



Get a Free Cell Phone or Free Cell Phone Service

Am I eligible for a free government cell phone, or free cell phone service if I already have my own phone?

Anyone who already participates in a state or federal assistance program is eligible for a free cell phone, or free cell phone service. When filling out the application, you have to tell the company what type of assistance you are receiving. FoodShare, Medicaid, or Badger-Care are all examples of assistance programs.

How could a cell phone be useful?

With a cell phone, you can:

- Maintain contact with potential employers and employer agencies
- Interview and maintain contact with employers
- Maintain contact with your doctor and schedule appointments
- Maintain contact with other program or service providers
- Keep in touch with friends and family, even if they live far away
- Stay safe in your community with access to an emergency contact
- Have a way to contact your transportation provider

Are there any conditions to having a free cell phone or free cell phone service?

There is a limit of one account per household and it is required that you maintain a valid United States mailing address. You will also be responsible for certifying your eligibility each year. This is called an Annual Certification and is required by federal regulatory authorities.

What can I use as proof of my eligibility?

Proof of participation in a state or federal assistance program includes:

- A benefit ID card or other program participation: Forward Card (copy of front and back)
- An eligibility letter from an authorized agency: IRIS Start Date Letter
- A benefits statement (current or prior year): Supplemental Security Income statement
- Only one of these documents is required as proof of eligibility. Always be sure to send copies of these documents, not the originals.



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How do I access a free cell phone or free cell phone service?

There are approximately seven companies in Wisconsin who offer free cell phones and/or free cell phone service. You are able to apply online or call to begin the application process.

A contact table, including which companies require proof of eligibility documentation, has been provided below:

Company	Website	Phone	Documents required proving eligibility?
Safelink Wireless	www.safelinkwireless.com	1-800-723-3546	No*
Assurance Wireless	www.assurancewireless.com	1-888-321-5880	Yes
ReachOut Wireless	www.reachoutwireless-phone.com	N/A	Yes
Life Wireless	www.lifewireless.com	1-888-543-3620	Yes
Budget Mobile	https://www.freegovernmentcellphones.net/free-cell-phone-providers/budget-mobile	N/A	Yes
Tag Mobile	www.tagmobile.com	1-866-959-4918	Yes