

### **Account Management in Lifeline Systems**

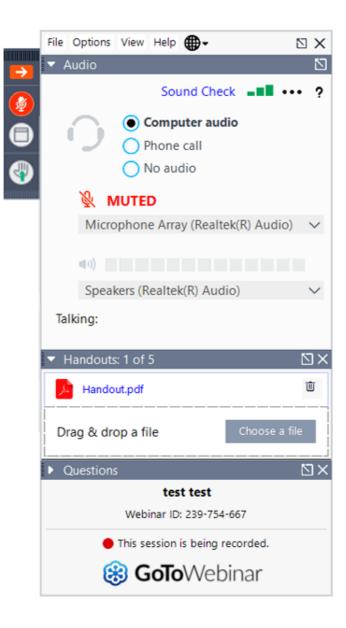
Lifeline Program

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## **Agenda**

- Announcements
- Account Management
- E-File
  - Certify, Assign, and Remove 497 Officer Entitlements
- National Lifeline Accountability Database (NLAD)
  - Create ETC Administrator
  - Create and Manage NLAD Subaccounts
- Resources

### **Announcements**

# Announcements Safe Connections Act (SCA)

- On August 29, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) issued a <u>Public Notice</u> announcing that compliance with the rules allowing survivors to receive emergency Lifeline support under the Safe Connections Act (SCA) of 2022 is required.
- Under the SCA, survivors of domestic violence, human trafficking, and related crimes can receive discounted phone, internet, or bundled service through the Lifeline program.
  - Qualifying survivors can receive a discount of up to \$9.25 on voice, internet, or bundled services for up to six months.
  - After six months, they may apply for the standard Lifeline benefit of up to \$9.25 for qualifying internet or bundled services or \$5.25 per month for voice-only service.
- For more information, please review our <u>Safe Connections Act</u> webpage and <u>webinar</u>.

#### **Announcements**

#### Requesting Companies Near Me Updates

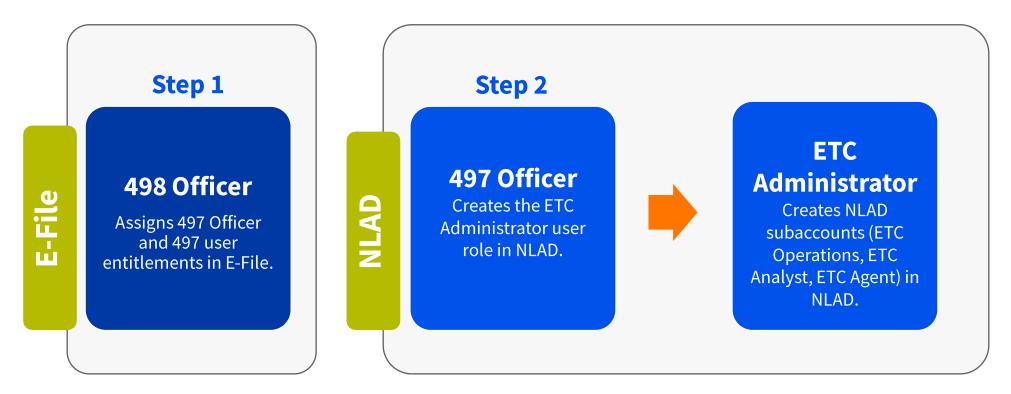
- USAC's <u>Companies Near Me</u> tool helps consumers find and sign up with Lifeline service providers in their area.
- Providers should maintain up-to-date and accurate information with USAC, including details on where they offer Lifeline-supported service.
- To update your company's profile, email <u>LifelineProgram@usac.org</u> with the subject line 'Companies Near Me Update.'
- The following updates can be performed:
  - Website URL
  - Customer support phone number
  - Service type (mobile or home)
  - ZIP codes (where Lifeline-supported service is offered)

## **Account Management**

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### Accessing Lifeline Systems

To access Lifeline systems, including the National Lifeline Accountability Database (NLAD), where service providers perform transactions and manage subscribers, providers must start with E-File.



#### **E-File**

<u>E-File</u> is a Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) system that service providers use to submit the FCC Form 498. This form is used to collect remittance, payment, and contact information for companies that receive support from any of the universal service programs.

- E-File is available through USAC's <u>One Portal</u>, which allows users to access all Universal Service Fund IT applications in one place.
- The Company Officer listed on FCC Form 498 on file with USAC can access the form online using E-File and can establish authorized users.

### **E-File**

### Account Types for E-File

#### **498 Officer**

Authorized to certify the FCC Form 498.

Also assigns and manages the 497 Officer and 497 user roles in E-File.

#### **497 Officer**

Certifies reimbursement claims and manages the ETC Administrator user role in NLAD.

#### **497 User**

Can upload, modify, and submit claims, but cannot certify claims.

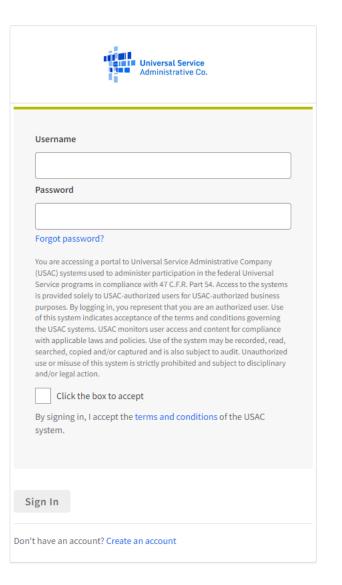
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- 498 Officers have an entitlement as a 497 Officer but must certify that entitlement in E-File to access NLAD.
- The 498 Officer must log in to E-File and either:
  - Certify themselves as the 497 Officer, or
  - Assign a 497 Officer entitlement to another person at the company.

