

Summary: Internet Discount for Special Needs Persons

- What: Discount of \$50-\$75/month (plus \$100 for equipment) on Internet service from cable, phone, wireless internet, cell phone companies (even if also includes voice and text)
 - But not old dial-up Internet nor if Internet is included with regular cable TV service
 - Discount will be put on customer's bill, service provider reimbursed by Fed'l Gov't
- When: Discounts should start in April 2021, end 6 months after COVID pandemic ends or \$3.2 billion fund for discount runs out, whichever comes first
- Who is eligible: Among others, any household with person receiving Medicaid, supplemental Social Security (SSI), SNAP (food stamps) or Federal Housing assistance
- How to get: Register at <https://www.usac.org/> (when web page for this program opens) to establish eligibility, then sign up with provider as soon as it starts accepting signups
- Also: Enroll on same website to get additional, "Lifeline" phone/Internet discount
- More: See 30 slide detailed presentation at <https://tinyurl.com/4nn9bz6z>; and FCC website on Internet discount program <https://www.fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit>