

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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April 6, 2021

To: California LifeLine Service Providers

**SUBJECT: CALIFORNIA LIFELINE PROGRAM HOUSEHOLD INCOME
LIMITS EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021 THROUGH MAY 31, 2022**

The Communications Division (CD) of the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) hereby notifies California LifeLine (California LifeLine) service providers of the California LifeLine income limits for June 1, 2021 through May 31, 2022.

Background

Commission's General Order (GO) 153, Section 5.2.1, provides that CD must adjust California LifeLine income limits by April 15th of each year to reflect inflation based on the Federal Consumer Price Index – Urban Areas (CPI-U). Further, GO 153, Section 5.2.1 states, "All California LifeLine Service Providers shall implement the adjusted California LifeLine income limits by no later than June 1st of each year" by filing revised tariffs or schedules of rates and charges and by revising their annual notice.

Calculation

The California LifeLine income limits used for the June 1, 2020 to May 31, 2021 period will increase by 1.4% CPI-U rate. CD obtained the 1.4% CPI-U rate from the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Economic News Release, on January 19, 2021, for the 12 months ending December 2020, as reported at the following website address: <http://www.bls.gov/news.release/cpi.toc.htm>.

The Household Income Limitation beginning June 1, 2021 through May 31, 2022 for household size 1-2, will be reduced from the June 1, 2020 to May 31, 2021 period. CD determined it miscalculated the CPI-U increase resulting in an overstatement of the income limitation. Correcting the income limitation amounts for the correct CPI-U, 2.3% instead of 4.5% for 2021-2022 periods, and applying the 1.4% CPI-U increase for this period result in income limits lower than the previous level.

**California LifeLine Income Limits
Effective June 1, 2021 to May 31, 2022**

<u>Household Size</u>	<u>Annual Income Limit</u>
1-2	\$28,500
3	\$33,100
4	\$40,300
Each Additional Member	\$7,200

All California LifeLine Service Providers must (1) implement the adjusted California LifeLine income limits set forth above effective June 1, 2021 through May 31, 2022, and (2) revise their annual notice to reflect the adjusted California LifeLine income limits for June 1, 2021 to May 31, 2022.

California LifeLine Wireline Service Providers shall file a Tier 1 Advice Letter to revise their tariffs to reflect the adjusted California LifeLine income limits for June 1, 2021 to May 31, 2022. California LifeLine Wireless Service Providers shall submit, for review and approval, any marketing materials containing information about California LifeLine annual income limits to CaLLMarketing@cpuc.ca.gov by May 1, 2021.

If you have any questions regarding this administrative letter, please contact Tina Lee by phone at (415) 703-2285 or by e-mail at u17@cpuc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jonathan Lakritz". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jonathan Lakritz, Program Manager
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