# **Certify 497 Officer Entitlements**Access E-File

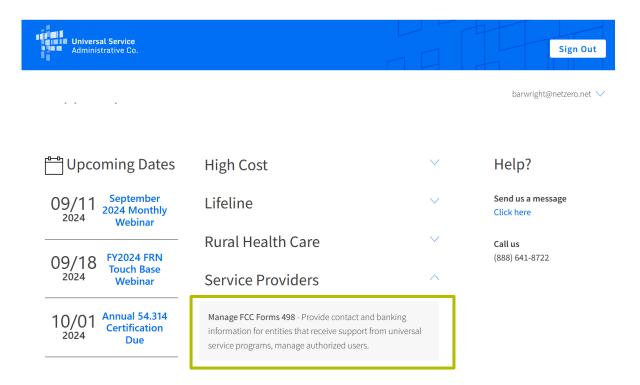
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## **Certify 497 Officer Entitlement**

#### Access E-File

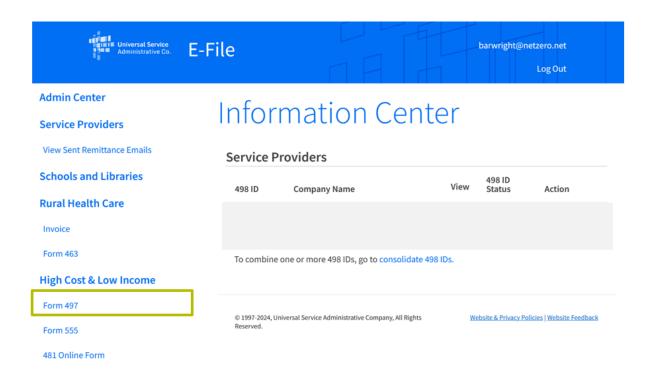
 Select Manage FCC Form 498 under the Service Providers section of the dashboard.



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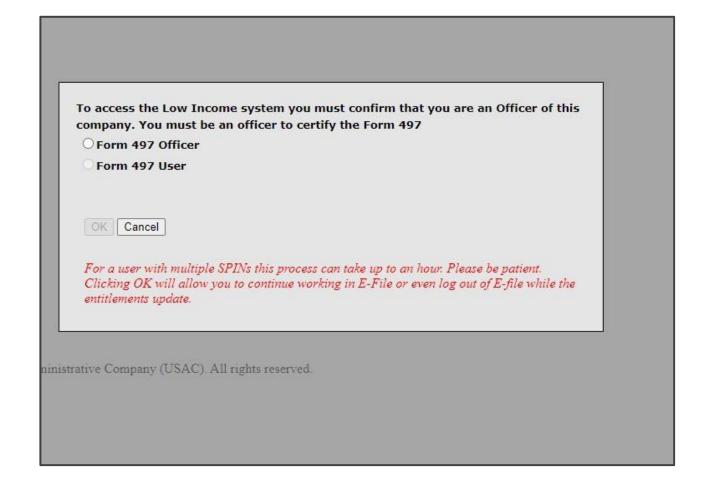
### E-File Landing Page

 Then select Form 497 from the left-hand menu.



## **Certify 497 Officer Entitlement**

- Then select Form 497 Officer and click
   OK to confirm.
  - If you are a 498 Officer with multiple Service Provider Identification Numbers (SPINs), it can take up to an hour for the entitlements to update in E-File.



## **Questions?**

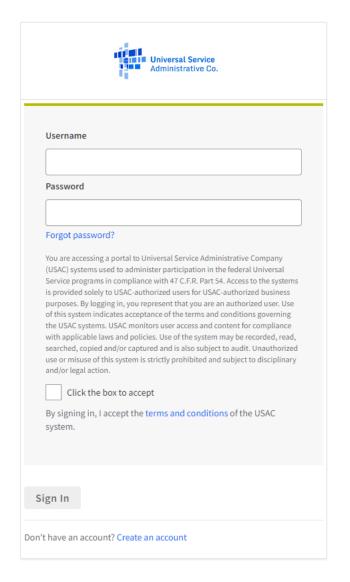
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- 498 Officers can assign a 497 Officer entitlement to either:
  - New users, or
  - Current E-File users associated with the company.

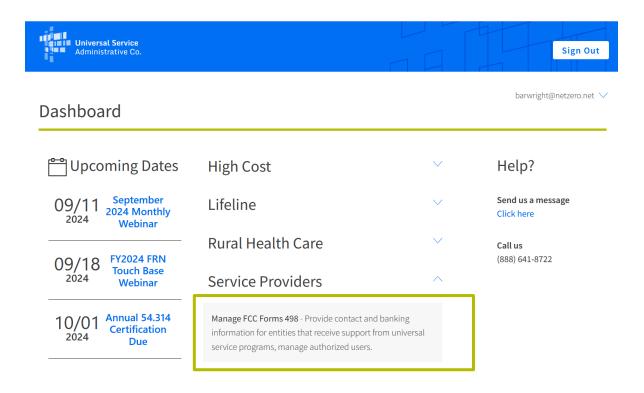
### Assign 497 Officer New User

• As the 498 Officer, log in to <u>One Portal</u> and access E-File to assign a new user to the 497 Officer role.



