Lifeline Claims System User Guide

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Claim Reimbursement Process

Introduction

The Lifeline Claims System (LCS) is the online filing system that Service Providers use to receive reimbursement for offering Lifeline-supported services to eligible consumers. This system was introduced in 2018 as a replacement for the FCC Form 497.

Claim Reimbursement Process

The following steps provide an overview of the claim reimbursement process:

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Step 1 – Access LCS

Introduction

To access the Lifeline Claims System (LCS) sign into the One Portal with the account associated to your E-File Entitlements.

Note: LCS users must have 497 Officer or 497 User credentials in order to access the system.

One Portal login page

![One Portal login page](image)
Step 1 – Access LCS, Continued

**One Portal Dashboard**

From the One Portal Dashboard click on the **Lifeline Claims System (LCS)** link to access LCS.

**Note:** User accounts that have both E-File and NLAD Entitlements can also access LCS from NLAD.
Step 1 – Access LCS, Continued

Landing Page Screenshots

**LCS Landing Page**

**File or Revise Claim**

Select a month to file or revise a claim.

- **Month**
- **Year**
- **Filing Type**

Note:

- The **Opt-Out State File or Revise Claim** page will only appear if the user has entitlements to SACs in CA, OR, and/or TX.
- The **Certify Claim** page will only appear if the user has 497 Officer entitlements.
- The **Subscriber SAC Change** page will only appear if the user has entitlements to multiple SACs in OR.

**NLAD Landing Page**

Access claims here

Note: NLAD Users must click on the **Claims** link to be directed to the Claims System.
Step 2 – Select Data Month to File

**Introduction**

The filing process begins by selecting the Data Month, Year, and Filing Type of the lifeline claim being submitted for reimbursement.

**LCS Landing Page**

The Data Month, Year and Filing Type is selected from the **File or Revise Claim** Page.

**Note:** Users with SACs in CA, OR, and/or TX will make their selection from the **Opt-Out State File or Revise Claim** Page.

From the Drop-down Menu, select the appropriate:
- Month
- Year
- Filing Type (Original or Revision)

**SAC Status Chart**

LCS generates the search results based on a user’s applied filters and displays the available data for the selected Month, Year, and Filing Type in the “SAC Status” chart.
Step 2 – Select Data Month to File, Continued

Examples of SAC Status Charts

**Note:** the “SAC Status” chart shows the total counts of SAC(s) available for each status. Users will only see the results for the SACs associated to their accounts.

**Filing Type: Original**

![Image of April 2020 SAC Status Chart for Original Filing Type]

**Filing Type: Revision**

![Image of April 2020 SAC Status Chart for Revision Filing Type]
Step 2 – Select Data Month to File, Continued

SAC Status Descriptions

The SAC Status descriptions are below:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>SAC Status</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Not Started</td>
<td>SAC(s) available to file an original claim</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ready to Revise</td>
<td>SAC(s) previously submitted and available for revision</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Uploaded</td>
<td>SAC(s) successfully uploaded in LCS with no errors</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ready to Certify</td>
<td>SAC(s) with uploaded data in LCS ready to be certified by the 497 officer</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Certified</td>
<td>SAC(s) with uploaded data in LCS that were certified by the 497 officer</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

“Continue” to Begin Filing Claim(s)

Click **Continue** at the bottom of the page to begin filing original or revised claim(s).

- Users filing an Original Claim will be directed to the **File Claim** Page.
- Users filing a Revised Claim will be directed to the **Revise Claim** Page.

For the next step, refer to **Step 3 – Download Filing Template** -
Step 3 – Download Filing Template

Introduction

The Lifeline claim reimbursement process requires Service Providers to download a filing template (Claims_Input_Template.csv file) for each month they are claiming support.

Download Filing Template for an Original Claim

The Claims_Input_Template.csv is downloaded from the File Claim Page.

Click on the link Download a new filing template located at the top right corner of the page.

Note: The download template feature can be customized to pull subscriber data for a specific SPIN/SAC combination.
Step 3 – Download Filing Template, Continued

Download Filing Template for a Revised Claim

To submit a revised claim, click on the link Download most current filing template located at the top right corner of the Revise Claim page.

NLAD State Filing Template

Original Claim:
The downloadable Claims_Input_Template.csv file includes subscriber data from the Summary and Detail Subscriber Snapshot Report(s) taken on the 1st day of the month at 6 am ET in NLAD.

