

**SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
LIFELINE/TRIBAL LINK UP ADVERTISING/OUTREACH
ANNUAL REPORT
JULY 1, 2020**

Company:

Address:

Telephone number:

Company contact:

Study Area Code:

Lifeline/Tribal Link Up Advertising/Outreach Activities:

- Advertise in media of general distribution.* (See attached advertisement(s).)
- Letter to existing and new customers regarding the availability of Lifeline/Tribal Link Up within 1st 30 days of service.* (See attached letter.)
- Company's Lifeline/Tribal Link Up information in directory.
- Company's Lifeline/Tribal Link Up information available on Company website. www.bmtc.net
- Company's information posted on USAC website.
- Other (describe): Placed on bulletin board at City Hall.

*Required

COMMUNITY

Beresford Municipal Telephone Company Rates and Lifeline Program

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Single Line Residential Service	\$26.80
Single Line Business Service	\$30.30
Multi Line Business Service	\$33.54

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- Access to other operator services
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~ Beresford Municipal Telephone Company ~

Broadband Only Service Application

Date: _____ Social Security #: _____ Birth Date: _____

Name _____ Add'l Contact(s) on account: _____

Address: _____

Billing Address (if different): _____

_____ **20 Mbps down/2 Mbps up \$58.00**

_____ Modem Lease \$3/mo _____ Modem Purchase \$50

_____ Modem Contract \$0 (requires 6 month service commitment/contract)

_____ **30 Mbps down/5 Mbps up \$68.00**

_____ Modem Lease \$10 mo _____ Modem Purchase \$80

_____ Modem Contract \$0 (requires 6 month service commitment/contract)

_____ **50 Mbps down/10 Mbps up \$78.00**

_____ Modem Lease \$10/mo _____ Modem Purchase \$80

_____ Modem Contract \$0 (requires 6 month service commitment/contract)

_____ **70 Mbps down/10 Mbps up \$88.00**

_____ Modem Lease \$10/mo _____ Modem Purchase \$80

_____ Modem Contract \$0 (requires 6 month service commitment/contract)

Wiring Maintenance \$1.00/month _____ Yes _____ No

_____ **Email**

Login: _____ Password: _____ Spam Filter _____ (Must have BMTC e-mail)
Login must start w/letter/max 8 characters PW must be 4-8 characters, no upper case

_____ **Wireless Router (Purchase Only) ** Deluxe Router required for speeds above 20 Mbps ****

_____ Deluxe \$85 day of install or cash/carry, or \$100 _____ Standard \$45 day of install or cash/carry, or \$65

Router name: _____ **Router Password:** _____

(Any # of characters)

(Minimum 8 characters)

Applicant's Signature

Cell Phone Number

----- *Office Use Only* -----
CPNI discussed: _____ Lifeline Info Given: _____ Copy of Driver's License: _____ Deposit received: \$ _____

BBO # assigned: _____ Installation date & time _____ CSR: _____

New Customers

~ Beresford Municipal Telephone Company ~
Telephone, Internet & Cable Bundle Service Application

Date: _____ Social Security #: _____ Birth Date: _____

Name _____ (as you want it listed in phone book)

Address: _____

Billing Address: (if different) _____

Additional authorized contact(s) on account (CPNI): add last 4 digits of SS# of authorized contacts if available

Telephone

Published / Non-Pub \$1.00 / Non-listed \$1.00 900 Block yes / no **Wiring Maintenance (\$1/mo.) yes / no**
 (*non-pub: # is not in phone book or directory assistance; non-listed: # is not in phone book but is in D.A.*)

Long Distance Co: _____ Phone Rental: _____ CNAM: _____
 (15 letters maximum)

Calling Features:

_____ Call Waiting \$.75 _____ Voice Mail \$2.50
 _____ Caller ID \$3.00 _____ Voice Mail + E \$3.25 email address: _____
 _____ Toll Deny/Allow 800 \$.75 _____ Other _____

Cable TV

_____ Tier 1	\$ 32.54	_____ Tier 4/HBO & Showtime	\$ 97.65
_____ Tier 2	\$ 66.15	_____ Digital Basic Bundle	\$ 88.65
_____ Tier 3/ST	\$ 81.15	_____ Choose one: _____ Variety or _____ Sports or _____ Encore	
_____ Tier 3/HBO	\$ 85.65	_____ Digital Choice Bundle	\$ 97.15
		_____ Choose one: _____ Sports or _____ Encore	

* Please see Cable Channel Guide for more detailed information.

Pre-Payment: _____ Cable # assigned: _____ (if different from phone #)
(Pre-payment of 1 month of service + \$25 installation fee for analog or \$50 for digital)

**** Tiers 1-4 cable installs do not require in-home technician assistance unless requested. If assistance is needed to scan channels, check jacks, etc., schedule time when customer is available on day of install. ****

**** All digital cable installs require day & time scheduled with customer. ****

Tier 1-4 Install Date: _____ Time: _____ Digital Install Date & Time: _____
 (Time optional) (Time required)

Applicant's signature _____

Cell # _____

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Phone # assigned: _____ Installation date & time _____ CSR: _____

New Customers

**Beresford Municipal Telephone
120 E. Main Street
Beresford, SD 57004
763-2500**

Notice to Beresford Municipal Telephone Company Customers

Low Income Assistance Available:

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Who is Eligible?

Subscribers must have household income that is at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines or the subscriber, one or more of their dependents, or their household must participate in at least one of the following public assistance programs to be eligible:

Medicaid

Food Stamps

Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

Federal Public Housing Assistance (FPHA)

Veterans Pension or Survivors Pension Benefit

If you do not participate in one or more of the programs listed above, you may qualify for Lifeline if your household income does not exceed 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines (see table below).