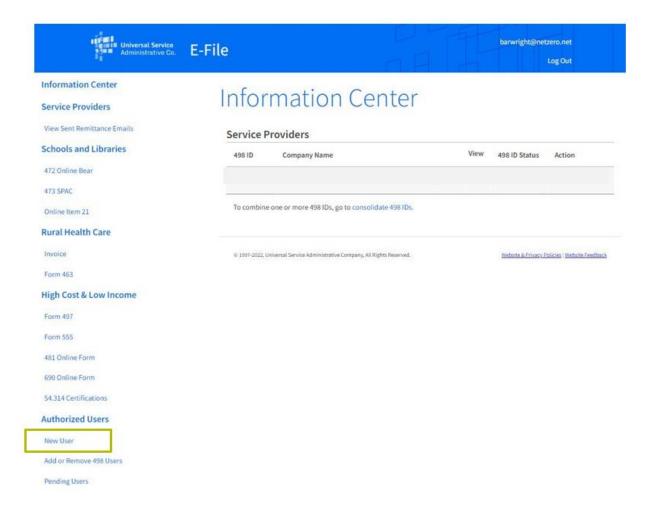
### Assign 497 Officer New Users

You will then select Manage FCC
Forms 498 under the Service
Providers section of the
dashboard.



# Assign 497 Officer New Users

 Then select **New User** under the Authorized Users section of the left-hand navigation menu.



Search

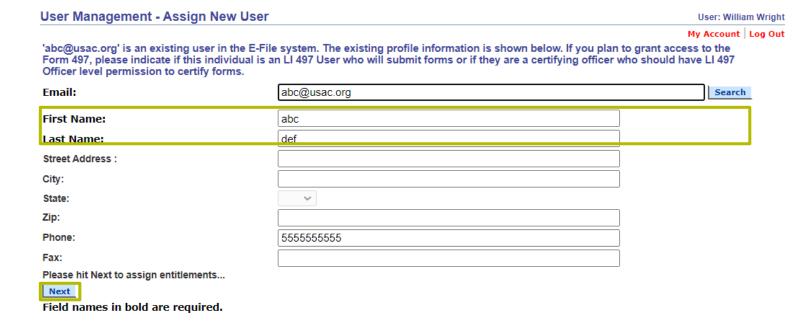
### **Assign 497 Officer New Users**

- Enter the email address of the user you want to assign the 497 Officer entitlement.
- Then select **Search**.

#### User Management - Assign New User User: William Wright My Account | Log Out Please enter the email address of the user you wish to add. If that user already exists, the existing user profile information will be displayed on the next screen. If the user does not exist, you will be prompted to create the user. Please note that the user's logon id for E-File will be his or her email address. Email:

# Assign 497 Officer New Users

- Then enter the user's first and last name (these are the only required fields).
- Select Next.
  - Note: It may take a few seconds before the next page loads.



## **Assign 497 Officer**

#### **New Users**

- Select the LI Form 497 checkbox.
- Select 497 Officer from the dropdown menu.
- Select the checkbox for the SPIN(s) the user should have 497 entitlements.
- Select Save.



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#### **New Users**

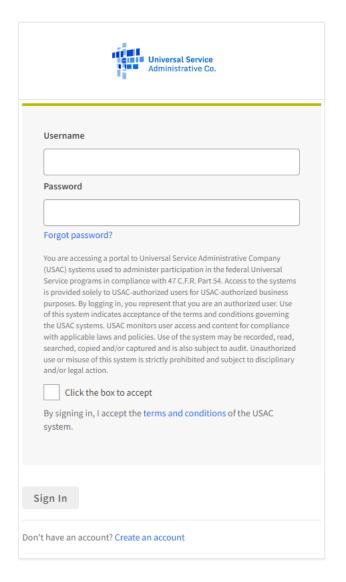
 A confirmation message will indicate that you have successfully added the new authorized user.

#### **Assign New User**

abc@usac.org has been successfully added as your authorized user.

