



Alaska Communications offers Lifeline Program for Alaskans in Need

New program offers unlimited lifeline service area talk and unlimited nationwide text for \$1 per month

ANCHORAGE, Alaska, May 31, 2011 – Today, [Alaska Communications](#) announces upgrades to its Lifeline program to provide greater assistance to Alaskans in need of an affordable and reliable communications plan. The government-funded program offers phones and service to eligible customers, including low-income households or those already receiving forms of government assistance. The new program provides unlimited lifeline service area talk and unlimited nationwide text for \$1 per month.

In addition, eligible customers will receive a free phone. The original Lifeline program offering from Alaska Communications included 1200 statewide minutes for \$1, but did not include a free phone or a texting plan.

Customers eligible for the Lifeline program from Alaska Communications include those who meet minimum household income requirements, or those who participate in certain government assistance programs including Federal Public Housing Assistance / Section 8, Medicaid, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, Food Stamps or the Child Care Assistance Program. There are currently more than 30,000 Alaskans on some form of government assistance¹. For a full list of qualifying programs, please visit the company's website.

“Alaska Communications’ Lifeline program is designed to help Alaskans get back on their feet, by providing a low cost calling and texting option,” said Eric Lazo, Alaska Communications vice president of marketing. “The service is designed to provide a reliable communication service for emergency situations and to ensure Alaskans can stay connected anytime.”

Eligible residents can apply for Alaska Communications Lifeline program by calling (toll-free) 800-808-8083, or visiting www.alaskacommunications.com/lifeline.

¹ <http://www.fns.usda.gov/pd/16SNAPparHH.htm>

About Alaska Communications

Headquartered in Anchorage, Alaska Communications Systems Group, Inc. ("ACS") (NASDAQ: ALSK), through its subsidiaries, provides Alaska Communications services and is Alaska's leading provider of broadband and other wireline and wireless solutions across businesses and consumers. The Alaska Communications wireline operations include the state's most advanced data networks and the most diverse undersea fiber optic system connecting Alaska to the contiguous United States. The company's wireless operations include a statewide 3G CDMA network, reaching across Alaska from the North Slope to Ketchikan, with coverage extended via best-in-class CDMA carriers in the Lower 49 and Canada. By investing in the fastest-growing market segments and attracting the highest-quality customers, Alaska Communications seeks to drive top and bottom-line growth, while continually improving the customer experience and cost structure through process improvement. More information can be found on the company's website at www.alaskacommunications.com or at its investor site at www.alsk.com.

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