Revised Claim:
The downloadable Claims_Input_Template.csv file includes subscriber data from the most recent certified filing for the selected data month.

Continued
Step 3 – Download Filing Template, Continued

**NLAD Opt-Out State Filing Template**

**Original Claim:**
The downloadable `Claims_Input_Template.csv` for Service Providers in CA, OR, and/or TX is pre-populated with subscriber data provided by their State Public Utility Commission (PUC). Opt-Out State Service Providers can only claim and/or unclaim subscribers listed on the template and will not be able to add or remove records.

**For users filing Revised Claim:**
The downloadable `Claims_Input_Template.csv` file includes subscriber data from the most recent certified filing for the selected data month.

**Note:** Opt-out State Subscribers enrolled in NLAD (CA broadband-only service type or TX cross-border SACS) will be included on the filing template.

**State (PUC) Corrected Filing Template – CA, OR, TX**

When a State makes a correction to an Original and/or Revision filing, USAC notifies the Opt-out State Service Providers (CA, OR and/or TX) by email that an updated filing template is available for their review.

**Note:** Email will be sent to user account(s) that have entitlements to the corrected SAC/SPIN.

**Corrected Filing Template email notification**

**Corrected Lifeline Filing Template**

XX, 2020

Hello,

A corrected filing template is now available for the MONTH YEAR data month. The corrections impact the following SACs for which you prepare or certify Lifeline claims: #######, #######, #######. You are able to use the corrected template to make an original filing or to make a revision.

Need Help? Contact Us!

For questions about filings, visit USAC’s website, or email form497@usac.org.

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Step 3 – Download Filing Template, Continued

**Download State Corrected Filing Template**

After receiving the notification email, sign into LCS and select the corrected template’s Data Month, Year and Filing Type (Original or Revision) from the File or Revise Claim Page.

Next, click on the link **Download corrected filing template** to download the Claims_Corrected_Input_Template.csv file.

**Note:** If the State corrected filing template gets uploaded prior to the Service Provider filing for the data month, the "Download corrected filing template" link will not be available. Service Provider should use the available link to retrieve the updated State corrected filing template.

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**Original Corrected Filing Template**

![Image of Original Corrected Filing Template]

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**Revised Corrected Filing Template:**

![Image of Revised Corrected Filing Template]

For the next step, refer to **Step 4 – Update Filing Template**
Step 4 – Update Filing Template

Introduction
After downloading the **Claims_Input_Template.csv** file, Service Providers must update the excel spreadsheet as necessary before saving and uploading the file into the Lifeline Claims System.

**Note:**
- It is recommended to rename the **Claims_Input_Template.csv** file for your records and possible future use.
- The updated excel spreadsheet must be saved in the **.csv** file format.

Filing Template
The **Claims_Input_Template.csv** contains the following headers and data fields. The chart below identifies both NLAD and Opt-Out States data fields and requirements.
Step 4 – Update Filing Template, Continued

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>LCS Filing Template Field Description</th>
<th>Excel Column</th>
<th>Field Name</th>
<th>Required Status</th>
<th>More Information</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>A</td>
<td>Subscriber ID</td>
<td>Required</td>
<td>System-generated unique identifier; no input required.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>B</td>
<td>Rate</td>
<td>Required</td>
<td>Enter Subscriber’s Rate; see guidance below (p.16) to complete “Column B”</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>C</td>
<td>Reason Code</td>
<td>Conditional</td>
<td>Enter Reason code for subscriber(s) where Rate = $0, see guidance below (p.16) to complete “Column C”</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>D</td>
<td>Tribal Link Up Charges Waived</td>
<td>Required</td>
<td>Enter subscriber’s Tribal Link Up Charges waived. Tribal Benefit Flat (Column P) must = 1; see guidance below (p.16) to complete “Column D”</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>E</td>
<td>SPIN</td>
<td>Required</td>
<td>No input required.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>F</td>
<td>SAC</td>
<td>Required</td>
<td>No input required.</td>
<td>Oregon: SAC can be updated in LCS if needed. see guidance below (p.17) to complete “Column F”</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>G</td>
<td>Last Name</td>
<td>Optional</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>H</td>
<td>First Name</td>
<td>Optional</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>I</td>
<td>Street Address</td>
<td>Optional</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>J</td>
<td>City</td>
<td>Optional</td>
<td>N/A</td>
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<td>State</td>
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<td>ZIP</td>
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<td>N/A</td>
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<td>M</td>
<td>Phone Number</td>
<td>Optional</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
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<td>ETC General</td>
<td>Optional</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>O</td>
<td>Service Type</td>
<td>Conditional – optional for all states except OR or CA</td>
<td>No input required.</td>
<td>Oregon / California Field required.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• Service Type can be updated in LCS if needed. see guidance below (p.17) to complete “Column O”</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>P</td>
<td>Tribal Benefit Flag</td>
<td>Optional</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Q</td>
<td>Corrected</td>
<td>Optional (only applicable to NLAD opt-out states  (TX/ CA/OR beginning with the Dec. 2020 data month)</td>
<td>This column will be blank, unless the state files a correction after the template is generated the first time; no input required.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>If there is a correction to a subscriber’s record, that row will contain the day/time the record was updated, in the following format: mm_dd_yyyy_hhmm</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>If a state makes a correction to a file:</td>
</tr>
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<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>• USAC will notify service providers by email that an updated template is available for their review.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

