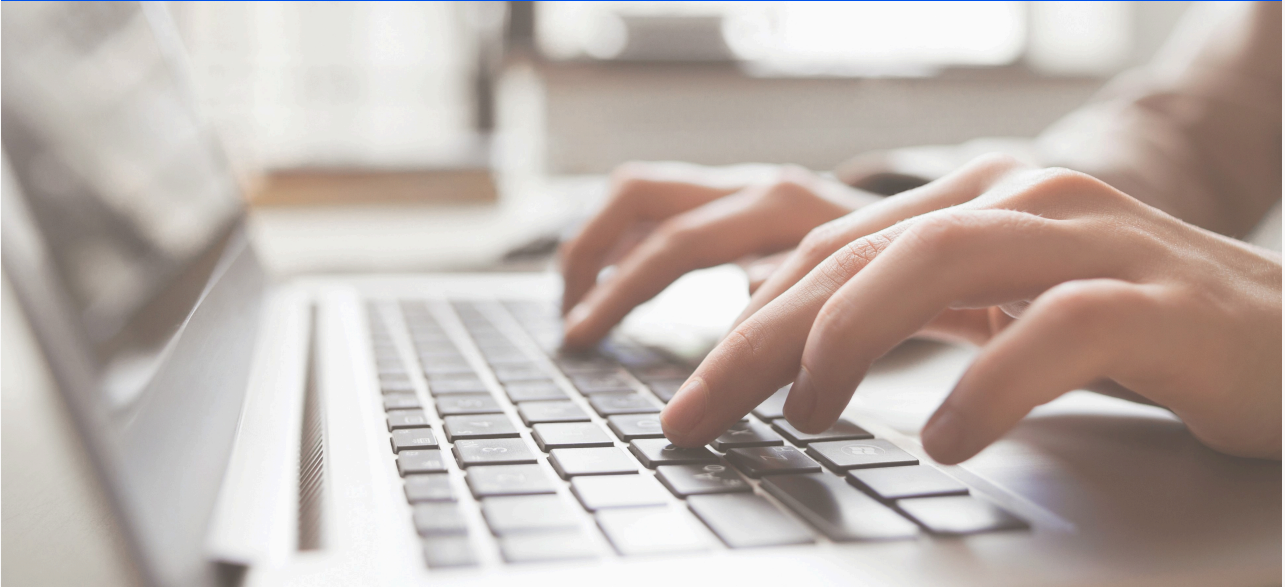




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Lifeline Newsletter - June 2026

June 30th, 2026



WCB Public Notice: FCC Form 481 Due July 1, 2026

On **June 5, 2026**, the Wireline Competition Bureau (WCB) of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) released a [Public Notice](#) reminding **all eligible telecommunications carriers (ETCs) participating in Lifeline that they must file and certify Form 481, even if the ETC is not seeking Lifeline support. All outstanding and future Lifeline reimbursements will be withheld from ETCs who do not file FCC Form 481 by July 1, 2026, until the ETC files the required form.**

For more information on the FCC Form 481, see our [April 1](#) and [June 8](#) bulletins, watch the most recent [webinar](#), or visit our [File FCC Form 481](#) page.

New Continued Eligibility Web Page

USAC has released a new [Continued Eligibility](#) web page to help service providers understand the continued eligibility process. USAC utilizes this process when there is reason to believe that a subscriber may no longer be eligible for Lifeline.

The web page provides an overview of the Continued Eligibility process, USAC's outreach to subscribers and service providers, and which report service providers can use for further details on the status of subscribers undergoing this process. Service providers are encouraged to review the web page to remain informed of this process.

California Subscribers Continued Eligibility Slated for August

Under direction of the FCC and pursuant to the [FCC OIG Advisory Regarding Deceased and Duplicate Lifeline Subscribers](#), USAC will be initiating a continued eligibility process for federal subscribers who were previously determined eligible by the California Public Utility Commission (CPUC). The continued eligibility process is anticipated to start in August, and subscribers must complete the process within 60 days. This continued eligibility process fulfills the 2026 recertification requirement for affected subscribers in California. California subscribers whose eligibility was determined by the National Verifier will not undergo continued eligibility.

