico en su hogar, necesita comunicarse con su compañía telefónica local para establecer servicio e inscribirse en el programa de Asistencia Línea Vital.

¿Ya tiene servicio telefónico? Es fácil inscribirse. Usted puede comunicarse con su compañía telefónica local y solicitar ayuda para inscirbirse en el programa Línea Vital.

O Visite la página Web de la PSC referente a Línea Vital en <a href="https://www.FloridaPSC.com/utilities/telecomm/lifeline">www.FloridaPSC.com/utilities/telecomm/lifeline</a> para inscribirse electrónicamente o para conseguir una solicitud.

¿Desea inscribirse electrónicamente? Simplemente llene la solicitud en nuestra página Web utilizando la Aplicación Automática de Línea Vital, y haga clic en el botón "SOMETER".

¿Desea inscribirse por correo o fax? Simplemente imprima la solicitud para Línea Vital en nuestra página Web. Complete la solicitud y envíela a su companía telefónica local por correo o fax a la dirección o el número de fax al final de la solicitud.

O Si usted es un solicitante nuevo o está certificando de nuevo su elegibilidad con el Departamento de Niños y Familias (DCF) para: 

Asistencia Temporal en Efectivo SNAP/Cupones de Alimentos Medicaid

ENTONCES - Usted puede elegir ser inscrito automáticamente para el programa Línea Vital cuando se inscriba con el Departamento de Niños y Familias.

### Si los ingresos de su hogar están dentro de las PAUTAS MÍNIMAS FEDERALES:

Llame al 1-800-540-7039 (Oficina del Asesor Público de la Florida) y solicite ayuda para inscribirse en el programa Línea Vital.

Download la solicitud en <a href="www.floridaopc.gov/lifeline.cfm">www.floridaopc.gov/lifeline.cfm</a> y envíela por correo a la Oficina del Asesor Público a la dirección al final de la solicitud.

# Pwogram Lifeline Assistance lan

ede rann sèvis telefòn abòdab pou kliyan ki pap fè anpil lajan nan Eta kote nou rete a.

# Lifeline Assistance

bay yon rabè ki omwen \$9.25 chak mwa sou bòdwo telefòn nan zòn nan. Nan yon peryòd ennan, sa ba w yon ekonomi ki omwen \$111.00.

Depatman Sèvis Piblik Eta Florid la vle tout moun ki kalifye, ki pa fè anpil kòb, ki rete nan Eta Florid, resevwa diskont sa a.

FÒ W ENSKRI POU W KA PRAN AVANTAJ SA A.

Si w gen plis kesyon, tanpri telefone Depatman Sèvis Piblik la (PSC) nan

1-800-342-3552.

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Pwogram "LIFELINE ASSISTANCE" lan se pwogram Eta a ofri. Se Depatman Sèvis Piblik Eta Florid (Florida Public Service Commission) ki apwouve li.

Si w gen nenpòt kesyon, ou mèt telefone Depatman Sèvis Piblik Eta Florid, Seksyon Kontwòl Konfòmite ak Èd pou Konsomatè nan nimewo 1-800-342-3552, voye kesyon pa faks nan nimewo1-800-511-0809, oswa kontakte FPSC nan adrès imel sa a: contact@psc.state.fl.us.

Oubyen ekri yon lèt voye bay Biwo Sèvis Piblik Eta Florid, ak Èd pou Konsomatè nan 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

Tcheke paj akèy nou sou entènèt la nan www.FloridaPSC.com CenturyLink's Response: Attachment 12D5 CONOMIZE LA Eta Florid Pwogram Lifeline Assistance

YON PIBLIKASYON

KOMISYON SÈVIS PIBLIK ETA FLORID

# **KESYON ak REPONS**

# Èske pi fò konpavi telefòn ofri pwogram "Lifeline"

Wi. Konpayi ki bay pi fò moun ki rete Florid sèvis telefòn, ofri pwogram nan, ata kèk konpayi telefòn selilè tou.

Èske yo kapab koupe sèvis apèl lokal "Lifeline" mwen si m gen bòdwo mwen dwe pou apèl long distans?

Non. Men yo kapab bloke sèvis long distans ou.

Mwen pa gen sèvis telefòn kounye a poutèt mwen poko peye yon ansyen bòdwo telefòn. Epi tou mwen pa gen bon kredi. Èske mwen kab toujou jwenn "Lifeline"?

Wi. Konpayi telefòn nan kapab egzije w peye pa ti moso pou pati apèl lokal ansven bòdwo a. Si w poko peye sa w dwe pou apèl long distans, ou ka oblije fè yo bloke apèl long distans sou telefòn ou.

### Èske m dwe peye yon depo pou "Lifeline"?

Si w fè yo bloke sèvis apèl long distans ou, konpayi telefòn nan pa kab fè w bay yon depo.

