

AT&T's discrimination against FaceTime violates Network Neutrality principles of nondiscrimination and puts the screws to the deaf and hard of hearing. Worse those with Apple iPads now have to pay for a Mobile Share plan that includes unlimited voice minutes (unlimited calling) a feature they won't even be able to use on the iPad -- a device incapable of placing or receiving traditional phone calls as its not a cellular phone like the iPhone. AT&T customers have to pay for a feature we can't or won't even use to use a feature we want to use. Sure we can jump through hoops and have unlimited FaceTime over WIFI still or use Skype over 3G and 4G LTE on AT&T's network but technology is supposed to improve accessibility and make things better not worse. We need universal accessibility to communications but AT&T is erecting barriers.

Also the fact that FaceTime over cellular will remain unavailable to AT&T subscribers with regular tiered data plans is unacceptable. Verizon Wireless is rightly making FaceTime accessible to all their customers even those with grandfathered unlimited data plans (by the way to keep such plans now one must pay full retail price for devices) but AT&T continues discrimination. AT&T's tiered plans also are designed in such a way that if users exceed their data caps they must pay overages. In fact this is how all tiered plans operate.