EMERGENCY BROADBAND BENEFIT PROGRAM

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ABOUT CCHP

• Established in 2009 as a program under the Public Health Institute
• Became federally designated national telehealth policy resource center in 2012 through a grant from HRSA
• Work with a variety of funders and partners on the state and federal levels
• Administrator National Consortium of Telehealth Resource Centers
• Convener for California Telehealth Policy Coalition
FCC EMERGENCY BROADBAND BENEFIT PROGRAM

• Created in Consolidated Appropriations Act (Dec 2020)
• Help families and households afford internet service
• Provides a discount of up to $50/month towards broadband service for eligible households
• $75 for households on tribal lands
HOUSEHOLD ELIGIBILITY

- A member of the household must meet one of the eligibility criteria below:
  - Income is at or below 135% federal poverty guidelines or participates in certain assistance programs like SNAP, Medicaid or Lifeline;
  - Approved to receive benefits under the free and reduced-price school lunch or breakfast program;
  - Received a Federal Pell Grant during the current award year;
  - Experienced a substantial loss of income due to job loss or furlough since Feb 29, 2020 and the household had a total income in 2020 at or below $99,000/single filers and $198,000/joint filers; OR
  - Meets the eligibility criteria for participating provider’s existing low-income or COVID-19 program.
QUESTIONS?

• How do I get it:
  – You can enroll in the program through an enrolled provider or at https://getemergencybroadband.org

• What’s a provider?
  – A provider is a participating broadband provider who has chosen to participate in the program.

• Do I get the subsidy directly?
  – No. The broadband provider receives the subsidy and the amount will be deducted from your bill.
QUESTIONS?

• What’s a household?
  – A household is defined as any individual or group of individuals who are living together at the same address and share income and expenses.

• Can the discount cover rental fees on things like a router?
  – Yes, as well as on modems, hotspot devices and antennas if they are part of your monthly rental costs in addition to broadband services.

• How long will I continue to receive the subsidy?
  – Until funds run out.

• When can I start applying?
  – May 12, 2021
HELPFUL LINKS

• FCC Emergency Broadband Benefit (EBB) Page
  – https://www.fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit

• EBB Consumer FAQ Page

• Find an EBB Provider
  – https://www.fcc.gov/emergency-broadband-benefit-providers

• Where to enroll
  – https://getemergencybroadband.org/
CCHP Website – cchpca.org

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