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## SECTION 6 - MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES

## A. LIFELINE TELEPHONE SERVICE (cont'd)

- 1. Description (cont'd)
  - e. Toll blocking functionality is offered at no charge to those Lifeline customers who request this service.
  - f. No customer deposit is required from a Lifeline customer if optional toll blocking is added to the customer's line at no charge.
  - g. Locality charges are waived for Lifeline customers.

## 2. Regulations

- a. These services are restricted to low income residential subscribers. A
  consumer's household income must be at or below 135% of the Federal Poverty
  Guidelines for a household of that size; or
- b. To qualify for lifeline service a subscriber must be a recipient of benefits from at least one of the following Entitlement Programs administered by the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA):

## Medicaid:

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (Food Stamps or SNAP);

Supplemental Security Income (SSI);

Federal Public Housing Assistance (FPHA);

Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP); (State support only)

Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF); (State support only)

National School Lunch Program's Free Lunch Program; (state support only)

Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance;

Tribally-Administered Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TTANF);

Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR);

Head Start (If income eligibility criteria are met) or;

Veterans Pension Survivors Pension

c. In addition to meeting the qualifications provided above a qualifying low-income consumer must not already be receiving a Lifeline service, and there must not be anyone else in the subscriber's household subscribed to a Lifeline Service.

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