### Ki sa k pral rive sèvis "Lifeline" mwen apre m pa kalifye pou li ankò?

Ou ta dwe rele konpayi telefòn ou pou w mande yo Èd "Lifeline" pou von ti bout tan (Transitional Lifeline Assistance). Se yon pwogram Eta a ki ba ou yon diskont 30% sou pri fiks yo fè moun peye chak mwa pou sèvis de baz pou kay yo. Ou kapab jwenn diskont sa a pou ennan apre ou pa kalifye ankò pou pwogram nòmal "Lifeline" nan.

Si mwen resevwa rabè "Lifeline" nan, èske sa ap aji sou avantaj mwen jwenn nan lòt pwogram (paregranp: koupon manje)?

Non, sa pa pral aji sou avataj ou resevwa.

Eske byen mwen genyen, tankou si m gen yon machin, kapab fè lajan m ap touche a pa kalifye pou pwogram yo?

Non, depi w ranpli kondisyon kalifikasyon pou lòt pwogram diskont yo.

Èske m dwe rive yon sèten laj pou m sa kalifye pou pwogram "Lifeline" nan?

Non. Granmoun tout laj gen dwa kalifye.

CenturyLink's Response: Attachment 12D5

WI. SI OU RESEVWA

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ÈD ETA FLORID OSWA ÈD GOUVÈNMAN FEDERAL

Pwogram Nitrisvon Siplemantè (SNAP)

 Lajan sosyal siplemantè (SSI) Pwogram Gouvènman federal pou ede

pou peve manie lekòl (NSL)

 Pwogram pou ede fanmi ki pa fè anpil lajan peye kouran ak chofaj pou kay yo (LIHEAP)

moun peye lwaye kay yo (Seksyon 8)

Manje midi gratis nan pwogram nasyonal

Met sou sa, si w rete von kote leta federal rekonèt kòm bitasvon tribi Endyen epi ou kalifye pou w resevwa èd nan Biwo Dafè Endyen sou

koze èd tanporè pou fanmi Endven ki nan bezwen, nan Pwogram

Sibvansvon Head Start oswa nan Pwogram NSL la. ou kalifve pou

pwogram TRIBAL LINK-UP ak LIFELINE ASSISTANCE pwolonie a.



Wi, si kòb w ap touche a nan limit

REGLEMAN SALÈ YO

Kantite moun ki nan kay la	Valè lajan nou fè nan kay la chak A N E*	Valè lajan nou fè nan kay la chak M W A*
1	\$15,890	\$1,324
2	\$21,506	\$1,792
3	\$27,122	\$2,260
4	\$32,738 **	\$2,728

\* Ki omwen 135% limit povrete peyi Etazini

# KI JAN POU M ENSKRI?

# SI OU RESEVWA ÈD ETA FLORID oubyen ÈD GOUVÊNMAN FEDERAL:

Premyèman, si ou pa gen sèvis telefòn lakay ou, w ap bezwen kontakte yon konpayi nan zòn bò lakay ou ki bay sèvis telefòn lokal pou vo vin mete sèvis telefòn pou ou, apre sa w a enskri nan pwogram "Lifeline Assistance" lan.

Ou gen sèvis telefòn deja? Sa fasil pou w enskri. Ou kapab rele konpayi telefòn ou an epi mande yo ede w enskri nan pwogram "Lifeline Assistance" lan.

Ale nan paj wèb "Lifeline" sou sit wèb PSC a nan www.FloridaPSC.com/utilities/telecomm/lifeline pou w kab enskri sou entènèt oswa pou w kab jwenn yon fèy enskripsyon pou w mete sou papye.

Ou vle enskri sou entènèt? Annik sèvi ak Enskripsyon Elektwonik an liy "Lifeline" nan pou kab ranpli enskripsyon sou entènèt la epi klike kote ki make "Submit" la (Voye ale) pou w kapab voye enskripsyon w lan direkteman bay konpayi telefòn ou an.

Ou vle vove enskripsvon ou pa lapòs oswa pa faks? Annik enprime Fòmilè Sètifikasvon "Lifeline" nan. Apre sa, ranpli fèy enskripsyon an epi voye I bay konpayi telefòn ou pa lapòs oswa pa faks nan adrès oswa nan nimewo faks konpayi telefòn ou an ki nan fèy enskripsyon an.

Si se premye fwa w ap enskri oswa si w ap resètifye nan Depatman Eta Florid pou Timoun ak Fanmi (DCF) pou wè si w kalifve pou w resevwa: ◆ Èd laian tanporè **♦** SNAP

Ou kapab chwazi pou yo enskri w otomatikman nan pwogram "Lifeline" nan lè w al enskri nan Depatman Apre sa pou Timoun ak Fanmi an.

