

Under current program rules this service is classified as a Priority 1 "Internet Service". As such any reimbursement for any "Smart" device, whether a phone, netbook or computer should be properly cost allocated. ie: Only the data portion of an iPhone contract. Or the data service to a MiFi to connect an end user device. No plan including end user hardware such as Netbooks, Notebooks or "I" devices could ever be deemed cost effective under proper review.

As a further limitation, any such connections could be deemed a Priority 2 service. The premise being that almost all of these devices are by definition, end user equipment and the service provided is replacing equipment typically provided under Priority 2.

Use of program funds to facilitate provision of a single conduit to the internet for an individual user, possibly including hardware is not cost effective or in the best interests of the program.