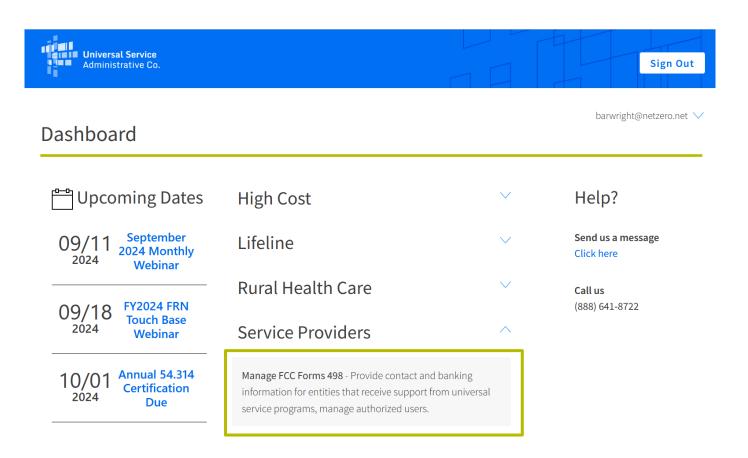
# **Assign 497 Officer**Current User

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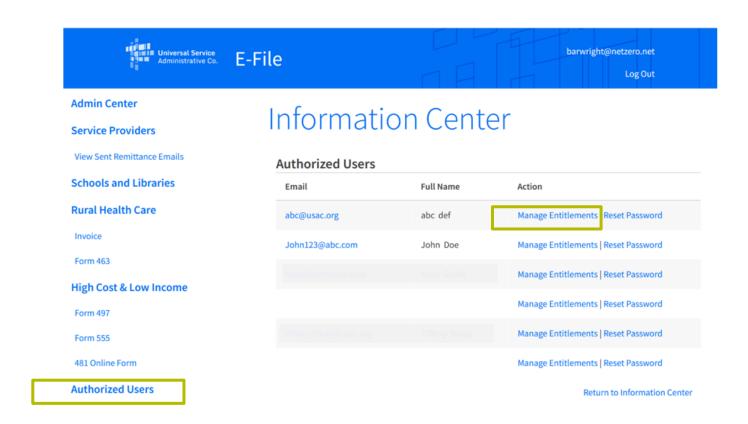
# **Assign 497 Officer**Current Users

Then select Manage FCC Forms
 498 under the Service Providers section of the dashboard.



# **Assign 497 Officer**Current Users

- Select Authorized Users on the left-hand navigation menu to view current users.
- Select Manage Entitlements
   to modify the entitlements for
   an existing user.

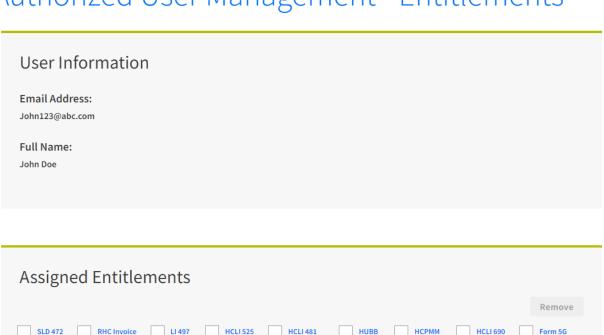


# **Assign 497 Officer**Current Users

The **Authorized User Management - Entitlements** page will show the current user's assigned entitlements:

- Select LI 497 under the Available Entitlements section.
- Select 497 Officer from the dropdown.
- Select the checkbox for the SPIN(s) the user should have 497 entitlements.
- Select Assign.

#### Authorized User Management - Entitlements

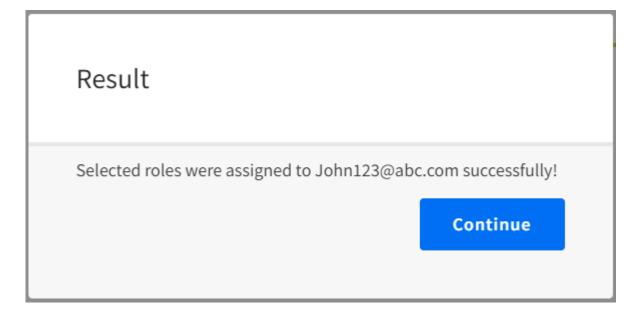


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## **Assign 497 Officer**

#### **Current Users**

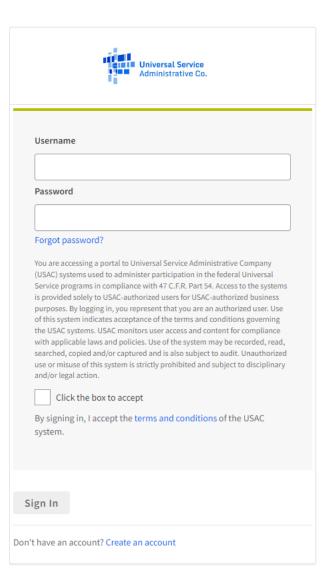
 A confirmation message will indicate that you have successfully assigned the authorized user.



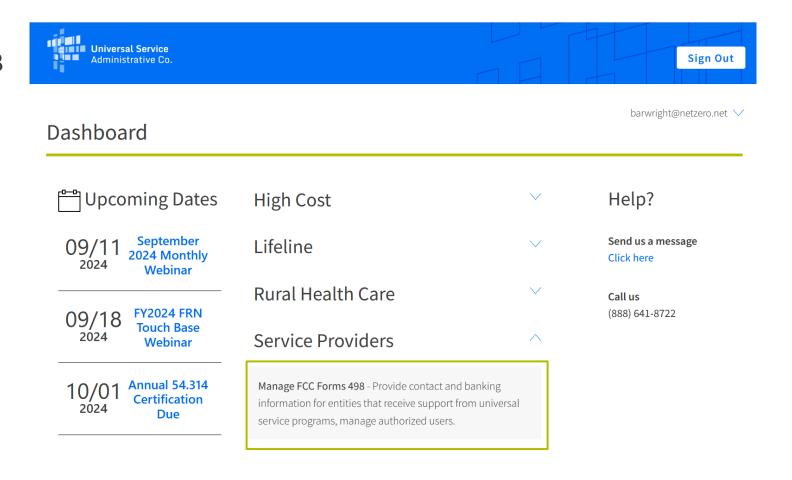
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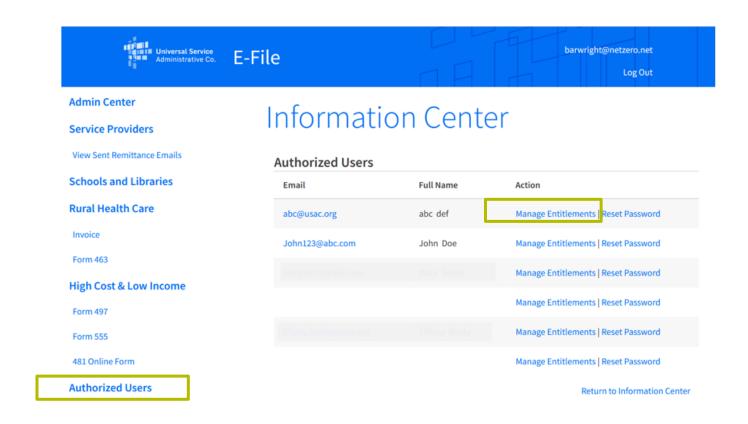
 As the 498 Officer, log in to <u>One Portal</u> and access E-File to remove 497 Officer entitlements.



