

Payment Integrity Scorecard

Program or Activity
Universal Service Fund - Lifeline

Reporting Period
Q3 2022

Change from Previous FY (\$M)

-\$18M



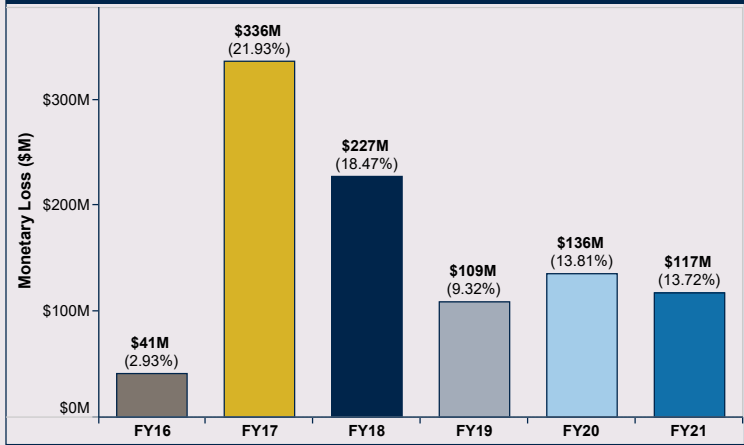
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Brief Program Description:

Lifeline is a federal program that lowers the monthly cost of phone and internet. Eligible customers will get at least \$5.25 toward their bill; residents of federally-recognized Tribal lands may receive an additional \$25 per month.

Key Milestones	Status	ECD
1 Develop mitigation strategies to get the payment right the first time	Completed	Nov-20
2 Evaluate the ROI of the mitigation strategy	Completed	Nov-20
3 Determine which strategies have the best ROI to prevent cash loss	Completed	Nov-20
4 Implement new mitigation strategies to prevent cash loss	Completed	May-21
5 Analyze results of implementing new strategies	On-Track	Sep-23
6 Achieved compliance with PIIA	On-Track	Oct-22
7 Identified any data needs for mitigation	Completed	Mar-21

**Monetary Loss (\$M)
(Overpayment as Percentage of Total Outlays)**



Goals towards Reducing Monetary Loss	Status	ECD
1 Q3 2022 Analyze duplicate subscribers in California and provide results to the California PUC.	Completed	Jun-22
2 Q3 2022 Planning to conduct targeted programmatic reviews of ETCs' non-usage compliance, including reviews of policies & procedures and non-usage data.	Completed	Jul-22

Recovery Method	Brief Description of Plans to Recover Overpayments	Brief Description of Actions Taken to Recover Overpayments
1 Recovery Activity	USAC is assessing the reason for the improper payment and will take corrective actions to prevent such improper payments from re-occurring.	Post-payment programmatic reviews of high risk ETCs
2 Recovery Activity	USAC is assessing the reason for the improper payment and will take corrective actions to prevent such improper payments from re-occurring.	Post-payment audit reviews of high risk ETCs
3 Recovery Activity	USAC is assessing the reason for the improper payment and will take corrective actions to prevent such improper payments from re-occurring.	Self-reported overpayments

Accomplishments in Reducing Monetary Loss	Date
1 Locked out 61 additional agents from Lifeline systems for committing potentially fraudulent transactions, bringing the total to 136.	Jun-22
2 Supported continuation of COVID waivers.	Jun-22
3 Withheld claims for approximately 11.2k NLAD subscriber claims in Q2 2022 who are potentially deceased.	Jun-22

Amt(\$)	Root Cause of Monetary Loss	Root Cause Description	Mitigation Strategy	Brief Description of Mitigation Strategy and Anticipated Impact
\$117M	Overpayments outside the agency control that occurred because of an Inability to Access the Data/Information Needed.	The California PUC is responsible for preventing duplicate enrollments in that state. Duplicate subscribers were approved in California, due to a change in the PUC's duplicate detection logic.	Change Process – altering or updating a process or policy to prevent or correct error.	Improvements to the California PUC's duplicate detection logic will reduce duplicate subscribers claimed for Lifeline support.

Monetary Loss - Monetary loss to the Government includes amounts that should not have been paid and in theory should/could be recovered.