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**TO:** PTA Member Companies  
**FROM:** Steve Samara   
**RE:** Lifeline and Link-Up America Low Income Eligibility Guidelines  
for 2009

Attached are the 2009 Link-Up America and Lifeline Low Income Eligibility Guidelines, which were filed with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC). These guidelines must be used when verifying the income level requirement for Link-Up and Lifeline 135.

Please remember the Lifeline 135 program requires an individual to meet the following requirements:

- ❖ Household income must be at or below 135% of the federal poverty level,  
**OR**
- ❖ Must be enrolled in one of the programs listed on the attached, **AND**
- ❖ Cannot be a dependent for federal income tax purposes, unless he or she is 60 years of age or older

If you have questions on the attached document, please contact PTA.

cc: PTA Service Committee

## Link-Up & Lifeline Low Income Eligibility Plan Calculation of Guidelines

Source: Federal Register  
Volume 74, No. 14, January 23, 2009

- A. 2009 Poverty Income Guidelines for All States (Except Alaska and Hawaii) and The District of Columbia

Size of Family Unit	Poverty Guidelines
1	\$10,830
2	\$14,570
3	\$18,310
4	\$22,050
5	\$25,790
6	\$29,530
7	\$33,270
8	\$37,010
9+	\$37,010 plus \$3,740 per each additional person

- B. 135% of the Federal Poverty Level and Rounding to Determine the PTA's Lifeline 135 and Link-Up America Low Income Eligibility Table Guidelines

Number of Household Dependents	2009 Federal Poverty Levels	135% of Federal Poverty Levels	Rounded to Next Highest \$500
1	\$10,830	\$14,620.50	\$15,000
2	\$14,570	\$19,669.50	\$20,000
3	\$18,310	\$24,718.50	\$25,000
4	\$22,050	\$29,767.50	\$30,000
5	\$25,790	\$34,816.50	\$35,000
6	\$29,530	\$39,865.50	\$40,000
7	\$33,270	\$44,914.50	\$45,000
8	\$37,010	\$49,963.50	\$50,000
9+	\$37,010 plus \$3,740/each add'l person	\$49,963.50 plus \$5,049/each add'l person	\$50,000 plus \$5,500/each add'l person

## 2009 LIFELINE & LINK-UP ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

### Lifeline Service

Customers qualify for Lifeline Service if their income is at or below the following income levels, no one claims you as a dependent on their Federal Income Tax (unless you are 60 or older), or you participate in one of the programs listed below.

### Lifeline 135 and Link-Up America

Customers qualify for Lifeline 135 Service and Link-Up assistance if their household income is at or below the following income levels, no one claims you as a dependent on their Federal Income Tax (unless you are 60 or older), or you participate in one of the programs listed below.

Size of Family unit	<b>LIFELINE SERVICE (Verizon Customers) At or below the Federal poverty level</b>	<b>LIFELINE 135 AND LINK UP SERVICE At or below 135% of the federal poverty level</b>
1	\$10,830	\$15,000
2	\$14,570	\$20,000
3	\$18,310	\$25,000
4	\$22,050	\$30,000
5	\$25,790	\$35,000
6	\$29,530	\$40,000
7	\$33,270	\$45,000
8	\$37,010	\$50,000
9+	\$37,010 plus \$3,740/each add'l person	\$50,000 plus \$5,500/each add'l person

<b>LIFELINE SERVICE (Verizon)</b>	<b>LIFELINE 135 (Verizon)</b>	<b>PTA LIFELINE 135</b>
Temp. Assist. – Needy Families (TANF)	Temp. Assist. – Needy Families (TANF)	Temp. Assist. – Needy Families (TANF)
General Assistance (GA)	General Assistance (GA)	General Assistance (GA)
Supplemental Security Income (SSI)	Supplemental Security Income (SSI)	Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
	Food Stamps	Food Stamps
	Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)	Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
	Medicaid	Medicaid
	Federal Public Housing	Federal Public Housing
	State Blind Pension	National School Free Lunch Program
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\*Customers who qualify for Lifeline or Lifeline 135 Service automatically qualify for Link-Up America.