

For the 7 in 1 Bill Stuffer:

Help Make Local Phone Service Affordable

LIFELINE and LINK UP are government programs that make telephone or broadband Internet service more affordable for eligible, low-income households. Lifeline is a federal program that provides a monthly \$9.25 discount on telephone or broadband Internet service to eligible households. If the eligible consumer voluntarily elects toll-blocking while initiating Lifeline service, a deposit is not required. Link Up is a state program that helps pay the installation for telephone service.

Who is eligible?

To be eligible for the program, you, your dependent or your household must participate in one of the following programs:

- *Medicaid or Medical Assistance Program
- *SNAP: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (formerly Food Stamps)
- *SSI: Supplemental Security Income
- *Federal Public Housing Assistance or Section 8
- *The Veteran's Pension or Survivor's Pension Benefits

Customers may also qualify for Lifeline if their total household income does not exceed 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.

Are there restrictions?

The Lifeline and Link Up programs are limited to one benefit per household and are non-transferable. Lifeline provides a discount on either telephone or broadband Internet service. Subscribers willfully making false statements in order to obtain the benefit can be punished by fine or imprisonment or can be barred from the program.

Where can I apply for Lifeline?

To enroll in Lifeline, please contact Cass Telephone Company at 800-252-1799 or 217-452-3022 or visit our Business office at 100 Redbud Rd, Virginia, Illinois.