

## PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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April 15, 2016

To: California LifeLine Service Providers

**SUBJECT: CALIFORNIA LIFELINE PROGRAM HOUSEHOLD INCOME LIMITS EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016 THROUGH MAY 31, 2017**

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 June 1, 2016 through May 31, 2017.

**Background**

Commission's General Order (GO) 153, Section 5.2.1, provides that CD must adjust California LifeLine income limits by April 15<sup>th</sup> of each year to reflect inflation based on the Federal Consumer Price Index – Urban Areas (CPI-U). Further, GO 153, Section 5.2.1 and 5.2.1.1.1, states, "All California LifeLine Service Providers shall implement the adjusted California LifeLine income limits by no later than June 1<sup>st</sup> of each year" by filing revised tariffs or schedules of rates and charges and by revising their annual notice."

**Calculation**

The California LifeLine income limits used for the June 1, 2015 to May 31, 2016 period will increase by 0.7% CPI-U rate. CD obtained the 0.7% CPI-U rate from the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Economic News Release, on January 20, 2016, for the 12 months ending December 2015, as reported at the following website address:

<http://www.bls.gov/news.release/cpi.toc.htm>.

**California LifeLine Income Limits  
Effective June 1, 2016 to May 31, 2017**

<u>Household Size</u>	<u>Annual Income Limit</u>
1-2	\$25,900
3	\$30,100
4	\$36,500
<b>Each Additional Member</b>	<b>\$6,400</b>

All California LifeLine Service Providers must (1) implement the adjusted California LifeLine income limits set forth above effective June 1, 2016 through May 31, 2017, and (2) revise their annual notice to reflect the adjusted California LifeLine income limits for June 1, 2016 to May 31, 2017.

California LifeLine Wireline Service Providers shall file a Tier 1 Advice Letter to revise their tariffs to reflect the adjusted California LifeLine income limits for June 1, 2016 to May 31, 2017. California LifeLine Wireless Service Providers, however, shall submit, for review and approval, any marketing materials containing information about California LifeLine annual income limits to [CaLLMarketing@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:CaLLMarketing@cpuc.ca.gov) by May 1, 2016.

If you have any questions regarding this administrative letter, please contact Anna Jew by phone at (415) 703-3087 or by e-mail at [aml@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:aml@cpuc.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



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