



GET CONNECTED

with Lifeline and the Affordable Connectivity Program



Keeping up with technology can be a struggle for individuals and families with limited financial means. Having a cell phone, a laptop or internet service at home is not a luxury – it is a necessity in the modern world. The federal Lifeline program and the federal Affordable Connectivity Program provide assistance that can help you get and stay connected. If you participate in Medicaid or SNAP, you qualify for both federal programs.



Lifeline (Free Smartphone Program)

Lifeline provides eligible low-income individuals with a free smartphone and free monthly data, free monthly minutes and unlimited texting. This is a federal program and should not be confused with the state's Lifeline utility assistance program.



Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP)

The Affordable Connectivity Program is a federal program that provides eligible households with a discount on broadband service and connected devices. The benefit provides a discount of up to \$30 per month towards internet service for eligible households and up to \$75 per month for households on qualifying Tribal lands. Eligible households can also receive a one-time discount of up to \$100 to purchase a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet from participating providers. If you have a Lifeline smartphone, you can also request the Affordable Connectivity Program for unlimited talk, text and data.



If you qualify for Lifeline, you qualify for the Affordable Connectivity Program but you need to apply for both.



You are eligible to apply for Lifeline if your household:

- Participates in NJ SNAP, Medicaid, SSI, Federal Public Housing Assistance, Veterans Pension and Survivors Benefit or Tribal Programs; or
- Has an income that is at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.

You are eligible to apply for Affordable Connectivity Program if your household:

- Participates in any of the following programs: NJ SNAP, Medicaid, SSI, Federal Public Housing Assistance, SSI, WIC or Lifeline (Free Smartphone Program);
- Has an income that is at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines;
- Participated in Tribal specific programs, such as Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance, Tribal TANF, or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations;
- Receives benefits under the free and reduced-price school lunch program or the school breakfast program, or did so in the 2019-2020, 2020-2021, 2021-2022 school year;
- Meets the eligibility criteria for a participating broadband provider's existing low-income or COVID-19 program or
- Received a Federal Pell Grant during the current award year.



People in Household	Lifeline - Annual Household Income Limit	ACP - Annual Household Income Limit
1	\$17,338	\$25,760
2	\$23,517	\$34,840
3	\$29,646	\$43,920
4	\$35,755	\$53,000
	For each additional person after 4, add \$6,129	For each additional person after 4, add \$9,080

How to Apply for Lifeline:

Apply online through the following providers: **Assurance Wireless** or **SafeLink Wireless**.

You can choose your Lifeline provider. If you already have a Lifeline smartphone, contact your provider and ask about available benefits under the Affordable Connectivity Program

- If you are a Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare member with Horizon, Amerigroup or WellCare, you may receive extra benefits by applying with SafeLink Wireless: safelinkwireless.com
- If you are a Medicaid/NJ FamilyCare member with Aetna or UnitedHealthcare, you may receive extra benefits by applying with Assurance Wireless: assurancewireless.com



Assurance and SafeLink offer Lifeline and Affordable Connectivity Program bundles that provide free unlimited talk, text, and data, plus hotspot data.

How to Apply for Affordable Connectivity Program:

If you already have a Lifeline smartphone, contact your provider and ask about available benefits under the Affordable Connectivity Program.

You can also:

- Go to ACPBenefit.org to submit an application or print out a mail-in application.
- Contact your preferred participating provider to select a service plan and have the discount applied to your bill.



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