 Then select Manage FCC Forms 498 under the Service Providers section of the dashboard.



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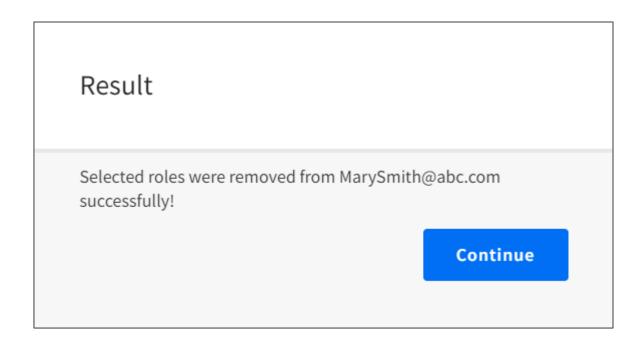
- Select LI 497 under the Assigned Entitlements section.
- Select the SPIN(s) the user should no longer have 497 Officer entitlements.
- Select Remove.

#### Authorized User Management - Entitlements





 You will receive a confirmation message that the user was successfully removed.



# **Questions?**



#### **NLAD**

## Background

- NLAD is the system that service providers use to manage their Lifeline subscribers, including enrolling consumers in the program, transferring and de-enrolling subscribers, and reviewing subscriber reports.
- Service providers must enroll subscribers in NLAD to claim reimbursements.
- More information on NLAD is available on the <u>NLAD section</u> of USAC's website.

## **NLAD**

# Account Types (1 of 2)

#### **497 Officer**

Must certify reimbursement claims.

Manages the ETC Administrator user role in NLAD.

#### **ETC Administrator**

Manages subaccounts (ETC Analyst, ETC Operations, and ETC Agent) and can perform subscriber transactions, query subscriber data, and view reports.

User also has access to the National Verifier to check consumer eligibility.

## **NLAD**

## Account Types (1 of 2)

#### **ETC Analyst**

This user can perform subscriber transactions, query subscriber data, and view reports.

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#### **ETC Operations**

This user can query subscriber data and view reports.

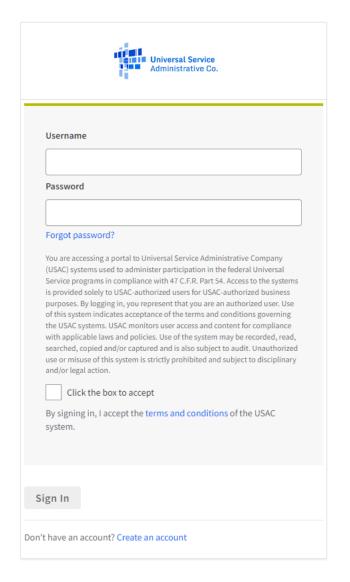
User also has access to the National Verifier to check consumer eligibility.

#### **ETC** Agent

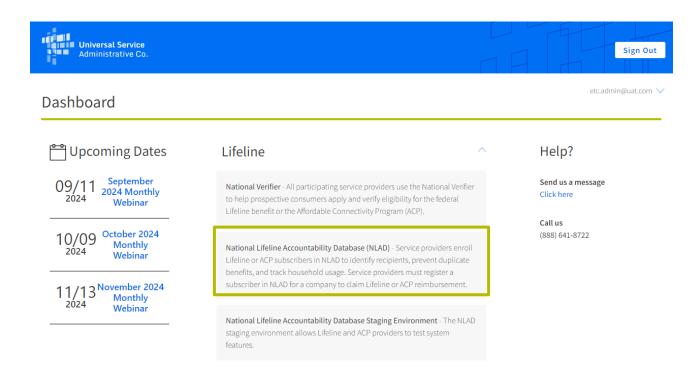
This user **only** has access to the National Verifier to check consumer eligibility.

To perform transactions in NLAD and the National Verifier, providers must <u>register for a Representative ID</u> which is used to create the representative's NLAD and/or National Verifier credentials.

