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**NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION ANNOUNCES
TELEPHONE ASSISTANCE APPLICATION AVAILABLE ONLINE**

LINCOLN – Nebraskans who qualify for programs with the Department of Health and Human Services, Federal Assistance Programs or who have incomes at or below 135% of the poverty level are now able to apply for the Nebraska Telephone Assistance Program (NTAP) online. The Nebraska Public Service Commission administers the program.

NTAP provides a credit of \$12.75 off monthly service with a participating provider for one landline or wireless phone to a qualified household. This program helps those eligible to obtain phone service and access to emergency services.

The application is available on the Commission's website at psc.nebraska.gov. The online application requires all information to be completed before submittal, reducing errors and returns. Applicants will need to provide proof of participation in programs that are not administered by the Department of Health and Human Services or proof of income.

Eligible Nebraskans must be participating in one of the following programs offered through these agencies:

Department of Health and Human Services: Medicaid, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (formerly Food Stamps); Low-Income Home Energy Assistance; Kids Connection (Children's Health Insurance including SAM, MAC, EMAC) and Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (also known as Aid to Dependent Children)

Department of Education: National School Free Lunch Program

Social Security Administration: Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

Federal Housing Administration: Federal Public Housing Assistance

If you have questions, please call our office and ask for the Nebraska Telephone Assistance Program (NTAP) at 402-471-3101 or toll free 800-526-0017.

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