

Rule Summary and Fiscal Analysis

Part A - General Questions

Rule Number: 4901:1-6-19
Rule Type: Amendment
Rule Title/Tagline: Lifeline requirements.
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Division: Utilities
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I. Rule Summary

1. **Is this a five year rule review?** No
 - A. **What is the rule's five year review date?** 5/14/2023
2. **Is this rule the result of recent legislation?** Yes
 - A. **If so, what is the bill number, General Assembly and Sponsor?** HB 402 - 132 - Hill
3. **What statute is this rule being promulgated under?** 111.15
4. **What statute(s) grant rule writing authority?** R.C. 4901.13, 4927.03
5. **What statute(s) does the rule implement or amplify?** R.C. 4927.04, 4927.13
6. **What are the reasons for proposing the rule?**

Consistent with Sub. H.B. 402, to amend 4901:1-6-19 O.A.C to ensure consistency with the federal Lifeline program.
7. **Summarize the rule's content, and if this is an amended rule, also summarize the rule's changes.**

Consistent with federal regulations, the amendment removes the requirement that Lifeline service be offered on a flat-rate basis and establishes that Lifeline eligibility shall be consistent with the requirements set forth in 47 C.F.R. 54.410

8. **Does the rule incorporate material by reference? No**
9. **If the rule incorporates material by reference and the agency claims the material is exempt pursuant to R.C. 121.75 please explain the basis for the exemption and how an individual can find the referenced material.**

Not Applicable

10. **If revising or re-filing the rule, please indicate the changes made in the revised or re-filed version of the rule.**

Not Applicable

II. Fiscal Analysis

11. **Please estimate the increase / decrease in the agency's revenues or expenditures in the current biennium due to this rule.**

This will have no impact on revenues or expenditures.

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Not Applicable

12. **What are the estimated costs of compliance for all persons and/or organizations directly affected by the rule?**

Not Applicable

13. **Does the rule increase local government costs? (If yes, you must complete an RSFA Part B). No**

14. **Does the rule regulate environmental protection? (If yes, you must complete an RSFA Part C). No**

15. **If the rule imposes a regulation fee, explain how the fee directly relates to your agency's cost in regulating the individual or business.**

Not Applicable

III. Common Sense Initiative (CSI) Questions

16. Was this rule filed with the Common Sense Initiative Office? Yes

17. Does this rule have an adverse impact on business? Yes

A. Does this rule require a license, permit, or any other prior authorization to engage in or operate a line of business? No

B. Does this rule impose a criminal penalty, a civil penalty, or another sanction, or create a cause of action, for failure to comply with its terms? No

C. Does this rule require specific expenditures or the report of information as a condition of compliance? Yes

The rule requires the filing of an annual report regarding an eligible telecommunications carrier's offering of Lifeline service.

D. Is it likely that the rule will directly reduce the revenue or increase the expenses of the lines of business of which it will apply or applies? No