

9055.0395 SUBSISTENCE - NATURAL GAS, ELECTRICITY, TELEPHONE, AND INTERNET SERVICE.**Subpart 1. Natural gas and electricity service.**

A. The commissioner must provide subsistence assistance to eligible recipients for natural gas and electricity service.

B. Subsistence benefits under this subpart are limited to:

(1) monthly recurring usage charges and fees for natural gas and electricity service established before the date of application for subsistence;

(2) charges for appliance maintenance or replacement plans that are part of a recipient's monthly natural gas or electric bill if the plan was in place before the date of application for subsistence; and

(3) monthly charges for voluntary programs funding clean energy initiatives, energy conservation programs, and programs for low-income energy assistance.

Subp. 2. Telephone service.

A. The commissioner must provide subsistence assistance to eligible recipients for either landline or cellular telephone service but not both.

B. Subsistence assistance under this subpart is limited to:

(1) monthly recurring service and usage charges and fees for telephone service that was established before the date of application for subsistence; and

(2) local, state, and federal taxes and surcharges for telephone service.

Subp. 3. Internet service.

A. The commissioner must provide subsistence assistance to eligible recipients for Internet service.

B. Subsistence under this subpart is limited to:

(1) monthly recurring service charges and fees for Internet service that are established before the date of application for subsistence;

(2) Internet and voice equipment rental charges; and

(3) local, state, and federal taxes and fees for Internet service.

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