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IMPORTANT NOTICE: FCC Announces the Affordable Connectivity Program May Possibly End

We wanted to communicate some important news with you. The Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP), which offers eligible households a discount on their monthly internet bill, may be coming to an end soon. The program was established by Congress in 2021, and since then, a total of \$14.2 billion has been funded to eligible households. However, these funds are expected to run out by the end of April 2024, so the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has filed an order to potentially wind down this government program.

For all consumers currently enrolled in ACP, no further action is required - you will continue to receive the monthly credit through the remainder of the program. If Congress does not appropriate additional money to keep the program running beyond April 2024, the existing funds will be exhausted, and the wind-down process will end the ACP program. This means you would no longer receive the monthly ACP discount on your monthly internet bill.

The FCC will provide more communication on the status of the ACP in the upcoming weeks. We will pass along any new information to you as well. If you have any questions, you can call the ACP Support Center at 877-384-2575 or visit www.fcc.gov/acp and https://affordableconnectivity.gov/ for more information.

Although the ACP program may be coming to an end, you may still qualify to receive a discounted service through Lifeline. More information on the Lifeline federal program can be found at <u>www.lifelinesupport.org</u>

We hope this helps you stay informed. If you have any questions, please call our office at 515-352-3151.

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