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Step 4 – Update Filing Template, Continued

Validation Rules
Refer to the LCS Upload Field Descriptions document for the complete list of the validation rules.

Updating Template for Original Claim
The following Columns are Required, Conditional, or Optional:

Column B - Rate - Required
- **To Claim Subscriber:** Enter “xx” dollar amount for each subscriber record that should be claimed. Rate cannot exceed $9.25 for non-tribal subscribers, and $34.25 for tribal subscribers.
- **To Unclaim Subscriber:** Enter “0” dollar amount for each subscriber record that should not be claimed. A reason code is required to be entered for all unclaimed subscriber records. (See Reason Codes list below.)

Column C – Reason Code - Conditional
- Enter a Reason Code for each subscriber record being unclaimed (i.e. Column B – Rate = “0”).

Reason Codes list:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Reason Code</th>
<th>Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>U1</td>
<td>Signed up for Lifeline, no usage yet</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>U2</td>
<td>Subscriber is in a non-usage cure period (snapshot date falls within the 15 day cure period)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>U3</td>
<td>Subscriber lost eligibility but was not de-enrolled prior to snapshot</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>U4</td>
<td>Subscriber’s account is suspended</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>U5</td>
<td>Failed to match subscriber in ETC’s internal system</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>U6</td>
<td>Other</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Column D – Tribal Link Up Charges Waived - Required
- Enter the Tribal Link Up Charges Waived for all eligible subscriber records as applicable. This can only be claimed if Column P – Tribal Benefit Flag = 1 and Tribal Link Up Charges Waived cannot exceed $100.00

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Step 4 – Update Filing Template, Continued

Column F - SAC - Required
- Service Providers in Oregon (OR) can update their subscribers SACs in LCS if needed; review Subscriber SAC Change guidance below for additional information.

Column O - Service Type - Conditional
- Service Providers in Oregon (OR) and California (CA) can add and/or update their subscribers Service Types in LCS if needed:
  - In column O enter -- voice, broadband, bundledvoice, bundledbroadband, or bundledvoicebroadband.
  - Note: Service Type updates can only be completed for Original filings.

Subscriber SAC Change - Oregon
Service Providers in Oregon (OR) can update the SAC that a subscriber is assigned to on the State PUC file upload. The feature will only appear to Service Providers with multiple SACs in OR.

Note: Any SAC change to a subscriber’s record must be completed prior to beginning the filing process for the impacted SACs (both the new and the State-provided SAC). SAC updates can only be completed for Original filings.

Click on the Subscriber SAC Change page in LCS to access this feature.

Subscriber SAC Change

Select a data month and year.

Month

| May |  |

Year

| 2020 |  |

Continue

From the Drop-down Menu, select the Month and Year and Click Continue at the bottom of the page.
Step 4 – Update Filing Template, Continued

Download SAC Change Template

On this page Service Providers in OR can download a SAC Change Template (csv. format) of all their subscribers in the SACs they select and make the necessary updates before saving and uploading the file.

The user updating the SACs will have the entitlements for both the SAC that the subscriber is assigned to by the State PUC, as well as the SAC the subscriber should be transferred to.

