Lifeline Eligibility Process for Wireline Carriers

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Utah Eligibility Process for Wireline Service Providers

USAC will determine Lifeline eligibility for consumers of wireline service providers beginning **July 1, 2018** and ending with the **hard launch** of the National Verifier.

Service providers can help consumers check eligibility two ways:

- Paper application
- National Verifier service provider portal (after soft launch)*

* USAC recommends this process because it will provide real-time response and prepare service providers for the National Verifier hard launch

Paper Application Process

- Consumer obtains paper Lifeline application from service provider or by downloading from USAC website
- Consumer mails completed application + all eligibility documentation (proof of eligibility program, TPIV, AMS, IEH) to USAC at the following address):

Lifeline Program – National Verifier

700 12th St NW, #900

Washington, DC, 20005

- Consumer **must use** the new Lifeline application form
- **Do not** mail the application to the Kentucky address listed on the form

Paper Application Process

- USAC will review the consumer application and make an eligibility determination
 - If the consumer needs additional documentation, USAC will outreach to them using the preferred contact method indicated on the application
 - USAC will review additional documentation and make a determination
- Once eligibility is determined, USAC will contact the consumer via their preferred contact method to confirm eligibility
- Consumer has 90 days to enroll in the Lifeline program using this eligibility determination

National Verifier Service Provider Portal Process

- At the soft launch, service providers can use the service provider portal to check consumer eligibility
- Consumers must be present with service providers to use the service provider portal process
- The portal will provide a real-time eligibility response
 - If the consumer cannot be found in an eligibility database, they can submit documentation for real-time review

Lifeline Enrollment

- Consumer can bring eligibility determination to service provider to enroll in Lifeline
- Service providers must set the NLAD toggle to "National Verifier"
- Service provider will enroll consumer in NLAD using the usual process
- NLAD will not allow enrollment for consumers without a current eligibility determination

Questions? Comments?

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