# SI KÒB W AP TOUCHE A NAN LIMIT REGLEMAN SALÈ YO:

Rele 1-800-540-7039 pou (Biwo Konsèy Piblik la "Office of Public Counsel" nan Tallahassee) epi mande pou yo ede w enskri nan pwogram "Lifeline" nan.

Telechaje yon aplikasyon nan sit www.floridaopc.gov/lifeline.cfm epi sèvi ak adrès ki nan fen aplikasyon an pou w vove I bay Biwo Konsèy Piblik la pa lapòs.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Pou chak grenn moun anplis, ajoute \$5,616

# **LIFELINE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM - (Cons)**

Created: 11/5/2013 Updated: 8/17/2015

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Inquiries

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Bill Name Must Match Lifeline Applicant Name

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FL Transitional Lifeline

**IL Assistance Programs** 

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### **Definition of Terms**

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Lifeline provides qualifying customers with waivers of basic installation charges, monthly discounts on local telephone service and waivers on certain monthly fees. CenturyLink annually advertises Lifeline information in various newspapers and provides Social Service Agencies with printed posters, flyers and applications to distribute to low-income individuals.

Lifeline customers are also eligible for CenturyLink Internet Basics as long as they have not had CenturyLink HSI within the past 90 days. Before discussing Internet Basics with a customer, determine if they are already an HSI customer or have had CenturyLink HSI within the past 90 days.

See CenturyLink Internet Basics Handbook Path: State > Exchange > Internet > CenturyLink Internet Basics

Existing Lifeline customers are automatically qualified for Internet Basics and can add Internet Basics without completing the Internet Basics application.

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 Customers that don't currently have Lifeline will continue to apply for Lifeline based on individual state rules in addition to filling out the Internet Basics application.

Refer the customer to www.centurylink.com/Lifeline for both the Lifeline and Internet Basics applications.

If the customer has not had CenturyLink HSI within the past 90 days inform the customer if they are eligible for Lifeline they will automatically be eligible for Internet Basics. The customer will need to print the Internet Basics application along with the Lifeline application to apply.

If the customer does not have access to the Internet, send the State specific Lifeline application through iREP. If the customer has not had CenturyLink Internet Basics within the last 90 days, also send an Internet Basics application along with the Lifeline application requested.

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For the CenturyLink service area, people who receive public assistance generally qualify for Lifeline as do households that are at or below the federal poverty level. Each state has its own specific eligibility criteria.

**TX** = In Texas, it is a requirement to proactively offer Lifeline to all residential customers who place new (N) or transfer (T) service orders.

**CA & PA =** In California and Pennsylvania, it is a requirement to proactively offer Lifeline to all residential customers who place new (N) service orders.

**All other states =** Proactively offer Lifeline to any customer that mentions they are low income, receive public assistance or are concerned about paying their bill.

In most states, customers must complete an application form self-certifying that they qualify for Lifeline based on income or receipt of public assistance and return it, along with documentation of eligibility to CenturyLink. A few states have different enrollment procedures.

For state specific information see Handbook path: State > Exchange > Resources > Assistance Programs > Lifeline State Information Tool with Amts by NPANXX.

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- Vacation Service
- Remote Call Forwarding
- HSI Standalone
- Pure Broadband = Pure Solutions (replaced HSI Standalone) Business Accounts
- Any Business account
- An Application without a Signature
- Suspended Accounts
- ISDN Account
- CLEC Accounts (Except in FL, KS and NV)

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#### Customer calls CenturyLink to either establish new service or request information about the Lifeline program:

- During the contact the associate asks if the customer is currently receiving any type of public assistance or if they may qualify for assistance under the poverty income guidelines.
  - Do not advise the customer they will qualify for lifeline
- Associate verifies if the customer lives on tribal land and qualifies for Tribal Lifeline or Lifeline discounts.
- Associate explains Lifeline or Tribal Lifeline program to the customer.

- Inform customer that the household can only receive one Lifeline discount in total, even if the household has
  more than one telephone account, including landline and wireless phone service.
- Having multiple Lifeline accounts is a violation of federal law and may result in penalties that forfeit the customer from receiving any Lifeline credit.
- If customer meets state requirements and qualifies for either Lifeline or Tribal Lifeline; associates should send the applicable Lifeline application through iRep, via form distribution.
- If a deposit is required based on the standard credit verification procedures, the wireline deposit can be waived; however, the customer must be placed on lifeline toll restrict. Lifeline customers should be offered free toll blocking and/or blocking of 900/976 services.
  - Standard deposit for de-regulated products and services will apply.
- Associate completes the order for the services desired by the customer.
- The customer returns the Lifeline/Tribal Lifeline application to CenturyLink.
- Once CenturyLink receives the application it is loaded in DOCS and pulled by a Support Center Associate
- Once the Support Center reviews the signed application and verifies it to be correct, the lifeline discounts and service install charge credits (link-up) are applied to the account.