Next, click on the link Download SAC change template to download the file to be uploaded.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>File or Revise Claim</th>
<th>Opt-Out State File or Revise Claim</th>
<th>Certify Claim</th>
<th>Subscriber SAC Change</th>
<th>Filing Hist</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>

Subscriber SAC Change

SAC Change Template - Field requirements:

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<th>Excel Column</th>
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<th>Required Status</th>
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</thead>
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<tr>
<td>A</td>
<td>Subscriber ID</td>
<td>Required</td>
<td>No Input required</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>B</td>
<td>First Name</td>
<td>Required</td>
<td>No Input required</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>C</td>
<td>Last Name</td>
<td>Required</td>
<td>No Input required</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>D</td>
<td>Current SAC</td>
<td>Required</td>
<td>No Input required</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>E</td>
<td>New SAC</td>
<td>Required</td>
<td>Input Required; Field will be blank upon download</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Note:
- Column A – D: No input required; Column E: New SAC entry required
- The .csv file headers should be listed in that order and all fields are required.
- Service Providers only need to include the subscriber records that are changing SAC(s).
Step 4 – Update Filing Template, Continued

Upload Subscriber SAC Change Template

To upload a SAC change template, click on the link **Upload File** located at the top left corner of the **Subscriber SAC Change page** and select the file you saved to upload.

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SAC Change Successful Upload

Users will receive the success notification below if the SAC Change Template gets uploaded without errors.

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**Subscriber SAC Change**

May 2020

- ![Upload File](#)

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**Note:** For the next step, refer to **Step 3 – Download Filing Template (P.10)** to submit an Original and/or Revision filing.

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Continued
Step 4 – Update Filing Template, Continued

**SAC Change Unsuccessful Upload**

Users will receive the error notification below if the Subscriber SAC Change Template gets uploaded with errors; template must be revised before re-upload.

There are errors in the file you last uploaded. Please make necessary changes and upload the file again.

Download the error file: 09_01_2020_1455_error.csv

**Upload Data**

File format must be .csv

Upload File

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**SAC Change Error File**

To download the error file, click on the error file name in the notification (mm_dd_yyy_hhmm_error.csv), where the file name is based on the day/time the file was generated.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>mm</th>
<th>Month</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>dd</td>
<td>Day</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>yyyy</td>
<td>Year</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>hh</td>
<td>Hour</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Minutes</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Note:** After resolving the errors on the SAC Change Template, refer to **Step 3 – Download Filing Template (P.10)** to submit an Original and/or Revision filing.

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**Step 5 – Upload Filing Template**

**Introduction**  
After updating the *Claims_Input_Template.csv* spreadsheet, the file must be saved and uploaded to submit a claim for reimbursement.

**Note:** The saved file format must be .csv

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**Upload Original Filing Template**  
To upload an Original filing template, click on the link *Upload File* located at the top left corner of the *File Claim Page* and select the file you saved to upload.

**File Claim**

April 2020  
Filing Data  
Last updated 06/21/20 2:30 AM EDT

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**Successful Upload**  
Users will receive the success notification below if the filing template gets uploaded without errors.

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**File Claim**  

June 2017  
Filing Data  
Last updated 06/16/18 11:41 AM EST

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**Instructions**
Step 5 – Upload Filing Template, Continued

Unsuccessful Upload

Users will receive the error notification below if the filing Template gets uploaded with errors; the template must be revised before re-upload.

Note: Refer to the LCS Upload Field Descriptions document for the complete list of the validation rules.

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Error File

To download the error file, click on the error file name in the notification (mm_dd_yyy_yy_hh_mm_error.csv), where the file name is based on the day/time the file was generated.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>mm</th>
<th>Month</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>dd</td>
<td>Day</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>yyy</td>
<td>Year</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>hh</td>
<td>Hour (24 hour format)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>mm</td>
<td>Minutes</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

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Error File Example

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>rowNum</th>
<th>subscriberId</th>
<th>errorMessage</th>
<th>errorData</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>1G1TW58X94</td>
<td>Rate is required.</td>
<td>null</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>2NC8488131</td>
<td>Rate is required.</td>
<td>null</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>3G99982ATW</td>
<td>Rate is required.</td>
<td>null</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>4SR6440249</td>
<td>Rate is required.</td>
<td>null</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5</td>
<td>5U08442945</td>
<td>Rate is required.</td>
<td>null</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6</td>
<td>6A6DFB7KX8</td>
<td>Rate can not exceed $9.25 for non-tribal subscriber or exceed $34.25 for tribal subscriber.</td>
<td>69999</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

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Continued
Step 5 – Upload Filing Template, Continued

Upload Revision Filing Template

**Note:** The process to upload a Revision filing template is very similar to the Original filing process.

To upload a Revision filing template, click on the link **Upload File** located at the top left corner of the **Revise Claim Page** and select the file you saved to upload.