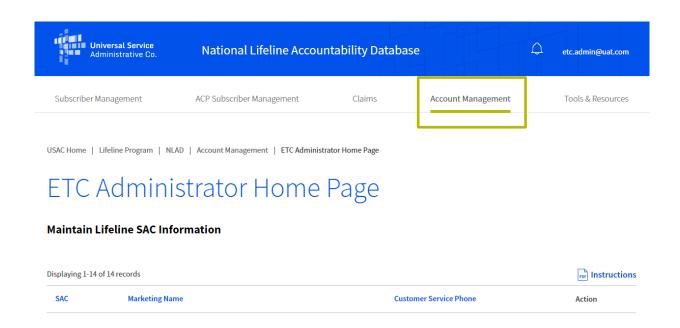
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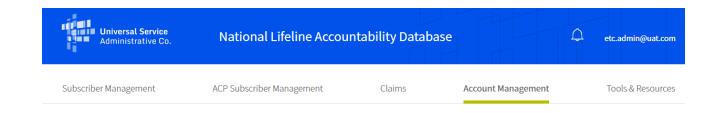
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Then select 497 Officer Home
 Page.



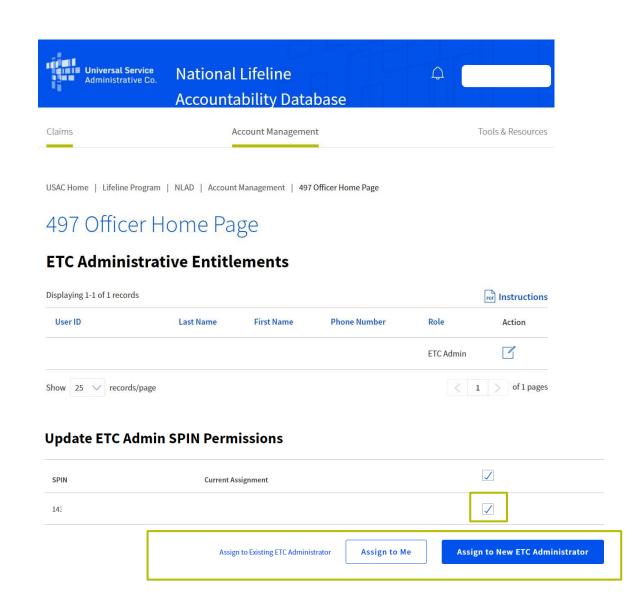
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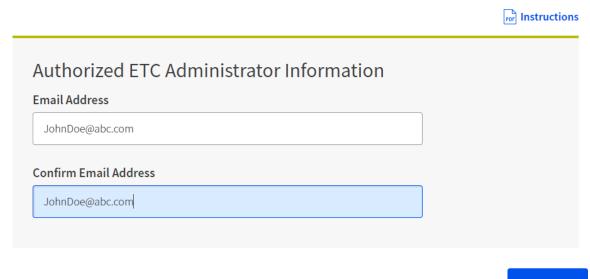
- Select the SPIN(s) you want to assign.
- Select one of the options below:
  - Assign to new ETC Administrator.
  - Assign to me.
  - Assign to existing ETC Administrator.



#### **New ETC Administrator**

- Enter the **Email Address** for the account you want to set up as the ETC Administrator.
- Select Submit.

#### Create ETC Administrator Account

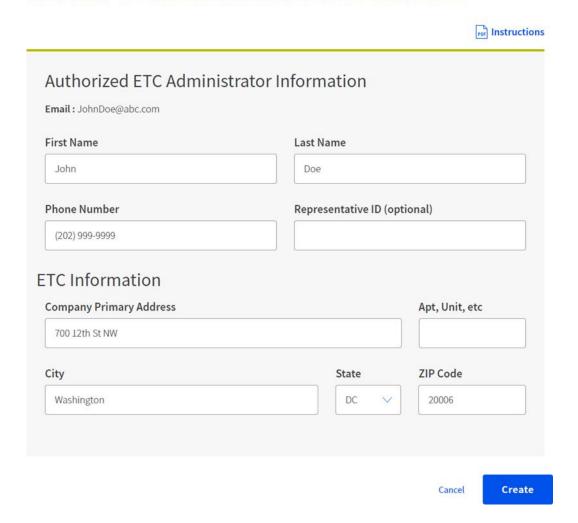


Submit

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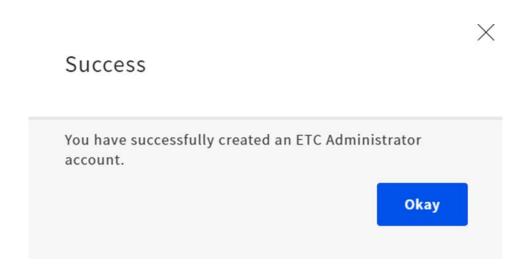
- Enter the new user's account information into the Authorized ETC Administrator Information section:
  - First Name
  - Last Name
  - Phone Number
  - Representative ID
- Enter the company information in the ETC information section:
  - Primary address
  - City, state, and ZIP code
- Select Create.

