

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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February 14, 2023

To: California LifeLine Service Providers

**SUBJECT: CALIFORNIA LIFELINE PROGRAM HOUSEHOLD INCOME
LIMITS EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023 THROUGH MAY 31, 2024 AND
REVISED JUNE 1, 2022 THROUGH MAY 31, 2023 (2023-02
ADMINISTRATIVE LETTER 1)**

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 the revised June 1, 2022 through May 31, 2023 and June 1, 2023 through May 31, 2024.

Background

The Commission's General Order (GO) 153, Section 5.2, 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 5.2.1.1 states, "All California LifeLine Service Providers shall implement the adjusted California LifeLine income limits by no later than June 1st of each year."

Calculations

A. June 1, 2023 to May 31, 2024

The California LifeLine income limits used for the June 1, 2023 to May 31, 2024 period will increase by 6.5% CPI-U rate. CD obtained the 6.5% CPI-U rate from the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Economic News Release, on January 12, 2023, for the 12 months ending December 2022, as reported at the following website address:
<http://www.bls.gov/news.release/cpi.toc.htm>.

B. Revised June 1, 2022 to May 31, 2023

CD determined that, in its income limits administrative letter issued March 24, 2022, it miscalculated the CPI-U increase resulting in an understatement of the income limits. Correcting the income limitation amounts for the CPI-U, 7.0% instead of 0.7% for 2022-2023 period result in income limits higher than the previous levels.

California LifeLine Income Limits

<u>Household Size</u>	<u>Effective June 1, 2022 to May 31, 2023 Revised Annual Income</u>	<u>Effective June 1, 2023 to May 31, 2024 Annual Income Limit</u>
1-2	30,500	\$32,500
3	35,400	\$37,700
4	43,100	\$45,900
Each Additional Member	7,700	\$8,200

All California LifeLine Service Providers must (1) implement the adjusted California LifeLine income limits set forth above effective June 1, 2022 through May 31, 2023 and June 1, 2023 through May 31, 2024, and (2) revise their annual notice to reflect the adjusted California LifeLine income limits for June 1, 2022 to May 31, 2024.

California LifeLine providers shall file a Tier 1 advice letter to revise their tariffs or schedule of rates and charges by March 1, 2023, to reflect the adjusted California LifeLine income limits for June 1, 2022 to May 31, 2024. Service providers do not need to submit the Tier 1 advice letter if they revised their tariff or schedule of rates and charges previously to include the website link to the CPUC income limit webpage <https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/CA-lifeline-eligibility#Income>. 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 March 1, 2023.

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,



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