



MEMORANDUM

TO: Telecommunications Coordinators

FROM: Frank Cavallaro, Manager
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SUBJECT: LNP Surcharge

Recent congressional and regulatory actions will affect the way that CMS bills its client agencies. The Telecommunications Act of 1996 (CA-96) is the first major overhaul of national telecommunications law in almost 62 years. Among other things, it requires local telephone companies to prepare to offer "Service Provider Local Number Portability" (LNP).

The philosophy of LNP is that individuals should be able to retain their telephone number when they select a different carrier for local service. The FCC has decreed that local telephone companies may charge for the capital expenses of providing this service in their offices. In Illinois, only Ameritech and GTE have requested FCC approval to pass this expense on to their customers.

Beginning in February 1999 these new per line charges began to appear on all Ameritech and GTE Centrex, business and residential (including home) telephone bills to support this program. Complex services such as PBX, DID, and ISDN lines will experience higher surcharges. These charges will increase telecommunications costs for state offices served by both local business and Centrex lines.

Assessment of these charges on your CMS billings will vary based upon the type of service and vendor. For GTE and Ameritech business line services billed in CMS "Summary Bills," the charge is already included in the vendors' bill document and will flow through normal CMS billing processes.

PRODUCT	LNP SURCHARGE	
	<u>Ameritech</u>	<u>GTE</u>
Business	\$0.41/line	\$0.43/line
PBX Trunks	\$3.69/trunk	\$3.87/trunk
DID Trunks	\$3.69/trunk	\$3.87/trunk
ISDN-BRI	\$0.41/line	N/A
ISDN-PRI	\$2.05/line	\$2.15/line

For GTE and Ameritech Centrex services, this new charge will appear on the July MONIES bill documents as an individual line item:

Mandated LNP Chg, Amer CTX	\$0.41
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If you have any questions, please contact Tim Fox at (217) 524-9960.

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