

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



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- 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.

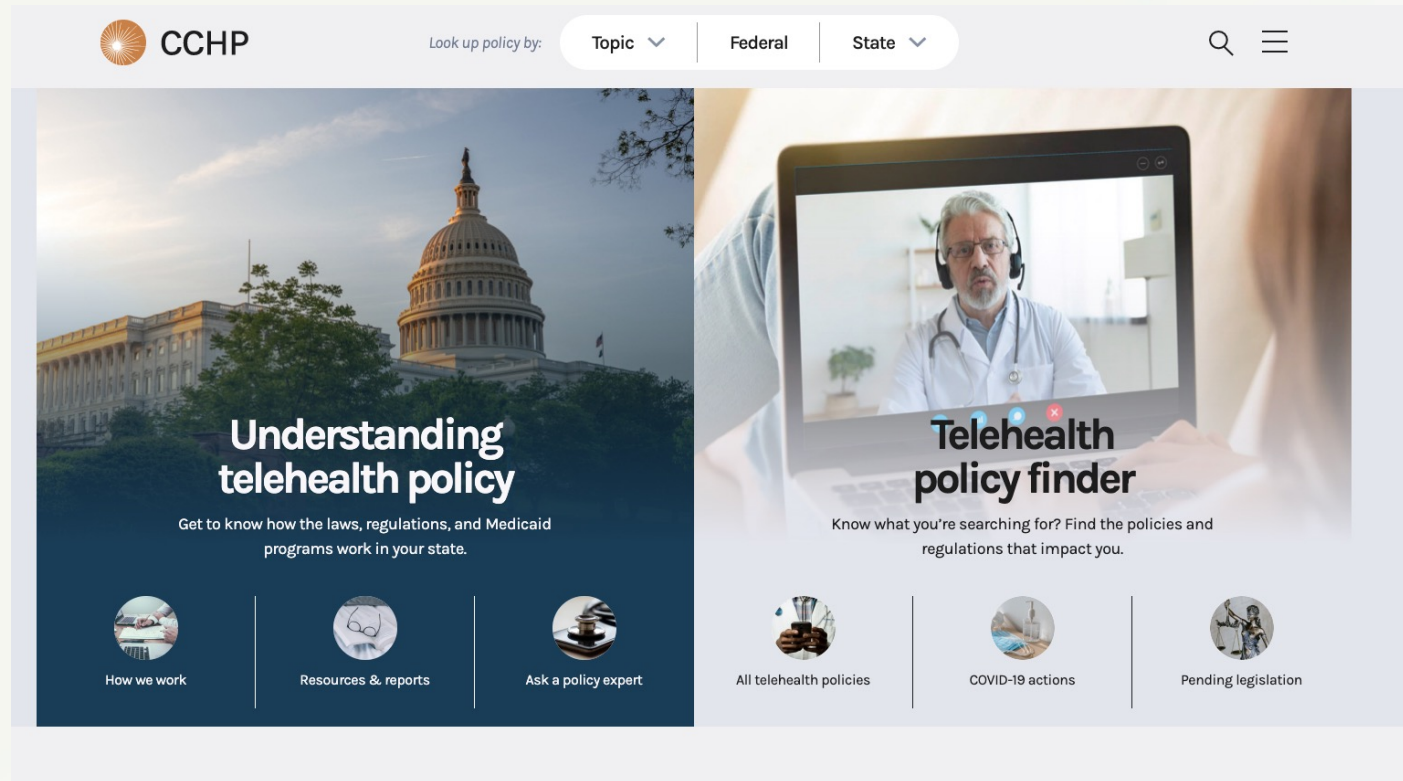
QUESTIONS?

- 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
 - <https://www.fcc.gov/consumer-faq-emergency-broadband-benefit>
- Find an EBB Provider
 - <https://www.fcc.gov/emergency-broadband-benefit-providers>
- Where to enroll
 - <https://getemergencybroadband.org/>

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