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#### **Restrictions**

- The Lifeline discount applies to the flat rate service only.
- Lifeline is not available with vacation service.
- Only one line per household may receive the Lifeline benefits.
- The telephone service must be in the Lifeline recipients name in order to be eligible for the discount.
- The address where Lifeline will be applied must be the primary place of residence, not a second home or a business.

#### Other

- Lifeline discounts are effective when the Lifeline application has been processed by the support center.
- Customer notification occurs when the discounts or credits are applied to their next bill. A formal notification is not sent to the customer.
- Sales Associates should not issue Lifeline or Tribal Lifeline credit to customer's accounts. If the customer is
  requesting credit or disputing charges send a follow-up to Monroe Support for research.

#### **Overview – Linkup Program**

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The Federal Link-Up America program was discontinued for non-tribal areas on April 1, 2012. However, Tribal Link-Up remains available for those eligible customers living on federally recognized Tribal Lands. In addition, several States have Link-Up programs available to their non-tribal and tribal Lifeline eligible customers.

#### **American Indian Reservation Only**

- Starting April 1, 2012 the Federal Link-Up program is available ONLY to eligible applicants living on federally recognized Tribal Lands.
- The Tribal Link-Up program helps households pay the installation charges for telephone service.

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- Eligible applicants will receive a 100% discount of their start up costs, up to maximum of \$100.
- These charges include both the line extension and Initial connection charges.
- The Link-Up program is provided when a customer is approved for Lifeline.
- Link-Up does not cover the cost of wiring jacks or adding jacks inside your home.
- Link-Up Credits are applied to the non-recurring charges associated with the establishment of service and are applied by the Service/Support Offline team.

#### State Level Link-Up Programs:

- CA = 50% or \$10.00, whichever is lower, of all non-recurring service order charges.
- IL = \$35 of non-recurring service order charges.
- OH = 100% of all non-recurring service order charges.

#### **New or Move Orders:**

Consumers shall receive the benefit of the Link-Up program for a second or subsequent time only for a principal place of residence with an address different from the residence address at which the Link-Up assistance was provided previously.

# If a customer in CA, IL, OH, WA or on Tribal lands, is moving service to a new location and is on Lifeline: 1. Submit a follow-up request to add the State level Link-Up discount. To submit a follow-up request: • Select Tiny button under BAN submarket. • Click OK if the 'no follow-ups found' message displays. The follow-up type is SPLFE, assign it to BT!MONSP. 2. Key the Link-Up request in the text box for Support to review.

#### **Overview - Inquiries**

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1	Inquiries About Existing or Pending Lifeline Applications:					
	During enrollment, each step of the process is noted in the Memo List of the customer's account.					
1	١.	Check the Memo List on the customer's account.				
2	2.	If customer is enrolled and credits are not displaying or on requests to remove Lifeline, a follow-up should be submitted.				
3	3.	To submit a follow-up request:				
		Select Tiny button under BAN submarket.				
		Click OK if the 'no follow-ups found' message displays.     The follow-up type is SPLFE, assign it to BT!MONSP.				
		3) Key the customer's issue in the text box for Support to review.				

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## Removing Lifeline

The Service/Support - Offline Team removes Lifeline.

- 1. If the customer is enrolled and requests to remove Lifeline, a follow-up should be submitted.
- 2. To submit a follow-up request:
  - Select Tiny button under BAN submarket.

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- Click OK if the 'no follow-ups found' message displays.
   The follow-up type is SPLFE, assign it to BT!MONSP.
- Key the customer's issue in the text box for Support to review.

#### **State Specific – Bill Name Must Match Lifeline Applicant Name**

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In Arkansas, Louisiana and Oklahoma some Lifeline subscribers are being notified that the Bill Name on the account must match the Lifeline Applicant Name, therefore, CenturyLink will update the customer record to reflect accurately.

Customers must agree to the Bill Name and Lifeline Applicant Name matching to maintain the Lifeline discounts. If the customer does not want the change to be made, the customer will need to remove their Lifeline benefits.

If you receive a call from a customer wishing to remove Lifeline, please send a follow up to the Support Team.

To send follow-up:

- 1. Select Tiny button under BAN submarket.
- 2. Click **OK** if the "no followups found" message displays. The follow up type is **SPLFE**, assign it to **BT!MONSP**.
- 3. Key the customers issue in the text box for support to review.

#### State Specific – Florida State Lifeline Discount Reduction

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- Beginning April 1, 2015 the Florida State Lifeline discount will be reduced from \$7.00 a month to \$3.50 a month.
- This means that the customer's bill will increase by \$3.50 a month.
- Florida customers will still get the full Federal Lifeline discount of \$9.25 a month.
- During the month of March, customers will be notified with a bill message of this discount reduction.

