

## NOTICE

## FREE CELL PHONES

### TO ELIGIBLE FAMILIES

#### About the FCC Lifeline Pro

Over twenty years ago, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) created the Lifeline Program to help guarantee Universal Service in the US. The Lifeline Program provides discounted telephone service to low-income families and individuals that otherwise would find it difficult to pay for telephone service. To qualify for Lifeline Support, Families or individuals have to be either enrolled in a State social service program or qualify under the *U.S. Federal Poverty Guidelines*. Eligibility varies by state.

In April 2008, the FCC approved TracFone as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) to provide Lifeline Service in 11 states. Subsequently, TracFone has been approved in an additional 9 states and is currently providing service in 19 states. Today, there are over 1,700 ETC's providing Lifeline service throughout the United States.

#### HOW SAFELINK WORKS

Instead of receiving a monthly telephone bill for your Lifeline service, SafeLink converts the total amount of discounted service (approximately \$13.50 of discounted telephone service) into minutes (68 minutes) each month. Through our service you will receive *FREE cellular service, a FREE cell phone, and FREE Minutes every month!* SafeLink Wireless Service does not cost anything there are no contracts, no recurring fees and no monthly charges. The SafeLink service is good for one year. Participants in the program are subject to annual verification. The cell phone is NOT subsidize by the federal government and is provided by TracFone to the customer at no cost.

Any Minutes you do not use will roll-over. Features such as caller ID, call waiting and voice mail are all also included with your service. If you need additional Minutes, you can buy

TracFone Airtime Cards at any TracFone retailer Walmart, Walgreens, Family Dollar, etc).  
SafeLink Airtime Cards will be available soon.

Your exact benefits, including the number of free Minutes you will receive, depend on the state you live in.

## **How to Qualify**

The process to qualify for Lifeline Service depends on the State you live in. In general, you may qualify if ...

- 1 . You already participate in other State or Federal assistance program such as Federal Public Housing Assistance, Food Stamps and Medicaid.

OR

2. Your total household income is at or below 135% of the poverty guidelines set by your State and/or the Federal Government.

AND

3. No one in your household currently receives Lifeline Service through another phone carrier.
4. You have a valid United States Postal Address. In order for us to ship you your free phone you must live at a residence that can receive mail from the US Post Office. Sorry, but P.O. Boxes cannot be accepted.

In addition to meeting the guidelines above you will also be required to provide proof of your participation in an assistance program, or proof of your income level.

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