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Today's Presenters







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Introduction

About the National Verifier

- The National Verifier will determine consumer's Lifeline eligibility
- Service providers will no longer determine consumers are eligible for Lifeline
- Once the National Verifier makes an eligibility determination, the service provider must enter a consumer into NLAD to enroll in Lifeline
- The National Verifier will handle the annual recertification process

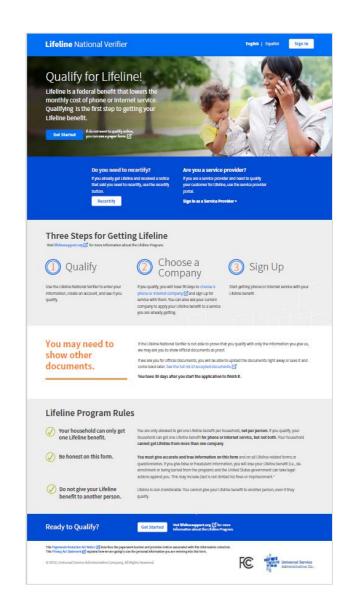


National Verifier Launches

- When the National Verifier launches in a state there is an <u>optional</u> soft launch period followed by a **mandatory** full (hard) launch
 - The soft launch period will allow service providers in these states to transition their operations to the National Verifier & perform system testing
 - At the **full (hard) launch**, consumers in a state can apply directly through the National Verifier
- When a state enters the National Verifier, all current Lifeline consumers go through a <u>one-time reverification</u> process that ensures they meet all Lifeline requirements
 - This takes the place of recertification
 - Any consumer enrolled through the legacy process during soft launch will need to go through reverification
 - However, if the consumer enrolled through the National Verifier they will not be required to reverify

Using the National Verifier

- Using the National Verifier CheckLifeline.org/lifeline
 - Service provider portal
 - Consumer portal
 - Paper application
- Service provider can log in using their existing NLAD credentials



National Verifier in Kentucky – Automated Connections

In Kentucky, the National Verifier has access to the following databases:

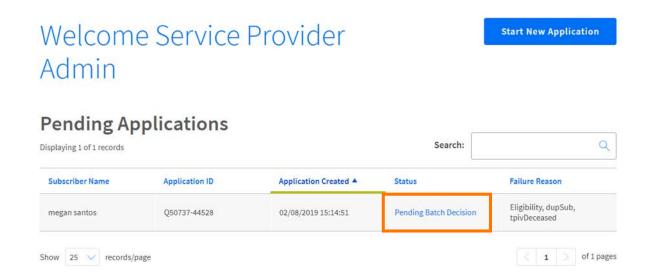
State	Qualifying Programs with Automated Data Sources	Manual Verifications (Uploaded or Mailed)
Kentucky	FPHA, SNAP, Medicaid	SSI, Veterans Pension, Tribal programs, income

National Verifier in Kentucky – Batch Process

- In the National Verifier, states that do not share a real-time API connection with USAC are referred to as "batch states"
 - For these states, USAC takes a "batch" file of all the consumer applications that failed the Federal database checks that have come in for the day and sends the file to the state database for verification
 - USAC receives a response on these consumers eligibility within 1-3 days

National Verifier in Kentucky – Batch Process

- **Kentucky** will currently go through the "batch state" process
 - All applications that fail the Federal database checks in Kentucky will be in "Pending Batch Decision" status until USAC receives the response from the state.



Questions?

Learn More about Lifeline

- www.usac.org/li/tools/national-verifier
- Additional <u>National Verifier resources</u>
- Sign up for Lifeline Program email updates and upcoming events
 - Visit usac.org/li and click "subscribe" in the upperright corner
- Need help? Contact us!
 - General: <u>LifelineSupport@usac.org</u>