Bill Message:

Effective April 1, 2015, the monthly State Lifeline discount of \$7.00 will be reduced to \$3.50. The monthly rate for all local service lines will increase by \$0.47. Economy Pack Bundle will increase by \$2.00. The monthly rate for all other Solutions Packages except Pure Bundle, Simple Choice, Economy Pack Plus/Economy Pack Plus Lite, and Home Phone II will increase by \$1.00. Please contact a CenturyLink Customer Care representative at the number printed on your bill if you have questions regarding your service. Thank you for choosing CenturyLink for your communication needs—we value you as a customer.

**Explanation of Decrease in Discount Amount:** 

"In 2005 and 2006, CenturyLink increased the rates for voice service. The state commission asked that CenturyLink provide additional credit to Lifeline customers so that they did not feel the impacts of these increases. In 2007 the state repealed their requirement to provide the additional credit, however CenturyLink continued to provide the additional credit. This year, CenturyLink has decided it can no longer support the additional credit and has decided to remove this additional credits from all Lifeline subscribers."

#### **State Specific – Florida Transitional Lifeline**

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#### Overview

The state of Florida requires local companies to offer customers that no longer qualify for Lifeline, 'Transitional Lifeline' credit, if they request it. Transitional Lifeline helps to ease the customer's return to normal rates and provides them a discount equal to 30% discount applied on the monthly flat rate for residential basic service for a period of one year.

#### **Process:**

CenturyLink receives the names of customers who are no longer eligible for Lifeline benefits either by a state agency or

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through our annual Lifeline Recertification process. CenturyLink sends out a recertification letter that explains the option for Transitional Lifeline benefits.

The Transitional Lifeline discounts should only be applied by the Support center.

If customer wishes to apply for Transitional Lifeline benefits request a follow-up by the Support team.

To send follow-up:

- 4. Select Tiny button under BAN submarket.
- 5. Click **OK** if the "no followups found" message displays. The follow up type is **SPLFE**, assign it to **BT!MONSP**.
- 6. Key the customers issue in the text box for support to review.

If the customer needs to speak to someone immediately, calls can be transferred to the Support Center at 800-767-9905.

The discount code for Transitional Lifeline is LIFETRAFL and should be applied by the Support Center only.

For customers who wish to opt into the Transitional Lifeline program during the recertification period, the customer can apply via the Transitional Lifeline IVR: 1-888-436-3525.

Note: This IVR is only available during the recertification period.

#### State Specific – Illinois Assistance Programs

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#### Overview

The state of Illinois offers customers two programs to which they can contribute to assist families in need in providing telecommunication services. These programs allow customers to make **voluntary** donations to either program.

- UTSAP (Universal Telephone Service Assistance Program) was created in February 1993 to help low-income house-holds in Illinois obtain phone service. UTSAP is administered by the Universal Telephone Assistance Corporation (UTAC), a not-for-profit corporation consisting of all local telephone companies in Illinois.
- **Digital Divide** was enacted in 2001 and helps equip Illinois schools, libraries, parks and other community centers to provide access to computers and computer training. Donations from this program assist in providing internet access to these facilities.

Customers will be notified periodically via bill message to provide awareness of these programs.

#### **Contribution Types**

Any customer who is **installing** or **moving** services should be asked if they would like to make a contribution to the UTSAP or the Digital Divide program. Contributions may either be a **one-time** contribution or a **reoccurring** contribution.

Scripting suggestion:

"Did you know that the State of Illinois allows you to contribute to programs that assist Illinois families in providing telecommunication services? The Universal Telephone Service Assistance Program is a non-profit organization that helps provide phone service to low income families. The Digital Divide program helps provide internet access to Illinois schools, libraries and community centers. If you'd like to help, you can make a one-time donation, or make an easy monthly donation as part of your CenturyLink bill. Would you like to make a contribution to either of these programs?"

Reoccurring contributions may be in the following amounts:

UT	SAP	Digita	al Divide
Consumer Business		Consume	r or Business
\$.50	\$1.00	\$.50	\$10.00
\$1.00	\$5.00	\$1.00	\$15.00
\$2.00	\$10.00	\$2.00	\$25.00
\$5.00	\$25.00	\$5.00	

One time contributions of any amount may be mailed by the customer to:

Universal Telephone Service Assistance Corp.
P.O. Box 1176
Springfield, IL 62705

DCEO
Digital Divide Eliminate Fund
500 East Monroe
Springfield, IL 62701

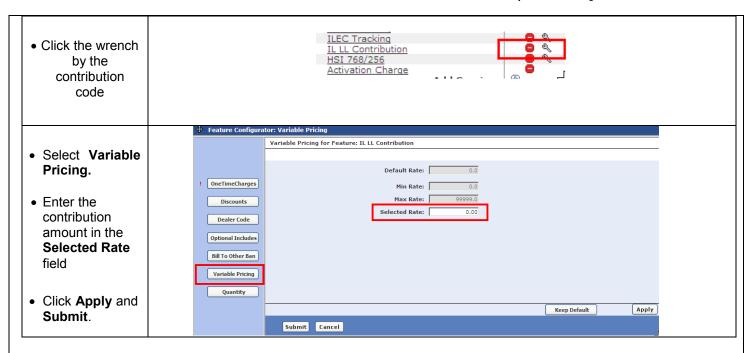
#### **Adding a Recurring Contribution**

