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FROM: KEVIN MAHON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, FIA
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RE: TEL-LIFE LOW COST PHONE SERVICE

PROGRAMS AFFECTED: TEMPORARY CASH ASSISTANCE (TCA)
PROGRAM, TRANSITIONAL EMERGENCY,
MEDICAL, AND HOUSING ASSISTANCE (TEMHA),
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE TO ADULTS (PAA)

ORIGINATING OFFICE: OFFICE OF POLICY AND RESEARCH

In the 1997 session the Maryland General Assembly passed legislation for Telephone Lifeline Services that replaces references to obsolete public assistance programs and updates the statute to reflect the current programs. Tel-life is low-cost discount phone service from the Bell Atlantic utility company which provides low cost discount services to anyone who lives in Maryland and receives:

- ▶ Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- ▶ Transitional Emergency, Medical, and Housing Assistance (TEMHA)
- ▶ Temporary Cash Assistance (TCA)
- ▶ Public Assistance to Adults (PAA)

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