The following is information regarding the Lifeline Program. This is a Federal Communications Commission (FCC) program administered through the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC). There are a number of providers that offer the service. For example, the most common include TracFone's service provided through SafeLink Wireless while another provider is Assurance wireless. The current program includes a free "smart" phone with 350 talk minutes, 3 GB of data and unlimited texts. As an FYI, the 3GB of data individuals receive allows them to surf in the internet, have conversations via chats, utilize social media, etc.

During the COVID-19 crisis, the FCC provided from April – June 30 unlimited talk, 5 GD data and unlimited texts.

As requested at the MAPOC meeting, I have included below the monthly costs per person for enhanced Limited Plans and Unlimited Plans currently being offered. If an additional plan is purchased it will be added to the benefits they get with the regular (free) offer. Therefore, if a member adds the \$15 Unlimited Plan they will get 6 GB of data and unlimited talk and text. Also, if the member adds one of the enhanced plans listed below even though they are not for unlimited services, they will get additional minutes and data. So for example with the \$12 plan, the member will receive a total of 1,350 minutes, unlimited text and 4GB of data.

## **Available Data Plans**

Enjoy of more data, texting, and voice minutes for as low as \$10.



## **Unlimited Plans**

Stay connected and do more with your SafeLink Phone.

Experience your device to the fullest by adding one of our 30-day service plans.



To calculate the cost to provide an unlimited feature for the HUSKY program, using the \$15 upgrade and the 240,000 members who had a telehealth visit as of June 30<sup>th</sup>, the cost would be \$3.6 million per month. Likewise for the \$10 enhanced plan it would cost \$2.4 million per month. I hope this information is helpful. Thanks

Sylvia B. Kelly President & CEO Phone: 203.949.4091 Email: <u>skelly@chnct.org</u>

Community Health Network of Connecticut, Inc.® | 11 Fairfield Blvd, Wallingford, CT 06492

Serving Connecticut communities for 25 years