Customers who choose to make a reoccurring contribution on their CenturyLink invoice can do so in the amounts listed above. These customers will need to have the following codes added to their account:

- UTSAP LLCON
- Digital Divide SurChrg- RC DIGDIV

Customers may elect to discontinue or change the amount of the monthly contribution on their bill at any time upon providing at least 30 days notice.





#### State Specific - MT State Lifeline Discount Elimination

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- Beginning February 1, 2015, customers in MT will no longer see a State Lifeline Discount on their monthly bill.
- They will continue to see a Federal Lifeline Discount on their monthly bill that equals \$9.25.
- Lifeline customers in MT will receive a bill message in December and another in January letting them know of the discount's elimination.
- This will create an increase in the customer's bill of \$3.50.

#### Bill Message:

Effective on February 1, 2015, pending Commission approval, the credit for the Montana Telephone Assistance Plan will be eliminated. If you have any questions about this notice, please contact a CenturyLink Customer Care Representative at the number printed on your bill. Thank you for choosing CenturyLink for your communication needs – we value you as a customer.

#### State Specific - NJ & PA Semi-Annual Lifeline Messaging

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Customers in NJ and PA will receive semi-annual Lifeline bill messages informing them of the possible benefits that they may be eligible for and how to apply. Bill messages below:

#### **New Jersey Bill Message:**

CenturyLink participates in a government benefit program (Lifeline) to make residential telephone service more affordable to eligible low-income individuals and families. This program offers discounted basic local service to qualified customers. In addition, service deposits are generally waived for customers electing to place toll restriction on their lines. Monthly charges for toll restriction will be waived for customers requesting to have that restriction on their account. Eligibility requirements are different by State. Residents who live on federally recognized Tribal Lands may qualify for additional Tribal benefits if they participate in certain additional federal eligibility programs. Lifeline benefits are limited to one benefit per household, even if the household has more than one telephone account or is receiving services from more than one telephone company, for example, CenturyLink and a wireless phone company. A household is defined for the purposes of the Lifeline program as any individual or group of individuals who live together at the same address and share income and expenses. Lifeline service is not transferable, and only eligible consumers may enroll in the program. Consumers who willfully make false statements in order to obtain Lifeline telephone service can be punished by fine or imprisonment and can be barred from the program. If you have questions or believe you may qualify for these benefits, please call the Customer Contact Center at the number located on your bill.

#### Pennsylvania Bill Message:

Low-Income consumers in CenturyLink service areas may qualify for Lifeline telephone assistance

CenturyLink participates in a government benefit program (Lifeline) to make residential telephone service more affordable to eligible low-income individuals and families. Eligible customers may receive a monthly discount on their basic local phone service of \$9.25 if they meet eligibility standards as defined by the FCC and the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission. Residents who live on federally recognized Tribal Lands may qualify for additional Tribal benefits if they participate in certain additional federal eligibility programs. The Lifeline discount is available for only one telephone line per household, which can be either a wireline or wireless telephone. A household is defined for the purposes of the Lifeline program as any individual or group of individuals who live together at the same address and share income and expenses. Lifeline service is not transferable, and only eligible consumers may enroll in the program. Consumers who willfully make false statements in order to obtain Lifeline telephone service can be punished by fine or imprisonment and can be barred from the program.

To be eligible for these programs, an individual must be able to provide proof of income which is at or below 135 percent of the federal poverty level or participate in one of the following eligibility programs: Temporary Assistance For Needy Families (TANF),

Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Medicaid, Food Stamps, Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), Federal Public Housing Assistance or National School Lunch Program's Free Lunch Program.

If you have questions or believe you may qualify for these benefits, please call the Customer Contact Center at the number located on your bill or visit www.centurylink.com/lifeline to inquire about eligibility.

#### State Specific - TX withdraw from Lifeline

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#### Overview

Occasionally, customers do not want to be enrolled in Lifeline. When that occurs, use the following process to notify the Lifeline Support team to remove Lifeline.

No	Notify Support to Remove Lifeline				
1. Send follow up request.					
2. Select Tiny button under BAN submarket.					
3.	Click OK if the "no follow-ups found" message displays. The follow up type is <b>SPLFE</b> , assign it to <b>BT!MONSP</b> .				
4.	4. Key the customers issue in the text box for support to review.				