Revise Claim

June 2019
Filing Data
Last updated 10/29/20 9:46 PM EDT

Subscriber Counts Table

After a successful upload, the Subscriber Counts table is updated in real time and will reflect the data included on the latest uploaded template.

**Note:** There is a Keyword Searchbox which users can lookup Service Providers by entering a valid SPIN, SAC, Name, or Status.
Step 5 – Upload Filing Template, Continued

Examples of Subscriber Counts Table

Uploaded File contains Subscribers in Original Claims:

### Subscriber Counts

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>SPIN</th>
<th>SAC</th>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Status</th>
<th>Non-Tribal Last Claimed</th>
<th>Non-Tribal Revised Claim</th>
<th>Tribal Last Claimed</th>
<th>Tribal Revised Claim</th>
<th>Total Last Claimed</th>
<th>Tribal Link-up</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Not Started</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Not Started</td>
<td>0</td>
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<td>0</td>
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<td>0</td>
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<td>1</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Uploaded File contains Subscribers in Revised Claims:

### Subscriber Counts

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>SPIN</th>
<th>SAC</th>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Status</th>
<th>Non-Tribal Last Claimed</th>
<th>Non-Tribal Revised Claim</th>
<th>Tribal Last Claimed</th>
<th>Tribal Revised Claim</th>
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Step 5 – Upload Filing Template, Continued

### Subscriber Counts

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<td>Name</td>
<td>ETC Name</td>
</tr>
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<td>Status</td>
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For the next step, refer to **Step 6 – View Support Summary** -
Step 6 – View Support Summary

Introduction

From the Support Summary Page, Service Providers can view support details at the SAC level before marking them ready to submit for the 497 officer to certify.

Note: The user must access the View Support Summary page in order to mark the claim(s) ready for the 497 Officer certification.

Accessing the Support Summary Page

To Access the Support Summary Page, click on View Support Summary after uploading your subscriber data file.
**Step 6 – View Support Summary, Continued**

**View Support Details**  
To view a detail summary of a SAC filing, click on the **View** link located under the Support Details column.

**April 2020**  
Support Summary  
Displaying 1 to 1 of 1 records (filtered from 3 total records)

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**Detail View**  
Following is an example of the Detail View that will be displayed for a SAC’s filing.

**Voice**: Total count of Voice and Bundled - Voice service types  
**Broadband**: Total count of Broadband and Bundled - Broadband service types  
**Bundled**: Total count of Bundled - Voice and Broadband service type

For the next step, refer to **Step 7 – Submit Claim(s) for Certification** -
Step 7 – Submit Claim(s) for Certification

Introduction
Filings ready to be submitted to the 497 Officer to certify are selected from the Support Summary Page.

To Access the Support Summary Page, click on View Support Summary.

Filter Claims
To display the claims that are ready to submit for certification, filter claims by “Uploaded.”

Select SACs “Ready to Submit”
The user can select “All” or individual SACs that have been identified as “Ready to Submit.”

Either click on the Select All checkbox or on the checkbox under the “Ready to Submit” column next to each individual SAC that the user wants the 497 Officer to certify.

Continued
Step 7 – Submit Claim(s) for Certification, Continued

**Complete Contact Information**

Users are required to complete the contact information section before submitting claims to be certified.

*Note:* It is helpful to provide the information for the individual who is most familiar with the data submitted on the claim.

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**Submit Claims to Certify**

Click on the **Submit Claims to Certify** link at the bottom of the page to make your completed claims available to the 497 Officer for certification.

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**View/Print PDF of Claim Submitted for Certification**

After claims are submitted for certification, the status of the claims will change to **Ready to Certify**. To view PDFs that have been submitted for certification, filter claims by **Ready to Certify**. All available PDFs can be viewed/printed under the Support Details columns.

*Note:* Refer to *View and Download PDFs During Claim Submission Process* for additional information. (p.34)

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Step 8 – Certify Claim(s)

Introduction

The Certify Claim Page is only accessible to a user with a 497 Officer account. It is from this page that the 497 Officer will select the SAC(s) to certify and submit for processing.

Select Data Month of Claim(s) to Certify

The 497 Officer must select a specific Data month and Year of claims to be certified.

Note: If claims have been submitted for multiple months, they must be selected, viewed, and certified separately.

Status Count of Claims “Ready to Certify”

A Status Chart will be displayed identifying the number of SACs that are ready for the 497 Officer to certify.

