

# ACP Wind Down

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# Today's Agenda



1. ACP State of Play
2. The FCC's ACP Wind-Down Report & Order
3. Discussion

# ACP State of Play

## ACP Extension Act

- Appropriates \$7B to extend ACP
- [Draft Bill Language](#)
- House Version: [H.R.6929](#)
  - Sponsors: Reps. Yvette D. Clarke (D-NY-09), Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA-01), Michael Lawler (R-NY-17), Marcus Molinaro (R-NY-19) and Anthony D'Esposito (R-NY-4).
- Senate Version: [S.3565](#)
  - Sponsors: Sens. Peter Welch (D-VT), J.D. Vance (R-OH), Jacky Rosen (D-NV), Kevin Cramer (R-ND)



# What You Can Do

## Advocacy

- Reach out to your member(s) of Congress:
  - Ask to co-sponsor bill
  - Ask to Support the bill/ACP in general
- Highlight the bill on social media
- Share the bill/info w/ your networks
- Continue collecting & sharing stories of why ACP matters (share w/ us & your community)



# Advocacy Resources

- [Press Release](#)
- [Social Media Toolkit](#)
- [Final Endorsement List](#)
- [What They Are Saying \(aka Supportive Statements\)](#)
- [ACLU's Contact Congress Letter](#)
- [NDIA's Advocacy Page](#)



# ACP Wind-Down Order

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# Key Takeaways

## What do I need to know?

- The last fully funded month of the program *is projected* to be **April 2024**
- The last day to enroll in the program will be **February 7, 2024**
- ACP Outreach Grantees will cease enrollment activities on that date
- The last fully funded month will be announced in late February, which will trigger further provider notifications to ACP households

# What will we discuss today?

- Enrollment freeze
- Notifications from the FCC, USAC, and providers
- Opt-in requirements to roll over service
- ACP Outreach Grantees
- High-Cost Area Benefit





# Enrollment Freeze

**The last day to enroll will be  
February 7, 2024 at 11:59pm EST**

- Enrollment in the ACP program will freeze on February 8, 2024



# FCC Notifications

- 60 days prior to the end of the last fully funded month, FCC will announce the last fully funded month of ACP
  - Example: Current forecast of last fully funded month is April 2024. If this estimate holds, we would expect an FCC announcement on March 1, 2024



# Provider Notifications

- Providers required to notify customers 3 times in writing
  - **Notice #1:** January 25, 2024 (2 weeks from order publication date)
  - **Notice #2:** Fifteen days after FCC announces last fully funded month of ACP (~est mid-March)
  - **Notice #3:** Issued during the customer's last bill or last billing cycle with ACP benefit



# Provider Notifications Cont.

## Required Information

- **Notification #1:** Possibility of ACP's end and potential impact on their bill
- **Notifications #2 and #3:**
  - ACP is ending and date of last bill ACP will be applied
  - Bill amount without ACP discount OR statement that customer will be subjected to undiscounted rates per terms conditions
  - Ability to change their service and/or to opt out of continuing their service at the end of the ACP



# Provider Notifications Cont.

## Optional Information

- Provider's low-cost or low-income plans
- Phone number and/or website link to this information



# Provider Notifications Cont.

## Method of Communication

- In writing and accessible to persons with disabilities
- No other specific wording or format
- Consistent with user preferences (e.g., email, text, paper mail)
- providers are also encouraged to run awareness campaigns about the end of the program



# FCC and USAC Communications

- Update all websites (FCC/USAC/GetInternet.gov) and communication materials to raise awareness of ACP wind down
- USAC will directly notify ACP Households multiple times



# Opt-In Requirements

Providers do need an additional opt-in to continue service if:

- The consumer had **not** already been an active customer prior to applying the ACP benefit to their plan
- The consumer is **not** paying any amount for their internet service (i.e., the ACP discount fully covers their bill)