#### **Explain to Customer:**

The State of Texas sends a file of Lifeline eligible customers to CenturyLink on a monthly basis. If the customer does not wish to receive Lifeline discounts in the future, make a note in the follow up request above.

#### **State Specific – WATAP Discount Elimination**

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- The state legislature in WA has decided not to fund the WATAP program as of 7/1/15.
- New customers applying for Lifeline in WA will complete the new Federal only application. They must supply proof
  of program or income qualification.
- Customers already receiving the WATAP discount prior to 7/1/15, will continue to receive the discount until 8/31/15.
- Bill inserts will be going out in the August bills.
- Insert language:

This is to notify you that there has been a change in the law regarding the Washington Telephone Assistance Program (WTAP). This program, which currently provides you with a WTAP credit on your phone bill, has been discontinued. Because of this, CenturyLink has filed tariffs with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission to remove WTAP from its local tariffs.

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The WTAP credit will be eliminated by the State effective August 31, 2015. As a result, you will see an increase in your local phone bill for voice services provided after that date. This change does not affect the Federal Lifeline program, which offers a credit of \$9.25 monthly on your bill to help you afford local phone service. If you are not already receiving the Lifeline credit, you may call us at the number on your bill to receive an application.

- Customers may have received a letter from WA DSHS encouraging them to contact their Lifeline provider and inquire about how to apply for Federal Lifeline discounts.
- These customers already receive Federal Lifeline discounts.
- As of September 1, 2015 their State Lifeline discount will be \$0.00 while they will continue to receive their Federal Lifeline discount.

#### **State Specific – WY State Lifeline Discount Elimination**

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- A bill message will go out to Wyoming customers beginning in May to let them know if the WY State Lifeline discount elimination.
- The Wyoming House of Representatives has repealed the State Lifeline discount effective 7/1/2015.
- This means that Lifeline customers will begin seeing an increase of \$3.50 in their phone bills come July 1st.
- These same Lifeline customers will continue to receive the \$9.25 Federal Lifeline discount amount.

Effective with customer's July 2015 invoices, state House Bill 37 will repeal Wyoming's low-income Telephone Assistance Program. The \$3.50 state credit that you currently receive will be eliminated. However the \$9.25 Federal credit that you receive will not be impacted by this change in state law and will continue to be applied to your bill. Thank you for choosing CenturyLink for your communication needs – we value you as a customer

#### **Lifeline Household Worksheet: Overview**

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The Lifeline Household Worksheet is a form used to help CenturyLink determine if the customer requesting Lifeline benefits is an Independent Economic Household. An Independent Economic Household is defined as everyone that lives at an address and shares income and expenses. Often customers may live at a residence with other Households where they do not share income or expenses. Examples would be group homes, nursing facilities, roommates, etc.

If CenturyLink queries the National Lifeline Accountability Database and is told that someone at this address already receives a Lifeline benefit, CenturyLink will request the new customer requesting Lifeline benefits to complete the Household Worksheet to determine if they are a member of the exiting Lifeline customer's household or are a separate household. If the customer is a separate household, they may be eligible for Lifeline benefits as well

A copy of the HHWS can be found here.

	Telephone Number					
SS						
	Street	Apt.	City	State	Zip	
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# National Lifeline Accountability Database – Impacts on Lifeline Customers

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- All CenturyLink Lifeline customers must be enrolled in NLAD.
- Data sent to NLAD matches the data collected on the application form. (i.e.: Name on Account, Account holder's Date of Birth, Account Holder's Last 4 of SSN or Tribal ID, Qualifying Program or Income Level, Service Address.)
- Every time there is a change to any of the NLAD data elements, NLAD must be updated with that change.

- NLAD will validate the data CenturyLink provides for each customer and qualify them for Lifeline based on validation of Name, SSN/Tribal ID & DOB as well as not already having Lifeline with another provider.
- If the customer data provided by CenturyLink does not pass validation of Name, SSN/Tribal ID and DOB, the request for Lifeline will be denied.
  - The customer will be sent a letter explaining the denial and a new Lifeline application in the event they
    would like to correct the information and reapply.
- If the customer is shown to have Lifeline with another provider, that Lifeline discount will be transferred to CenturyLink as long as the customer has been with the other provider for more than 60 days.
  - o If the customer has not been with the other provider for more than 60 days, CenturyLink will deny the request for Lifeline benefits and mail the customer a letter explaining the reason for denial. They will also be mailed a new Lifeline application in the event they wish to reapply after the 60 day timeframe.
- All activity taking place on the customer's account will be noted in the Account Memos. Be sure to read these
  notes carefully.

#### National Lifeline Accountability Database – Q&A

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#### **Questions from Customers:**

- 1. Why has my Lifeline Discount been removed?
- 2. The information I provided on my application was accurate. What do I do now?
- 3. Received denial of Lifeline letter. Stated I have Lifeline with another company. How can I challenge this?
- 4. Received denial of Lifeline letter. Stated DOB for someone less than 18 years of age. What should I do?
- 5. Received denial of Lifeline letter. Stated I live at an address that already receives Lifeline benefits. I live in a nursing home (apartment building, group home, etc.).