To begin certifying claim(s), click on Continue at the bottom of the page.
Step 8 – Certify Claim(s), Continued

**Filter Claims**

To display the claims that are ready for certification, **Filter claims by** “Ready to Certify.”

**View SAC Support Details**

The 497 Officer can view the support details (subscriber counts and rates) for any SAC by clicking on the **View** link located under the Support Details column.

Continued
Step 8 – Certify Claim(s), Continued

Select SAC(s) to Certify

The 497 Officer can select “All” or individual SACs that have been identified as “Ready to Certify.”

Either click on the Select All checkbox or on the checkbox under the “Ready to Certify” column next to each individual SAC that the officer wants to certify.

Certify and Sign

The Form 497 Officer must enter their Name and Title to confirm certification.
## Step 8 – Certify Claim(s), Continued

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## View and Download PDFs during Claim Submission Process

### Introduction
Lifeline Claims Worksheet PDF documents are only available for claims that are in the following status:
- Ready to Certify
- Certified

### View PDFs – Ready to Certify Claims
After claims are submitted for certification, the status of the claims will change to **Ready to Certify**. To view PDFs that have been submitted for certification, filter claims by **Ready to Certify**. All available PDFs can be viewed under the Support Details columns.

**Note:** Since the claims have not yet been certified by the 497 Officer, the certification page will not be completed.

### Viewing from Support Summary Page

![Support Summary Table]

- **Week:** [Week 1]
- **SPN:** [SPN 1]
- **Name:** [Name 1]
- **Status:** Ready to Certify
- **Total Support:** $33,644
- **View PDF**

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Continued
View and Download PDFs during Claim Submission Process, Continued

Viewing from Claims to Certify Page  
(Applicable only to 497 Officers)

View PDFs – Certified Claims  
The 497 User and 497 Officer can view the PDFs of claims that have been certified.

After claims are certified, the status of the claims will change to Certified. To view PDFs that have been certified, filter claims by Certified. All available PDFs can be viewed under the Support Details columns.

Note: Certified claims PDFs will include the 497 Officer certification.
Filing History

Introduction

The Filing History page provides the user the opportunity to review the history of certified (Original and Revised) Lifeline claims and download a printable PDF.

Filing History Archive

The list of available claims a user can retrieve/view/download is dependent on the data month of the claim.

The Filing History archive in LCS consists of:
- all 2018 and Future Original and Revised certified claims submitted through LCS
- The most recent Original or Revised certified Form 497 submitted through E-File.

Note: Original and Revised Paper Form 497s submitted through email, fax, or mail are not retrievable in LCS.
Filing History, Continued

**How to Retrieve Filing History**

The 497 User and 497 Officer can retrieve submitted certified claims to view/download.

From the Drop-down Menus on the **Filing History** page, select the appropriate:

- Month
- Year
- SPIN
- SAC (Optional)

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Filing History

Archive of LCS Claims and Form 497s associated with your SPIN(s) and SAC(s):

- 2018 and Future Original and all Revised Claims submitted through the LCS.
- 2017 and Prior Original or Revised Form 497s submitted through E-File (will retrieve only latest Form submitted).

*Original and Revised Paper Form 497s submitted through email, fax, or mail are not retrievable in LCS.

**Search Certified Filings**

- **Month**
- **Year**
- **SPIN**
- **SAC (Optional)**

[Search]
Filing History, Continued

Retrieve Filing History – January 2018 Data Months and Future

All Original and Revised claims submitted through LCS for data months beginning with January 2018 can be retrieved for review/download.

LCS generates a list of all certified Lifeline Claims associated with the selected Month, Year, SPIN and SAC (Optional).

- For filings with multiple revisions the available versions can be reviewed by clicking on the “View #” drop-down filter under the “Additional Filings” column.

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Showing 1 to 10 of 44 records

Show 10 records/page

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Filing History, Continued

Retrieve Filing History – December 2017 and Prior

Original or Revised Form 497s submitted through E-File for data months beginning with January 2007 through December 2017 can be retrieved for review/download.

LCS generates a list of the latest submitted certified Form 497 associated with the selected Month, Year, SPIN and SAC (Optional). The Additional Filings column is Not Applicable for Form 497 submitted claims.

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**Note:** To retrieve a PDF Lifeline Claims Worksheet, claims must be in either the **Ready to Certify** or **Certified** status.

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| Download PDF | The user can download the Lifeline Claims Worksheet or Form 497 by clicking on Download icon next to each filing. |

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