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Choice NTUA Wireless now offering Emergency Broadband Benefit for internet services

CHINLE, Ariz.—Choice NTUA Wireless launched the Emergency Broadband Benefit May 17 for customers struggling to afford internet service during the Covid-19 pandemic. EBB is a Federal Communications Commission program that provides up to \$50 per month towards broadband services for eligible households and up to \$75 per month for households on qualifying tribal lands.

Households can utilize the EBB if they have an income that is at or below 135 percent of federal poverty guidelines or participate in certain assistance programs such as SNAP, Medicaid or Lifeline; if they are approved to receive benefits under the free and reduced-price school lunch program or the school breakfast program, including the USDA Community Eligibility Provision in the 2019-2020 or 2020-2021 school year; if they received a Federal Pell Grant during the current award year; if they experienced a substantial loss of income due to a job loss or furlough since Feb. 29, 2020, or if the household had a total income in 2020 at or below \$99,000 for single filers and \$198,000 for joint filers.

Choice NTUA Wireless General Manager Velena Tsosie said qualifying customers for the EBB benefit will receive true broadband service, as opposed to only EBB hotspot services offered by other wireless service providers on the Navajo Nation. "We have waived the installation fee and qualifying customers will receive free service for up to six months if funding allows. Customers will have the opportunity to sign a contract with Choice NTUA Wireless to continue service at the end of the six months or enter into an exit plan," Tsosie said.

The benefit is temporary and will expire when funding is depleted or six months after the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services declares an end to the Covid-19 emergency. To apply visit www.choice-wireless.com or call 928-730-2273 or visit your local Choice NTUA Wireless store. See this week's Navajo Times full page advertisement for more information.

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