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Follow-up on Changes to the Federal Lifeline Program

The FCC issued an Order on January 6, 2017 clarifying that ETCs that do not already have a standalone Broadband Internet Access Service (BIAS) offering in areas where they receive high-cost support are not required to create a new standalone Lifeline BIAS offering as a result of the 2016 Lifeline Modernization Order.

However, high-cost ETCs that do offer standalone BIAS within their service area must allow eligible subscribers to apply the Lifeline discount to that service.

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