#### Q1: Why has my Lifeline discount been removed?

A1:

- 1. Check the Notes on the account.
- 2. Explain why Lifeline was removed based on information found in Notes.
- 3. Explain to customer that they will need to reapply for Lifeline with CenturyLink and (Based on notes):
  - a. Provide valid SSN/Tribal ID and DOB information.
  - b. Supply proof of SSN/Tribal ID or DOB information if the previous data was correct.
  - c. After they are no longer receiving Lifeline with the other provider.
  - d. Provide proof of Emancipation.
  - e. Complete the Household Worksheet attesting to independent household status.

#### Q2: The information I provided on my application was accurate. What do I do now?

A2: Inform the customer if they can provide proof of their Name, SSN/Tribal ID or DOB we can share that information with NLAD to attempt to get their request approved.

- Have copies of proof faxed to 1-866-810-7530.
- Place account or telephone number on the page with the copies so that we can associate the documentation with your account.

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Q3: I got a letter stating that I was denied for Lifeline because I have Lifeline with another company. I don't have Lifeline with another company. How can I challenge this?

A3:

- First validate with the customer that they do not have a discounted or free cell phone plan with another company.
  - If they do:
    - Explain that this is also a Lifeline discount.
    - Only one Lifeline discount is allowed per household.
    - If they would like to have CenturyLink Lifeline, they will first need to return their free cell phone, and then reapply for Lifeline with CenturyLink.
  - **If they do not**, send a follow-up to Service/Support Offline to contact the customer.
    - The follow-up type is SPLFE, assign it to BT!MONSP.

Q4: I just received a letter stating that I was denied Lifeline because the DOB I supplied was for someone less than 18 years of age. I provided the SSN and DOB of my daughter who is the recipient of the National School Free Lunch Program. What should I do?

A4: Anyone in the household can be the recipient of the assistance program. It does not have to be the applicant. However, the applicant for Lifeline must be the account holder of the CenturyLink account. The SSN and DOB must be that of the account holder. Please complete a new Lifeline application with the account holder's information.

Send customer a new Lifeline application.

Q5: I just received a letter stating that I was denied Lifeline benefits because I live at an address that already receives Lifeline benefits. I live in a nursing home (apartment building, group home, etc.). How can I apply for Lifeline?

A5: Please complete the Household Worksheet either on the last page of the application or one can be found on our website. (<a href="www.CenturyLink.com/Lifeline">www.CenturyLink.com/Lifeline</a>) This will allow you to attest that you are a separate household from other households at the same address. Once CenturyLink receives that information, we can attempt to approve you for Lifeline benefits.

#### **USAC Duplicate Lifeline Review**

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Federal law prohibits consumers from receiving Lifeline benefits from more than one provider. The Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC), on behalf of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), collects data on Lifeline accounts from all wireline & wireless providers. With this data, they are able to identify customers who received Lifeline benefits from more than one provider. USAC then notifies both companies and the customer of the duplicate accounts.

In the notification, USAC assigns one of the providers as the default provider. USAC gives the customer 35 days in which to contact USAC and change to the alternate provider. (Default providers are randomly selected with an equal percentage of accounts going to each provider.)

If, after 35 days, the customer has not contacted USAC to make a change, they are assigned the default provider identified by USAC. USAC then notifies each company of the names for which Lifeline should be removed.

## **USAC Duplicate Lifeline Review – Advising Customer**

Customer Decision	Response – Inbound Sales and Service Representatives
Customer wants CenturyLink as their Lifeline provider.	CenturyLink is the Default Provider: Assure customer that they do not need to do anything and CenturyLink will remain their Lifeline provider.
	CenturyLink is not the Default Provider: Customer must call the Toll Free number in the letter from USAC to select CenturyLink as their Lifeline provider.
Customer decides to remove CenturyLink as their Lifeline provider.	CenturyLink is the Default Provider: Encourage customer to contact Toll Free number in letter from USAC to select the other company as their Lifeline provider.
	If customer wishes to remove TAP/Lifeline and does not want to contact USAC, place follow-up to Service/Support - Offline to have TAP/Lifeline removed.
	CenturyLink is not the default provider: Assure customer that they do not need to do anything and CenturyLink will remove Lifeline from their CenturyLink account after the 35 day period.

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ETC	Eligible Telecommunications Carrier	CenturyLink is an ETC.	
NLAD	National Lifeline Accountability Database	Designed by USAC on behalf of the FCC to prevent, detect and eliminate duplicative Lifeline support.	
FCC	Federal Communications Commission		
USAC	Universal Service Administrative Company	Contact Number: 1 888 641-8722	