

# LIFELINE PROGRAM

You may qualify for discounted telephone or broadband service

#### What is Lifeline?

Lifeline is a South Carolina and federal program that makes telephone or broadband service affordable for eligible, low-income households. Eligible households receive a monthly credit of \$12.75 on residential telephone or \$9.25 on broadband service.

## Do I qualify?

You may qualify for Lifeline if you, your dependent, or your household receives Medicaid (Healthy Connections), SNAP (formerly Food Stamps), Public Housing Assistance (Section 8), Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Veterans/Survivor's Pension or if your total household income is at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.

#### Are there restrictions?

Lifeline is only available on one service per household. Customers may not transfer their Lifeline benefits to another person, even if the other person is eligible. Each year, Lifeline customers must certify that they are still eligible for the discount. Customers who willfully make false statements in order to obtain the benefit are subject to fine or imprisonment or may be barred from the program.

## How do I apply for Lifeline?

To enroll in Lifeline, <u>fill out this form</u> and bring it by your local business office. If someone at your address already gets lifeline, <u>use this form</u> to see if there is more than one household at your address.

Abbeville Office (864) 446-2111 233 Hwy 28 Bypass Abbeville, SC 29620 McCormick Office (864) 852-5000 200 Virginia St McCormick, SC 29835 <u>Iva Office</u> (864) 348-6111 619 W Front St Iva, SC 29655

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