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NATIONAL LIFELINE AWARENESS WEEK September 14th through 18th

Concord, N.H. The Lifeline Telephone Assistance Program can help low-income consumers stay connected to local emergency services and community resources vital to all residents. The discounted phone or internet service available through the Lifeline Program makes it easier for consumers to stay connected. During these times, access to emergency services and community services, such as schools and health care, as well as connecting with family and friends is more important than ever.

New Hampshire consumers may qualify for a discount of up to \$9.25 per month on their phone or internet service if their household income is no more than 135% of the federal poverty income guideline or if they participate in one of the following programs:

- Medicaid
- Supplemental Security Income
- Federal Public Housing
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), formerly Food Stamps
- Federal Veterans Affairs Veterans' Pension and Survivors Benefit

Eligible consumers not currently receiving the Lifeline discount should contact their telephone or internet provider and ask if the company offers Lifeline. Consumers are eligible for only one Lifeline discount in the household. More information on how to apply is available at

<https://www.lifelinesupport.org/how-to-get-lifeline/>

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