2019 Health and Human Services Poverty Guidelines

Number in Residence	135% Guideline (Annual)	Number in Residence	135% Guideline (Annual)
1	\$16,862	5	\$40,730
2	\$22,829	6	\$46,697
3	\$28,796	7	\$52,664
4	\$34,763	8	\$58,631

For each additional person after 8, add \$5,967 to the annual guideline.

What does the Program Provide?

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How do I apply?

If you meet the eligibility requirements, you must completely fill out and sign an application form. You must also provide proof of program participation or income eligibility. More details on this documentation requirement and application forms are available at our office at: Beresford Municipal Telephone Company, 120 E. Main St., Beresford, SD 57004, and at Beresford City Hall, 101 N. 3rd St., Beresford, SD 57004.

Could I Become Ineligible?

When you no longer are eligible to participate in any of the above assistance programs or your income becomes higher than the chart above, you are no longer eligible for Lifeline. *You are obligated by law to notify Beresford Municipal Telephone Company and advise the company that you are no longer eligible for Lifeline.*

***If you feel you qualify for this program or would like more information,
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Lifeline and Toll Limitation Services



Lifeline and Toll Limitation Service support provide discounts to eligible low-income consumers to help them establish and maintain telephone service. **Note:** Telecommunications carriers cannot charge a Lifeline customer federal USF fees on the local service portion of their telephone bill.

What type of discount is available?

Lifeline assistance lowers the cost of basic, monthly local telephone or internet service. Eligible consumers receive a \$9.25 credit per month.

Eligible residents of Indian reservations or tribal lands can receive up to an additional \$25 in Lifeline support, but must pay at least \$1 for basic monthly service.

Eligible low-income consumers living on tribal lands are eligible for an additional discount of up to \$70 to cover 100% of the charges between \$60 and \$130.

Toll Limitation Service (TLS) support allows eligible consumers who wish to avoid incurring large long distance fees to choose toll blocking or toll control at no cost.

How do I know whether I am eligible?

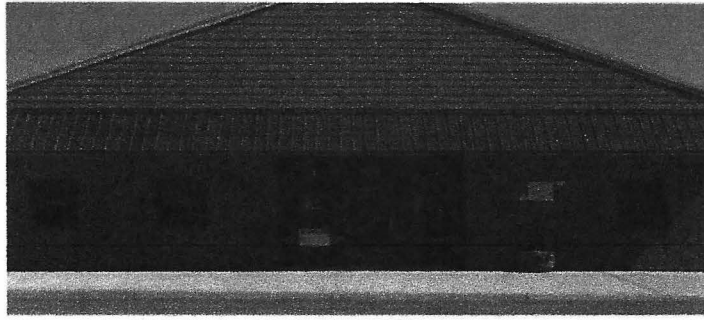
Eligibility for Lifeline and TLS support varies by state. Individuals who reside in states that have their own discount programs qualify for federal Lifeline and TLS support if they meet the eligibility criteria established by their state. In states that do not provide state support, an individual is eligible if he or she participates in one of the following programs:

- Medicaid
- Food Stamps
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Veteran's Pension or Survivor's Benefit Program
- Federal Public Housing Assistance (FPHA)

In addition, a consumer may be eligible if his or her household income is at or below 135% of the federal poverty guidelines.

To apply for Lifeline and TLS discounts, please contact Beresford Municipal Telephone Company, 101 N. 3rd, Beresford, SD 57004 or (605)763-2500.

2019 Directory



Beresford Municipal Telephone Company

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Lifeline

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- Medicaid
- Food Stamps
- Supplemental Security Income
- Federal Public Housing Assistance
- Veterans Pension or Survivors Pension Benefit

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Toll Limitation Service allows eligible Lifeline customers who wish to avoid incurring long distance fees to choose toll blocking at no cost.

If a customer qualifies due to income requirements, documentation is required prior to installation. Acceptable forms of documentation include:

- >Prior year tax return
- >Paycheck stubs (must be 3 consecutive months within current calendar year)
- >Social Security Statement of Benefits
- >Veterans Administration Statement of Benefits
- >Retirement/Pension Statement of Benefits
- >Unemployment/Workman's Compensation Statement of Benefits
- >Divorce Decree, child support, or other official document

For more information on the Lifeline program, please
call us at 763-2500.

To contact Beresford Municipal Telephone, please call, fax, e-mail, or stop by our office:

**120 E. Main Street
Beresford, SD 57004**

Phone: 605/763-2500 or 605/763-2008

Fax: 605/763-7112

E-mail: phone@bmtc.net

Companies near 57004

The order of this list is random and may change next time you search. The results will still be the same.

Showing 2 of 2 companies



Print List

Download List:



Company Name	Phone	Type of Service	▲	State
Midcontinent Communications dba Midco	1-888-800-1300	Home Phone		SD
Beresford Municipal Telephone	605-763-2500	Home Phone		SD

If you want to see more companies, see the list of companies in SD.

Tell Us What You Think

We will continue to update this tool, so please check back often. If you have any comments or find something wrong, please email us at LifelineProgram@usac.org.

More About the Data

The Companies Near Me tool is powered by USAC's Open Data initiative. This initiative allows the public to explore and analyze information submitted by universal service program participants.

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Medicaid

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly known as Food Stamps)

Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

Veterans Pension or Survivors Pension Benefit

Federal Public Housing Assistance (FPHA) Section 8

What does the Program Provide?

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