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FCC Pauses Voice Lifeline Phase-out and Mobile Broadband Data Capacity Increase... Again

The FCC released an [Order](#) on July 7, 2023, hitting the pause button on, (1) the support phase-out of Lifeline voice services, and (2) the data capacity increase for mobile broadband, for an additional year. As a result of the pause, the basic lifeline benefit will remain at \$5.25 for eligible voice-only service and the minimum service standard for mobile broadband data capacity will remain at 4.5 GB per month until at least December 31, 2024.

Lifeline Benefit Chart as of December 1, 2021

NLAD Service Type	Service Description	Standard Lifeline	Enhanced Tribal (in addition to Standard Lifeline)
Standard Voice Only	Subscriber receives voice only service	\$5.25	\$25.00
Bundled Voice	Subscriber receives voice service and non-qualifying broadband service		
Broadband	Subscriber receives qualifying broadband service	\$9.25	\$25.00
Bundled Broadband	Subscriber receives qualifying broadband service and voice service		

Note: To receive monthly benefit, subscriber must be enrolled in the NLAD system on the last day of the month.

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