

## VPS Consulting Memo

# FCC Announces Updated Lifeline Minimum Standards

The FCC released a Public Notice on July 21, 2023 announcing the new Lifeline Minimum Standards that will take effect on December 1, 2024.

- Fixed Broadband – 25M/3M with 1280 GB of usage per month (speed remained unchanged, data usage increased)
  - Exception Reminder – If 25M/3M is unavailable at the subscriber’s location, the Lifeline benefit can be applied toward the **highest** performing fixed broadband residential offering available but must be at least 4M/1M
- Mobile Broadband – 4.5 GB/month with 3G or better mobile technology (remained unchanged and data capacity will remain in place until at least December 1, 2024)
- Mobile Voice – 1,000 minutes per month (remained unchanged)

If the subscriber is receiving a bundled service, the Lifeline benefit must be applied to one of the services in the bundle and the service it’s applied to must meet the minimum standards.

Customers who currently subscribe to Lifeline-supported services that will no longer meet the minimum standards on December 1, 2023 must be notified at least one month in advance. The notification should explain that their service will no longer qualify for Lifeline as of December 1, 2023 and they can either switch to a Lifeline-supported plan or de-enroll from the Lifeline program.

## Additional Information

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