**National Lifeline Verifier**

One step closer to the National Lifeline Verifier working in all 50 states, DC and the territories.

A diagram of a verifier

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The FCC established a National Eligibility Verifier to make independent subscriber eligibility determinations, rather than relying solely on Lifeline service providers, which have a conflict of interest in the process. Consumers, providers, and state and Tribal administrators access components of the National Verifier to confirm eligibility, facilitate administration and reduce waste, fraud, and abuse. Accenture holds the contract as the National Eligibility Verifier.

In December 2019, the FCC launched an application programming interface (API) to connects carriers’ systems to the National Eligibility Verifier in order to send applicant information directly for an eligibility check, thereby reducing the paperwork required from potential subscribers. The National Eligibility Verifier has a nationwide automated connection between the Medicaid program and the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

56 States, DC and Territories and hard launch date:

1. CO effective November 2, 2018
2. MS effective November 2, 2018
3. MT effective November 2, 2018
4. NM effective November 2, 2018
5. UT effective November 2, 2018
6. WY effective November 2, 2018
7. MO as of December 4, 2018
8. NC as of December 4, 2018
9. PA as of December 4, 2018
10. TN as of December 4, 2018
11. HI effective January 15, 2019
12. ID effective January 15, 2019
13. NH effective January 15, 2019
14. ND effective January 15, 2019
15. SD effective January 15, 2019
16. Guam effective January 15, 2019
17. AK effective May 7, 2019
18. American Samoa effective May 7, 2019
19. DE effective May 7, 2019
20. DC effective May 7, 2019
21. ME effective May 7, 2019
22. Northern Mariana Islands effective May 7, 2019
23. RI effective May 7, 2019
24. USVI effective May 7, 2019
25. IN effective June 11, 2019
26. KY effective June 11, 2019
27. MI effective June 11, 2019
28. AZ effective October 23, 2019
29. CT effective October 23, 2019
30. GA effective October 23, 2019
31. IA effective October 23, 2019
32. KS effective October 23, 2019
33. NE effective October 23, 2019
34. NV effective October 23, 2019
35. NY effective October 23, 2019
36. VT effective October 23, 2019
37. VA effective October 23, 2019
38. WV effective October 23, 2019
39. AL January 22, 2020.
40. AR January 22, 2020.
41. LA January 22, 2020.
42. MD January 22, 2020.
43. MA January 22, 2020.
44. NJ January 22, 2020.
45. OK January 22, 2020.
46. PR January 22, 2020.
47. SC January 22, 2020.
48. WA January 22, 2020.
49. FL March 24. 2020
50. IL March 24. 2020
51. MN March 24. 2020
52. OH March 24. 2020
53. WI March 24. 2020

These states operate their own comprehensive systems in place of the National Lifeline Accountability Database to prevent duplicative federal Lifeline support and Lifeline will rely on those systems to prevent duplications.  The verifier will use the states’ data to validate Lifeline claims and will review the eligibility information and documentation.

1. CA (modified soft) effective on December 20, 2019.
2. TX (modified soft) effective on December 20, 2019.
3. OR (modified soft) effective on December 20, 2019.