

EXHIBIT E

SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION LIFELINE/TRIBAL LINK UP ADVERTISING/OUTREACH ANNUAL REPORT JULY 1, 2026

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.

Company's information posted on USAC website.

Other (describe):

*Required

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

Notice to Beresford Municipal Telephone Company Customers

Low Income Assistance Available:

Beresford Municipal Telephone Company is authorized to provide a federal assistance program that was developed in response to concerns about the affordability of telephone & broadband service for low-income citizens. The **Lifeline** program provides a monthly benefit on home phone or broadband service to eligible households.

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)

Veteran's or Veterans Survivor's Pension

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).

2024 Federal Poverty Guidelines

Number in Residence	135% Guideline (Annual)	Number in Residence	135% Guideline (Annual)
1	\$20,331	5	\$49,383
2	\$27,594	6	\$56,646
3	\$34,857	7	\$63,909
4	\$42,210	8	\$71,172

For each additional person after 8, add \$7,263 to the annual guideline.

What does the Program Provide?

Lifeline provides eligible subscribers with a credit of \$5.25 on their basic telephone service or \$9.25 on their broadband charges with speeds at or **above** 20mbps/3mbps. The credit applies on the main home telephone line or broadband service listed in the name of the eligible telephone company subscriber. Lifeline subscribers also may receive blocking of long distance calling on their telephone line at no charge.

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,
please call us at 763-2500 or stop in our office at 120 E. Main Street.***

**Annual Lifeline
Notice 2025**

Bill insert

Beresford Municipal Telephone Company
101 S 3rd St
Beresford, SD 57004
763-2500

***** Low Income Assistance Available for Telephone Customers *****

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Who is Eligible?

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Medicaid	Low Income Home Energy Assistance
Food Stamps	Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
Federal Housing Assistance	Temporary Aid to Needy Families
National School Lunch Free Lunch Program	

What does the Program Provide?

Lifeline provides eligible subscribers with a credit of \$9.25 on their basic telephone charges. The credit applies on the main home telephone line listed in the name of the eligible telephone company subscriber. Lifeline subscribers also may receive blocking of long distance calling on their telephone line at no charge.

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Companies Near Me

This tool can help you find companies in your area that offer [Lifeline](#), which can reduce the cost of your phone or internet service by providing a monthly discount.

If you previously received the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) benefit, you should check to see if you qualify for [Lifeline](#). Due to a lack of additional funding from Congress, the ACP stopped accepting new applications as of February 7, 2024. The last fully funded month of the ACP was April 2024, and the program has ended for now.

Find a Company

Enter Your Zip Code

OR

Example: 12345

Enter Your City and State

Select a Program:

☒ Lifeline

Type of Service (Optional)

☐ Home Service

☐ Mobile Service

Search

[Clear Results](#)

Companies near 57004

The order of these companies are random and may be different the next time you search.

Showing 5 of 5 companies

Company Name	Phone	Type of Service
CenturyLink	800-244-1117	Home Service
Midco	800-888-1302	Home Service
Beresford Municipal Telephone	605-763-2500	Home Service
Clarity Telecom	888-975-4258	Home Service
TruConnect Communications, Inc	800-430-0443	Mobile Service

If you want to see more companies, [see the list of companies in SD.](#)

More About the Data

- Search results are based on program enrollment and information provided by the companies.
- The search results may include a company listed in your area that may not provide service to your address.
- Also, the search results might not show every company that is near you. A company may still offer Lifeline service even if it is not on the list. Please contact the company to confirm if they offer Lifeline service for your address.

Tell Us What You Think

We will continue to update this tool, so please check back often. If you have any comments or see something wrong - or if you are a company that needs to add or update your Lifeline information, email us at LifelineProgram@usac.org.

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CALL KEITH 605-630-9412

the bid specifications or requests for additional information must be submitted by 2:00 p.m. Central Time on Friday, May 2,

Beresford Municipal Telephone Company Rates and Lifeline Program

Beresford Municipal Telephone Company provides basic and enhanced telecommunications services within its service area. **Basic services are offered at the following rates:**

- Single Line Residential Service \$28.30
- Single Line Business Service \$31.50
- Multi Line Business Service \$35.08

Local resident and business service includes:

- > Voice grade access to the public telephone network
- > Single-party flat-rated local service free of per minute charges
- > Dual tone multi-frequency signaling (touch-tone) service
- > Access to directory assistance services
- > Access to other operator services
- > Access to 911 emergency services
- > Access to interexchange (long distance) services
- > Toll limitation for qualifying low-income consumers

Lifeline telephone assistance program is available for qualifying low-income subscribers. This program provides a monthly service discount on telephone service. Toll blocking at no charge and reduced deposits are also available. To qualify, a subscriber must participate in at least one of the following programs or have a household income that is at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines:

- > Medicaid
- > Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (Food Stamps program)
- > Temporary Aid to Needy Families (TANF)
- > National School Lunch (NSL) free lunch program
- > Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- > Federal Public Housing Assistance
- > Low Income Housing Energy Assistance
- > Survivors of Domestic Violence through the Safe Connections Act (SCA)

Beresford Telephone Company's voice service is a Lifeline-supported service. Only eligible consumers may enroll in the Lifeline program. Lifeline applicants must present documentation demonstrating eligibility either through participation in one of the qualifying federal assistance programs or through income-based means. Lifeline recipients are required to recertify their eligibility every year. The Lifeline program is limited to one benefit per household, consisting of either wireline or wireless service. A household is defined, for purposes of the Lifeline program, as an individual or group of individuals who live together at the same address & share income & expenses. Lifeline is a government benefit program, and consumers who willfully make false statements in order to obtain the benefit can be punished by fine or imprisonment or can be barred from the program.

The basic services described above are offered to all consumers in BMTC's service area. If you have any questions regarding telecommunication services, please call BMTC's office at 605/763-2500.

April 2025

Call this newspaper or 800-658-3697 for details.

FOR RENT

1 Bedroom Apt. for elderly or persons with disabilities at Evergreen Square, Beresford. GROUND FLOOR, no steps. Rent based on income. Equal Housing Opportunity. 605-957-5155 or Skogen Company 605-263-3941.

NOTICES

ADVERTISE IN NEWSPAPER statewide for only

CAREGIVERS WANTED:

FLEXIBLE, PART TIME CAREGIVER POSITIONS IN CENTERVILLE, LENNOX, MARION & VIBORG

Homecare Services, where our mission is to provide expert advice and professional care to help those who wish to remain living at home.

Great supplemental income! Hourly pay ranging from \$18.05 - \$21.05! Eligible mileage reimbursed.

Our team serves individuals across South Dakota and has since 1984. We take pride in providing exceptional care, so our consumers can enjoy life at home. Create a flexible schedule that works for you and your personal life. Join our team to feel rewarded, supported and challenged. Help people right in your own community and make a meaningful difference!



Expert advice, professional care.

Please call our Sioux Falls office at (605) 332-2196 or visit our website www.homecareservicesd.com

332-2199

Lifeline Information

BMTC provides a federal assistance program for low-income citizens. The Lifeline program provides reduced monthly charges to telephone or broadband customers who qualify. To be eligible, subscribers must have a household income that is at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines or must participate in at least one of the following public assistance programs listed below. In addition to income qualifications or program participation, broadband customers must subscribe to speeds at or above 20mbps/3mbps.

Medicaid

Federal Public Housing Assistance (FPHA)

Food Stamps

Veterans Pension or Survivors Pension Benefit

Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

Survivors of Domestic Violence through the Safe Connections Act (SCA)

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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. 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

If you feel you qualify for this program or would like more information,

Telephone Service



There are many pros and cons to have a landline home phone or not. Chat with us today, let us help you make an educated decision if a home phone is right for you and your family

Beresford Telephone offers full service local and long distance telephone for both business and residential customers. Let us find what fits the needs of your home or business today!

Telephone Support

Check Your Voicemail

Telephone Service Rates

Basic Residential Telephone Service	\$28.30
Basic Business Single Line Telephone Service	\$31.50
Basic Business Multi Line Telephone Service	\$35.08

All Above prices are subject to change each quarter due to FUSC fluctuation

\$100.00 Deposit required for new customers
(Deposit is returned to customer after 12 consecutive, timely payments)

Optional Features/Add Ons

Caller ID	\$3.00
Call Waiting	\$0.75
Call Forward	\$1.00
Voicemail - Basic	\$2.50
Telemarketer Call Screening	\$2.50
Additional Directory Listing	\$0.75

Lifeline Information

Financial Assistance for Low-Income Customers

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 telephone consumers receive a \$5.25 credit per month, and eligible broadband 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.

2025 telephone book