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INDIVIDUAL, PARTY AND AUXILIARY LINE SERVICE AND STATION SERVICE

- A. <u>INDIVIDUAL, PARTY AND AUXILIARY LINE SERVICE</u> (Cont'd)
 - 1. Exchange Service (Cont'd)
 - c. Flat Rate and Message Rate Service (Cont'd)
 - (3) Lifeline Service
 - (a) <u>Flat Rate Lifeline Service -</u> This service provides a full waiver of the federal subscriber line charge for flat rate customers.

<u>Basic Lifeline Service</u> - This low priced individual line message rate service provides a full waiver of the federal subscriber line charge. There is no monthly allowance for local calls. Primary area and Home Region calls are untimed. Extended area calls (where available) are timed.

Qualified customers may choose any of the Lifeline services as described above. Service connection charges do not apply to change existing service to, from or within Lifeline Service. For connection of new service, service connection charges apply.

- (b) These services are restricted to low income residential subscribers for a single exchange access line, per household, * at the principal residence. To qualify for Lifeline Services a subscriber must be certified as participating in at least one of the following Government Programs:
 - Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)# (C)
 - Medicaid
 - Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
 - Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly known as Food Stamps Program)
 - Federal Public Housing Assistance (Section 8)
 - National School Lunch Programs' free lunch program (NSLP)#
 - Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)#
 - Veterans Pension Benefit
 - Veterans Survivors Pension Benefit
- * A household is defined as any individual or group of individuals living together at the same address as one economic unit.
- # These qualifying programs are eligible for New York State support only.

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