

POSITION PROFILE	
POSITION: Customer Care Associate	DEPARTMENT: Customer Care
CUSTOMARY WORK HOURS: 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.	
CUSTOMARY WORK DAYS: Monday - Friday	
SALARY GRADE: Staff Support Schedule V	STATUS: Non exempt
REPORTS TO: Customer Care Manager	

POSITION SUMMARY

The Customer Care Associate position represents three distinct areas of responsibility including Receptionist, Cash Receipts and Customer Care Support. You will be assigned a principal area of responsibility and will coordinate with your fellow associates to complete these responsibilities on a daily and periodic basis. This position stresses a high degree of flexibility and accountability as you may be asked to perform any of these functions on a daily or periodic basis dependent on the needs of the business.

PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTABILITIES

Receptionist Position

DAILY

- Greets public who enter the Customer Services Office
- Answers all telephone calls that come to the main switchboard and routes them accordingly
- As back-up to the Company's Voice Mail system, takes messages, when necessary, for an extension or employee when applicable
- Collects customer payments
- Receives, prepares and distributes Customer Services inter-office mail
- Prepares daily cash deposit and balances petty cash fund
- Assists walk-in customers to identify their needs regarding new service, billing questions, Internet inquiries or repair issues, and locates the appropriate personnel to assist customers
- Provide backup as necessary to Cash Receipts and Customer Care Support positions
- Understands and accepts the necessity for reporting to work, on time, and is ready and able to perform the duties and responsibilities of the position on a daily basis
- Proactive involvement in the Company's Safety Program, including compliance with all rules and regulations, and for continuously practicing safety while performing their duties

PERIODIC

- Prepares customer record audits as necessary
- General filing, scanning and copying
- Processes California Lifeline database and customer record updates
- Maintains scheduling and messaging for the Company's Conference System
- Maintains scheduling and messaging for the Customer Operations conference room
- Contacts new Equal Access Carriers regarding submitted service requests to verify balloting information, updating master Equal Access list accordingly
- Processes PIC change requests from outside carriers
- Verifies PLD 3rd Party Verification notices; notifies CSR's of approved customers
- Documents results of customer install and repair surveys; forwards surveys requiring attention to appropriate supervisor
- Provides data entry of all bi-annual survey responses

- Prepares and distributes bi-weekly CARE Report to IXCs
- Updates department forms as necessary
- Prepares and audits annual directory introductory and community pages project
- Verifies address change notices from USPS and notes customer accounts
- Orders department supplies for all Operations Departments
- Updates phone system greetings for office closures and/or revised business hours
- Prepares notices for Customer Care building to notify customers of office closure and/or revised business hours.
- Prepares memos, letters and forms as necessary
- Provide backup as necessary to Cash Receipts and Customer Care Support positions.
- Updates, maintains and proofreads directory information and community pages.
- List of principal accountabilities is not exhaustive and may be supplemented as necessary

Cash Receipts Position

DAILY

- Counts Cash Drawer each morning; deliver to Reception Desk
- Secures Cash Drawer in safe each evening
- Processes customer payments into billing system
- Processes customer checks into Bank of America electronic banking system
- Completes daily balancing of all payment batches
- Pick up customer payments from Post Office
- Meter outgoing U.S. Mail for morning and afternoon mail delivery to Post Office
- Provide backup as necessary to Receptionist and Customer Care Support position
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PERIODIC

- Processes monthly Company account adjustments
- Completes monthly payment balancing
- Prepares and maintains return check correspondence, adjustments and records
- Prepares and maintains recurring credit card denial correspondence, adjustments and records
- Files customer credit applications and paperwork
- Collect and scan documents for electronic filing to customer accounts
- Assists with preparation of customer service order confirmation letters, and customer service and repair survey letters
- Prepares Auto-Pay confirmation letters and/or emails
- Interacts with banking institutions as necessary regarding payments received and/or processed electronically.
- Order and stock all supply room items, and consumables for coffee bar
- Assists with annual archive filing project and disposal
- General filing
- Provide backup as necessary to Receptionist and Customer Care Support positions.
- List of principal accountabilities is not exhaustive and may be supplemented as necessary

Customer Care Support Position

DAILY

- Processes California Lifeline database and customer record updates
- Monitors customer self-care orders from website
- Prepares new service packets for CSR's to mail to customers
- E9-1-1 record maintenance
- Reviews switch audit and provides corrections as necessary
- Reviews PIC audit and provides corrections as necessary
- Provide backup as necessary to Cash Receipts and Receptionist positions
- Understands and accepts the necessity for reporting to work, on time, and is ready and able to perform the duties and responsibilities of the position on a daily basis
- Proactive involvement in the Company's Safety Program, including compliance with all rules and regulations, and for continuously practicing safety while performing their duties