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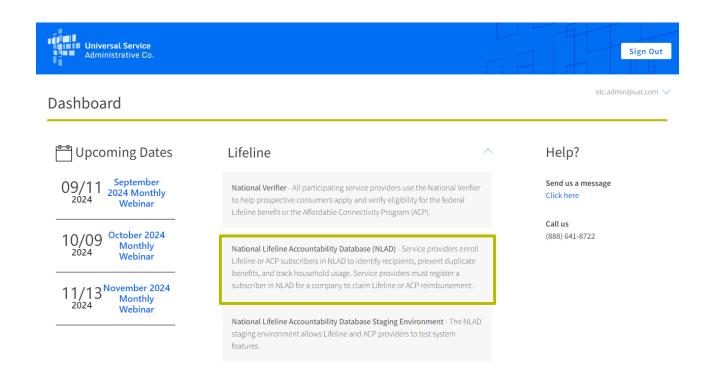
#### New ETC Administrator

- A confirmation message will appear indicating that you have successfully added an ETC Administrator.
- Select **Okay** to return to the 497
   Officer Home Page and review
   the ETC Administrator
   Entitlements table.

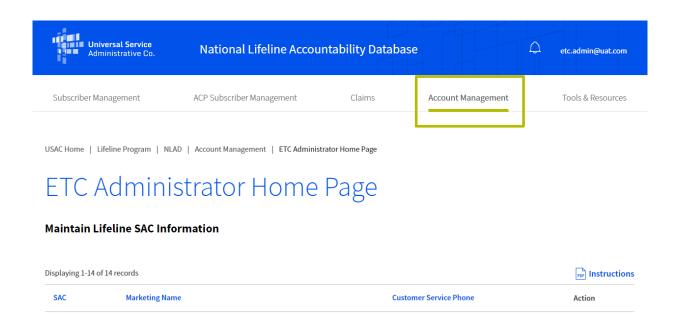


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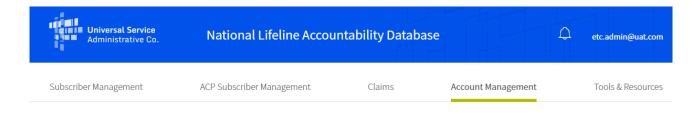
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Select Create Subaccount.



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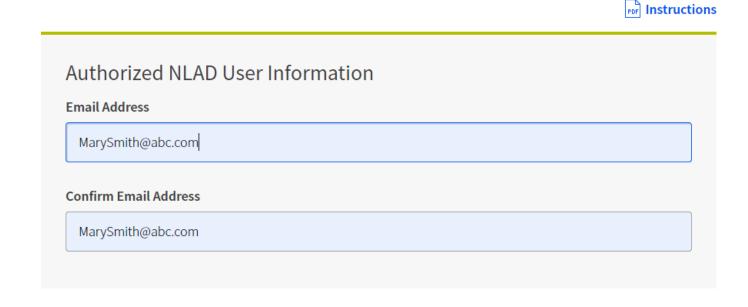
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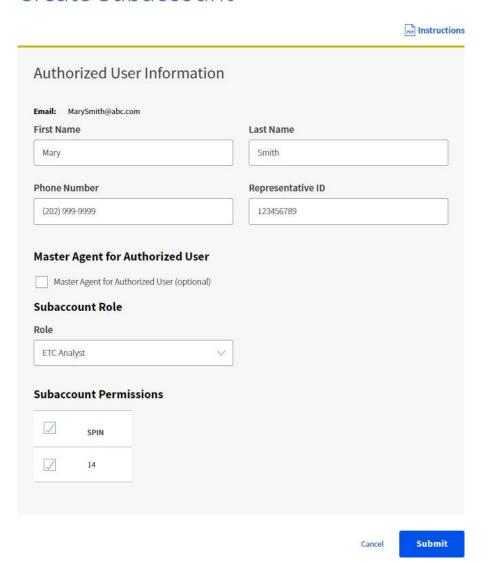
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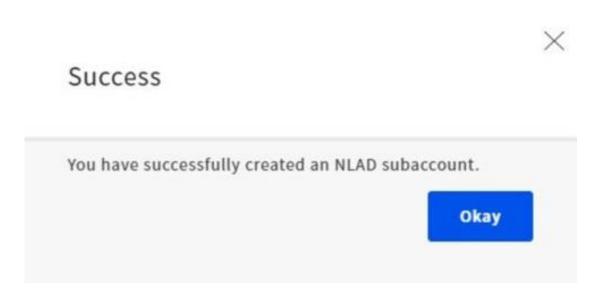
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- Enter the new user information:
  - First Name
  - Last Name
  - Phone Number
  - Representative ID
  - Master Agent (Optional)
- Select the user's role from the dropdown menu:
  - ETC Agent
  - ETC Analyst
  - ETC Operation
- Select Submit.

