

### **Documentation for Auditors Checklist**

### **General Requirements**

### Documentation to support general requirements, such as:

- □ Written policies and procedures related to compliance with Lifeline Program requirements
- Company organizational chart, showing the individuals responsible for processing, reviewing, and approving data submitted in Lifeline Program filings
- □ Annual financial statements
- □ Audit reports for financial, internal control, or any other audits that have a direct or indirect impact on data submitted in Lifeline Program filings
- □ Local exchange tariff (or pricing list/service plan if no local exchange tariff) for Lifeline and non-Lifeline services

# Number of Subscribers Reported on the Form 497

### Documentation to support number of subscribers, such as:

- □ Subscriber listing with the following information for each subscriber claimed on the Form 497:
  - o Subscriber first and last name
  - o Subscriber address (physical/service address)
  - o Subscriber apartment, unit, or lot number (as applicable)
  - o Subscriber city, state, and zip code
  - o Subscriber telephone number
  - o Subscriber date of birth
  - o Last four digits of subscriber's Social Security Number or Tribal identification number
  - o Lifeline start date (when the subscriber first began receiving Lifeline discounts)
  - o Lifeline disconnect date (if applicable)
  - o Relevant service provided (voice, broadband or bundle)
  - Dollar value of Low Income discounts provided, broken down by non-Tribal Lifeline, Tribal Lifeline, and Tribal Link-Up

# Number of Subscribers Reported on the Form 555

### Documentation to recertification and non-usage results, such as:

- □ Subscriber listing with the following information for each subscriber reported for the recertification results on the Form 555:
  - o Subscriber first and last name
  - o Subscriber address (physical/service address)
  - o Subscriber apartment, unit, or lot number (as applicable)
  - o Subscriber city, state, and zip code
  - o Subscriber telephone number
  - o Subscriber date of birth
  - o Last four digits of subscriber's Social Security Number or Tribal identification number

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- o Lifeline start date (when the subscriber first began receiving Lifeline discounts)
- o Lifeline disconnect date (if applicable)
- Dollar value of Low Income discounts provided, broken down by non-Tribal Lifeline, Tribal Lifeline, and Tribal Link-Up
- Identification of the column where the subscriber was recorded on the Form 555 (directly contacted, responded to recertification, did not respond to recertification, etc.)
- □ Subscriber listing with the following information for each subscriber reported for the non-usage results on the Form 555 (if applicable):
  - o Subscriber first and last name
  - o Subscriber address (physical/service address)
  - o Subscriber apartment, unit, or lot number (as applicable)
  - o Subscriber city, state, and zip code
  - o Subscriber telephone number
  - o De-enrollment month for non-usage

### Subscriber eligibility to receive Lifeline Program support

### Documentation to support eligibility, such as:

- □ Subscriber certification and recertification documentation
- □ One-per-household worksheets (if applicable)
- Copies of eligibility documentation reviewed to confirm subscriber eligibility or name of third-party administrator/eligibility database relied upon to confirm subscriber eligibility
- □ Copies of documentation reviewed to confirm subscriber information during National Lifeline Accountability Database (NLAD) resolution processes
- □ Usage activity to demonstrate subscriber used the Lifeline-supported service

# Lifeline Program support passed through to subscribers

### Documentation to support program support passed through, such as:

- □ Subscriber bills (if mailed to subscribers)
- □ System downloads showing the date and amount of the discount provided

# Adequacy of advertising efforts

### Documentation to support advertising, such as:

- □ Evidence of advertising for Lifeline discounts (flyers, newspaper advertisements, radio or television commercials, etc.)
- □ Advertising schedules or locations targeted for Lifeline advertisements
- □ Evidence of advertising for non-Lifeline services (flyers, newspaper advertisements, radio or television commercials, etc.)



# Subscriber notifications

### Documentation to support subscriber notifications, such as:

- □ Samples of notifications (mailed letters, voice recordings, text messages, etc.) sent to subscribers for the recertification process
- □ Samples of notifications (mailed letters, voice recordings, text messages, etc.) sent to subscribers for non-usage (if applicable)

### Compliance with minimum service standards

### Documentation to compliance with minimum service standards, such as:

- Documentation to demonstrate subscriber received service that meets the minimum service standards
- Documentation that describes the devices offered to Lifeline subscribers, including a description of Wi-Fi and hotspot capabilities (as applicable)