

## LIFELINE Program

Lifeline provides basic telephone service to eligible subscribers at a reduced monthly rate.

Lifeline subscribers may also receive long distance blocking on their telephone free of charge.

## LINK-UP Program

Link-Up provides eligible subscribers with a **50% reduction (up to \$30)** for connection and line extension charges for basic home telephone service.

Deferred payments of connection charges, without interest, may be arranged for Link-Up subscribers.

## Qualifications

People currently participating in at least one of the programs listed below would qualify for Lifeline and Link-Up programs. **You also qualify if your income is at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines** (For example A South Dakota family of four with an annual income at or below \$24,840 would now be eligible).

### Qualifying Programs:

- ◆ Medicaid (eg., Title XIX/Medical, State Supplemental Assistance)
- ◆ Food Stamps
- ◆ Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- ◆ Federal Public Housing Assistance
- ◆ Low Income Energy Assistance (LIEAP)
- ◆ Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF)
- ◆ National School Lunch's Free Lunch Program (NSL)

### To Apply:

Contact your local telephone company for an application.

## Need Help?



## LIFELINE/ LINK-UP Programs

Assistance for Basic Home Telephone Service

SD Public Utilities Commission  
State Capitol Building  
500 E Capitol Ave  
Pierre, SD 57501  
1-800-332-1782

# HOW TO APPLY for LIFELINE and/or LINK-UP ASSISTANCE

Contact your local telephone company for an application. Listed below are some of the questions or information the telephone company may request:

1. Which program are you applying for? Lifeline? Link-up? Both?
2. Are you currently receiving assistance benefits from any of the following programs?

- ✓ Medicaid (e.g., Title XIX/Medical, State Supplemental Assistance)
- ✓ Food Stamps
- ✓ Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- ✓ Federal Public Housing Assistance
- ✓ Low-Income Home Energy Assistance (LIEAP)
- ✓ Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF)
- ✓ National School Lunch's Free Lunch Program (NSL)
- ✓ Income Criteria— income is at or below 135% of Federal Poverty guidelines\*

\*(Please check with your local telephone company to see if this criterion is in effect. Income must be at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. You will be asked to list the number of individuals in your household. In order to qualify under this criterion, you must provide documentation of income eligibility. Documentation may consist of a copy of a prior year's state, federal or tribal tax return, three consecutive months of income statements or paycheck stubs from your employer, a Social Security statement of benefits, a Veterans Administration statement of benefits, a retirement/pension statement of benefits, an Unemployment/Workmen's Compensation statement of benefits, federal or tribal notice letter of participation in Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance, a divorce decree or child support document.)

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