For more information, see our [bulletin](#) and [register](#) to join our California Continued Eligibility Process provider training session on **July 8, 2026, at 3 p.m. ET**.

Deadline Approaching: SAM.gov UEI Requirement

Beginning August 2026, USAC will begin using SAM.gov banking information to remit payment for all Universal Service Fund (USF) invoices. All service providers must have an active SAM.gov Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) on their FCC Form 498 and must have a valid bank account associated with their UEI.

Once the transition occurs, service providers who do not have an active SAM.gov registration with a bank account and a UEI listed in the FCC Form 498 will not receive USF disbursements until they make these changes.

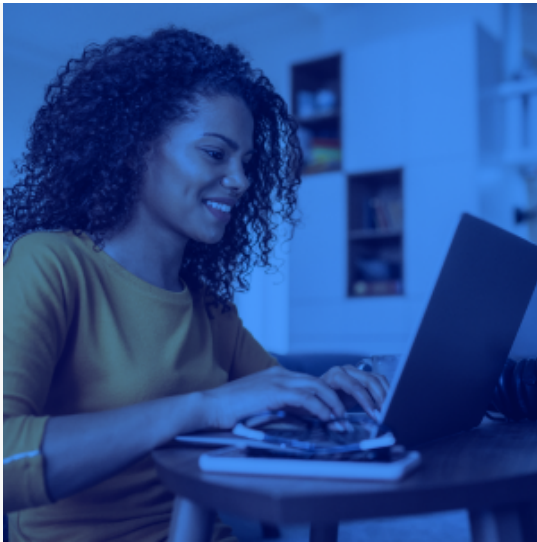
When registering in SAM.gov, service providers must use the same Taxpayer ID Number (TIN) that they used when registering for their FCC Registration Number (FRN). For more information, see the [SAM.gov UEI Requirement webpage](#).



Lifeline Program Compliance Reminder: Keep NLAD Up to Date

The National Lifeline Accountability Database (NLAD) confirms that a consumer has qualified through the National Verifier and prevents subscribers from receiving more than one Lifeline program benefit. Service providers are not allowed to claim reimbursement for a consumer unless the consumer is entered in NLAD. In accordance with [program rules](#), service providers must update NLAD every time a consumer's status changes, including changes to subscriber information (service providers must update NLAD within ten (10) business days of receiving any change to the subscriber's information such as a change of address).

To review the NLAD User Guide, NLAD, or National Verifier API Specifications, visit the [Tools and Resources](#) section in NLAD.



July 2026 Webinar: California Subscribers Continued Eligibility Process

Join us on **Wednesday, July 8, 2026, at 3 p.m. ET** for our next Lifeline program webinar for an overview of how continued eligibility will be conducted for affected federal California Lifeline subscribers who were previously determined eligible by the California Public Utility Commission (CPUC).

[Register](#) for the July 2026 monthly webinar. Recordings of previous webinars are available on our [Webinars](#) page.

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July Maintenance Schedule

As part of continual system improvements, USAC conducts regular system maintenance. Scheduled maintenance dates are available on the [National Lifeline Accountability Database \(NLAD\) Maintenance Schedule](#) and the [National Verifier Maintenance Schedule](#) pages.

System Maintenance, July 17, 2026

National Verifier, National Lifeline Accountability Database (NLAD), Lifeline Claims System (LCS), and Representative Accountability Database (RAD) will be unavailable due to scheduled monthly maintenance from **Friday, July 17, 2026, at 10 p.m. until 3 a.m. ET on Saturday, July 18, 2026.**

Need Help? Contact Us!

For questions about Lifeline, including technical issues and program resources or rules, email LifelineProgram@usac.org. Review all appropriate program contacts on USAC's Lifeline [Contact Us](#) webpage.

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