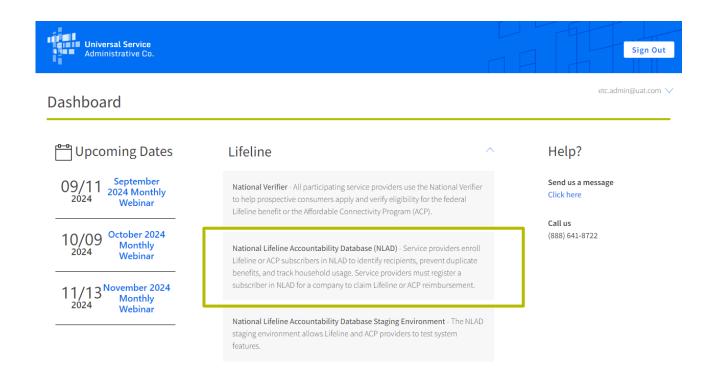
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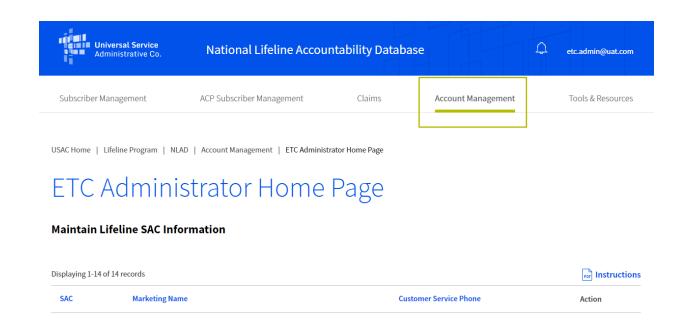
- A confirmation message will display indicating that you have successfully created an NLAD subaccount.
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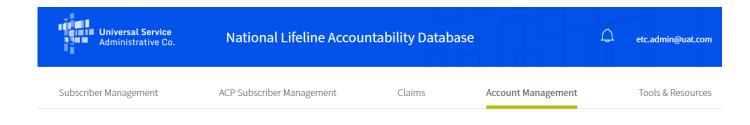
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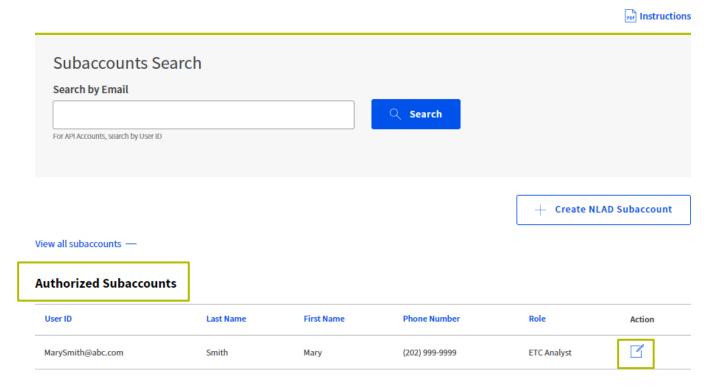
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 Subaccount section, click the icon to select the account you want to update or deactivate.

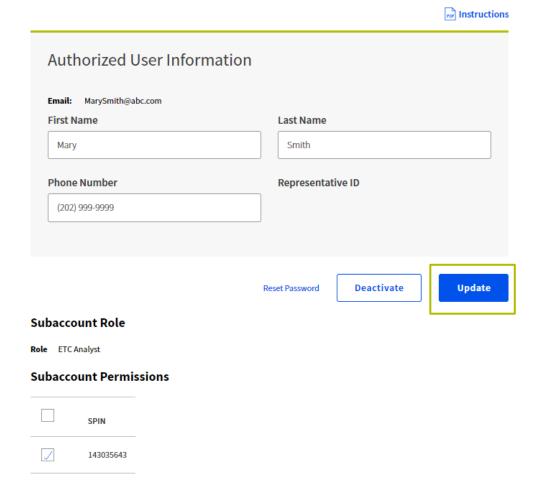
#### Manage Subaccounts



# Manage NLAD Subaccount Update Subaccount

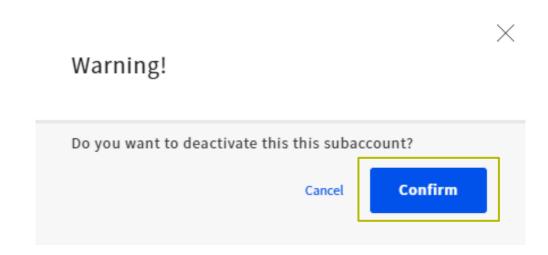
- Update the subaccount user information:
  - First Name
  - Last Name
  - Phone Number
- Click **Update**.

#### Update Subaccount



# Manage NLAD Subaccount Deactivate Subaccount (1 of 2)

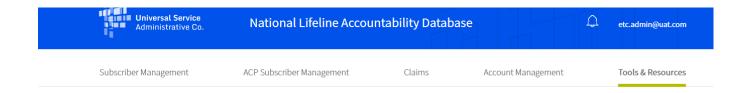
- A warning message will appear, asking you to confirm that you would like to deactivate the account:
  - Select **Confirm** to deactivate the account.
  - Select Cancel to keep the account active and return to the previous page.



# **Questions?**

#### Resources

- NLAD user guides and additional resources are available in the **Tools** & Resources section of NLAD.
  - Reports
  - API Specifications
  - Field Descriptions
  - Training Videos



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#### Tools & Resources

- Reports Review reports on Lifeline subscribership and activity.
- ACP Reports Review reports on ACP subscribership and activity. Access historical EBBP subscribership information.
- Tribal Lands Eligibility Verification Check if a subscriber's address is on Tribal lands. For information purposes only.
- ACP User Guide Information on using the system.
- ACP API Specification Learn how to connect to NLAD and manage ACP subscribers by API.
- ACCA API Specification Learn how to connect to the National Verifier by API for ACP.
- User Guide Information on using the NLAD system.
- NLAD API Specification Learn how to connect to NLAD by API.
- NV API Specification Learn how to connect to the National Verifier by API.
- NV API ISA Required agreement to connect to USAC's systems by API.
- Field Descriptions Detailed information on required fields in NLAD.
- ACP Field Descriptions Detailed information on required fields in ACP.
- Training Videos Review information on using NLAD.

# **Thank You!**