# Opt-in Requirements

**Providers do not need additional opt-in to continue service if:**

1. Household acknowledgment of review of disclosures when they enrolled in EBB or ACP

**AND**

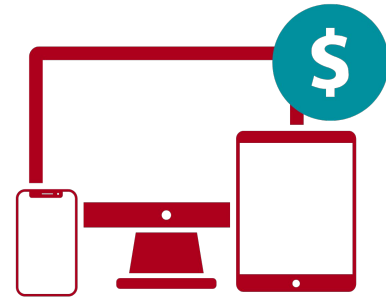


# Opt-in Requirements

**Providers do not need additional opt-in to continue service if:**

**2. Demonstrated willingness and ability to pay by:**

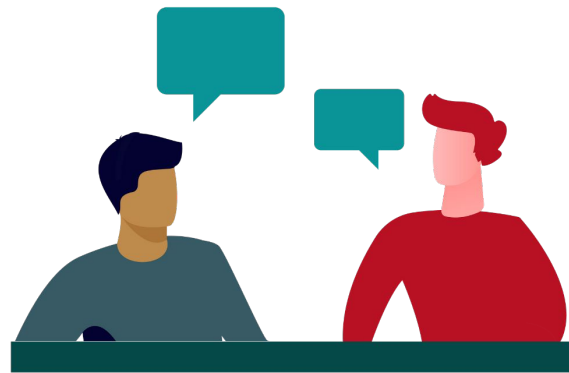
- a. Have informed their provider, either orally or in writing, that the provider may continue providing broadband service after end of ACP, **or**
- b. The consumer had already been an active customer prior to applying the ACP benefit to their plan, **or**
- c. The consumer currently pays a fee for their ACP-supported broadband service (i.e., the ACP discount does not fully cover their bill)



# ACP Outreach Grantees

## What We Know

- Grantees will cease grant-funded enrollment activities when FCC freezes enrollment on Feb 7, 2024
- FCC will issue additional communication and instruction on winding down grant-funded activities to grantees



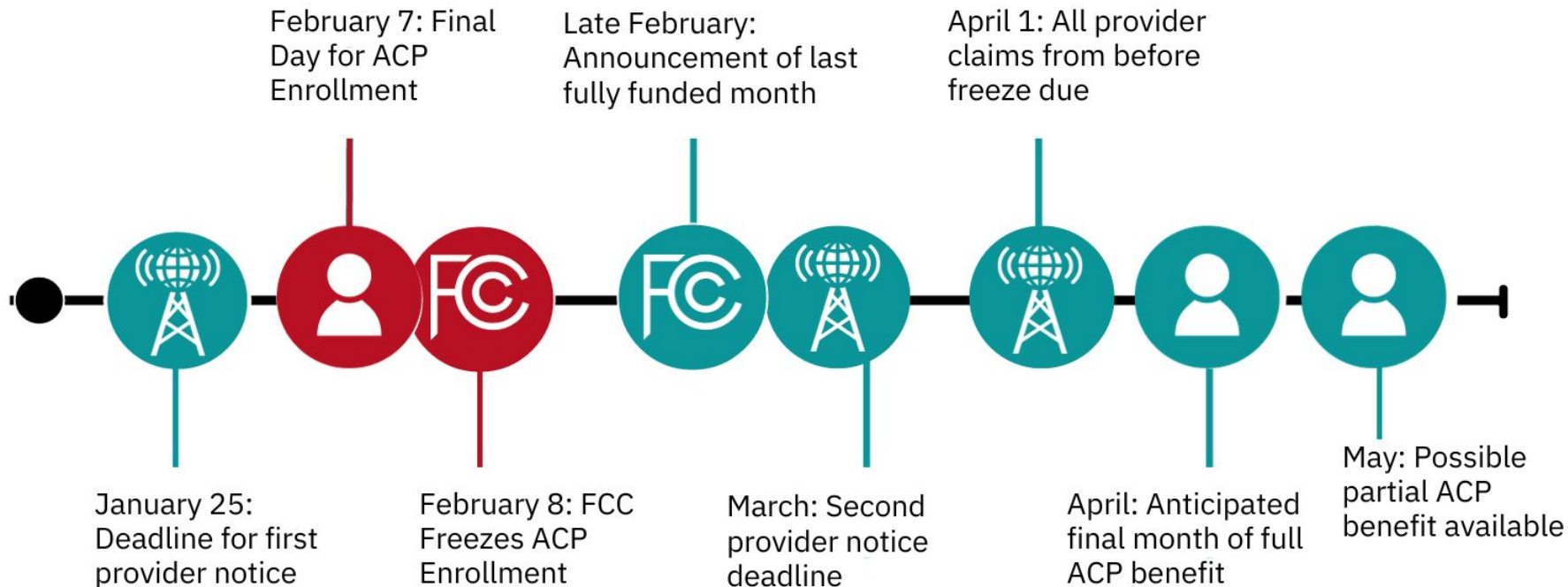
# Implications

## Federal Programs

- High-Cost Area Benefit offer is shut down  
*Possible reevaluation pending further funding.*
- BEAD-funded networks will be impacted
- Capital Project Funded networks will be impacted
- DEA plans will be impacted



# ACP Wind-Down Timeline





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