PERIODIC

- Processes and balances monthly billing register
- Prepares and maintains customer deposit refund records
- Prepares and maintains records of disconnected customers with credit balances
- Assists with preparation of customer install & survey correspondence
- Assists with preparation of customer service order confirmation correspondence
- Prepares payphone reports to national clearinghouse, BSG clearinghouse, and CPUC
- Runs and distributes the monthly High Toll Usage report
- Manages the monthly Number Referral Service audit; prepares customer correspondence
- Manages ADSL Equipment Inventory & programming Gateways
- Prepares monthly promotion confirmation letters to customers
- Reviews and resolves invalid customer email issues
- Processes monthly non-pay disconnect orders, restoral orders and final disconnect orders
- Processes the ZUM report
- Processes accounts for write off and submission to collection agency
- Process and maintain all MSAG record updates
- Processes weekly TNS file upload
- Audit new service customers for previous service/outstanding balances
- Processes unbillable reports
- Audit directory listings proof from publisher
- Processes directory advertising adjustments from directory publisher
- Submit reports for new business customers to directory publisher
- Audit customer accounts for class of service accuracy
- Processes quarterly California Lifeline True-Up audit
- Periodic customer record audits
- Assists with annual archive filing project and disposal
- Processes FEX adjustments
- Processes bankruptcy notices and adjust customer accounts as necessary
- Provide backup as necessary to Cash Receipts and Receptionist positions.
- List of principal accountabilities is not exhaustive and may be supplemented as necessary

KEY PERFORMANCE FACTORS

ACHIEVING RESULTS

- Applies knowledge of the job. Applies knowledge to new or challenging situations
- Applies technical skills (includes applying existing skills in new or challenging situations)
- Accepts responsibility for and follows through on tasks, assignments, and other responsibilities in a timely manner
- Meets departmental standards for productivity (rated on the basis of work accomplished to volume of work)
- Performs duties with accuracy, thoroughness, attention to detail, and neatness
- Sets challenging, but realistic goals
- Holds self accountable for individual results
- Monitors quality of own or others' work (e.g., double-checks the accuracy of information or work product; checks to ensure that procedures are followed)
- Takes actions to solve a problem or overcome an obstacle to achieving results
- Makes specific changes in work processes or own work methods to improve performance (e.g., does something better, faster, at lower cost, more efficiently; improves quality, customer satisfaction, morale, revenues)
- Performs work in a safe and healthful manner and in accordance with the Company's Safety Program

PROACTIVITY

- Recognizes tasks, activities, assignments to be done and completes them without specific directive or actively seeks new duties or challenges
- Offers one or more ideas to improve work processes or departmental productivity. Initiates actions to address an anticipated problem or obstacles. Actions are within the constraints of respective authority
- Has the ability to seek information from a wide variety of sources concerning a problem or issue affecting a specific project or department as a whole

TEAM ATTITUDE

- Expresses the belief that others are fully capable of contributing to the work process and being effective when given the chance
- Participates willingly in departmental or work group decisions. Demonstrates commitment to achieving departmental goals by assisting others, even if the task is not a part of their primary roles and responsibilities
- Shows respect for other's intelligence by appealing to reason
- Genuinely values others' input and expertise and is willing to learn from others (including supervisors, peers, and subordinates)

ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITMENT

- Respects the ways things are done in the organization and does what is expected (e.g., dresses appropriately, presents the Company in a positive light). Follows Company policies and procedures
- Respects and accepts what management sees as important
- Understands and accepts the necessity for reporting to work, on time, and is ready and able to perform the duties and responsibilities of the position on a daily basis.
- Makes choices and sets priorities to meet Company's needs
- Cooperates with others to achieve organizational/departmental objectives
- Publicly acts to fit the Company's mission

FLEXIBILITY

- Understands other people's point of view
- Able to shift easily from one task or focus to a different one
- Willing to change ideas or perceptions based on new information or contrary evidence
- Decides what to do based on the situation (e.g., acts to fit the situation or person)

SELF-MANAGEMENT

- Demonstrates an ability to handle stress on the job (e.g., able to multi-tasks, prioritize)
- Controls own strong emotions, such as anger or extreme frustration. Remains calm in stressful situations, addressing difficult problems one at a time
- Remains productive under stress. Deals with stress directly and does not allow stress to weaken one's ability to complete a task or interact effectively with others

CUSTOMER SERVICE ORIENTATION (internal and external)

- Gives friendly, cheerful service
- Follows through on customer inquiries, requests, complaints
- Keeps customer up-to-date about progress of projects (but does not probe customer's underlying issues or problems)
- Maintains clear communication with customer regarding mutual expectation, monitors customer satisfaction

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS

- Possesses the ability to speak clearly and understandably and hear communications by telephone and in person
- Possesses fine and gross manipulation skills
- Must have good vision (with correction)
- Must be able to sit for prolonged periods of time
- Must have minimal ability to stand, sit, squat, bend, kneel, twist, crawl, reach, lift, balance, carry, push, and pull as required for light duties of standard office clerical positions
- Must be able to lift 20lb. maximum with frequent lifting and/or carrying objects weighting up to 10lb.

QUALIFICATIONS

EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- High school diploma or equivalent
- 2 year college or vocational degree in business, or related field, desirable

TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

- Basic general office skills
- Computer literate, emphasis on Microsoft Office
- Key board skills of 30 wpm.
- Customer service /relation knowledge
- Possesses and maintains a valid and unrestricted class "C" driver's license, with driving records that provides insurability under the Company's vehicle insurance carrier and within the guidelines of the Company

WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2 years as a general office clerk or similar position, where duties correspond with the essential and periodic functions of this position

ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS

GENERAL OFFICE CONDITIONS

Exposure to an air-conditioned/heated office environment with exposure to low noise levels from office equipment and voices. No exposure to notable hazards or unusual atmospheric conditions

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DEPARTMENT SUPERVISOR:	DATE:
DEPARTMENT MANAGER:	DATE:
HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGER:	DATE:

I acknowledge that I have read and understand the above job description in its entirety and am capable of performing all the the stated requirements.

Print Name

Signature

Date