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CONSUMER FACT SHEET: BROADBAND CONSUMER LABEL REQUIRED FOR MOST INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDERS

By Wednesday, April 10, Consumers Should Begin Seeing New Broadband Price and Service Transparency Information at the Point of Sale Online & In Store

What's New?

- Internet Service Providers (ISPs) offering standalone broadband internet access service will be required to display consumer-friendly labels at the point of sale.
 - <u>Broadband Labels</u> resemble the well-known nutrition labels that appear on food products.
 - To ensure the label benefits all consumers, the Commission adopted language and accessibility requirements for the label's display.
- Starting Wednesday, April 10, broadband labels will be required at any point of sale, including online and in stores for large ISPs.
- Labels are required for all standalone home or fixed internet service or mobile broadband plans.
- Providers must display the label not simply an icon or link to the label in close proximity to an associated plan's advertisement.

What's on the Broadband Labels?

- Broadband prices
- Introductory rate details
- Data allowances
- Broadband speeds
- Links to learn more about:
 - Available discounts or service bundles
 - Network management practices
 - Privacy policies

Why Does This Matter?

- Accurate, simple-to-understand information about broadband internet access services helps consumers make informed choices.
- Transparency is central to a well-functioning marketplace that encourages competition, innovation, low prices, and high-quality service.

Broadband Fa	cts	
Provider Name		_
Service Plan Name and/or Speed Tier		
[Fixed or Mobile] Broadband Consumer Disclosure		
Monthly Price	\$00	.00
This monthly price is an introductory rate	Yes	(No
Time the introductory rate applies		onths
Monthly price after the introductory rate	\$00	
Length of contract	YY m	onths
Link to Terms of Contract		
https://www.example.com/terms-of-contract		
Additional Charges & Terms		
Provider Monthly Fees		
Fee description	\$00.00	
One-Time Purchase Fees		
Fee description	\$00.00	
Fee description	\$00.00	
	400.00	
Early Termination Fee	\$00.00	
Government Taxes Included/Varies by Location	n/\$00.00	
Discounts & Bundles Visit the link below for available billing discount options for broadband service bundled with oth video, phone, and wireless service, and use of y equipment.	er service	
https://www.example.com/discounts		
Speeds Provided with Plan		
Typical Download Speed	000	Mbps
Typical Upload Speed	000	Mbps
Typical Latency	00	ms
Data Included with Monthly Price Charges for Additional Data Usage	000	GB /GB
https://www.example.com/data-usage	э,	GD
Network Management Policy		
https://www.example.com/network-management	nt	
Privacy Policy		
https://www.example.com/privacy		
Customer Support		
Phone: (555) 555-5555		
Website: https://www.example.com		
Learn about the terms used on this label. Visit the F Communications Commission's Consumer Resourc		
fcc.gov/consumer		
Unique Plan Identifier: F0005937974123ABC456EMC789		
Unique Plan Identifier: FU005937974123ABC456E	MC789	

• The labels are designed to provide clear, easy-to-understand, and accurate information about the cost and performance of standalone high-speed internet services.

How Did We Get Here?

- In 2015, the FCC sought recommendations for consumer-centric labels from its Consumer Advisory Committee, a panel of consumer group and industry representatives. The committee provided recommendations to the FCC in 2016.
- In July 2021, the President's <u>Executive Order</u> included the creation of broadband consumer labels.
- In November 2021, Congress passed the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, which directed the FCC to require consumer-friendly labels with information about broadband services.
- In 2022, the FCC adopted <u>rules</u> requiring broadband providers to display, at the point of sale, labels displaying key information consumers want: prices, speeds, fees, data allowances, and other critical information.
- Looking ahead, by October 10, 2024:
 - Providers will be required to make the labels machine-readable to enable third parties to more easily collect and aggregate data for the purpose of creating comparison-shopping tools for consumers.
 - Providers with less than 100,000 subscribers must also comply with the rules.

Additional information:

- <u>Glossary</u>: Help consumers better understand the information displayed on the label.
- Sample home internet label in PDF format.
- <u>Sample mobile broadband label in PDF format.</u>
- Sample broadband label in JPG format.

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