

Talking Up Prepay Wireless Plans

(NAPSA)—If you want wireless service that has no strings attached, it may help to learn about prepay plans.

Wireless carriers offer prepay plans that appeal to those with a budget in mind, those who want to try wireless without a credit check or monthly bills, or to those who don't want to commit to a contract. With a prepay calling plan, consumers can control their wireless spending by paying in advance, giving them the freedom and convenience of having a wireless phone, with the ability to closely monitor how much they spend.

When choosing among prepay wireless calling plans, experts say there are several factors to consider. Just as when selecting any wireless calling plan, the network should be the most important criteria since the quality and coverage will determine the calling area and call quality. Those who travel frequently throughout the United States or who make calls outside their home calling area should look for a service provider that has the most extensive network in the areas where the phone will be used. The likelihood of dropped calls is much less when the wireless provider has an expansive and robust network.

Some prepay wireless calling plans, such as Verizon Wireless Prepay service, offer minute meters that show how many minutes are remaining so customers will always know when they are about to run out of minutes.

And when it comes to renewing airtime and buying more minutes, the name of the prepay game is convenience. Look for a provider that lets the consumer purchase minutes in a variety of ways. For example, renewing minutes for Verizon Wireless Prepay service is easy. Consumers can purchase more minutes by calling 1-866-



Make Talk Cheap—Prepay wireless plans can be an inexpensive way to get wireless service.

UFREEUP, by visiting the company's stores or online, at convenience stores such as 7-Eleven, at other authorized retail locations such as RadioShack and Western Union and at select independent ATMs. This way, minutes can be recharged wherever and whenever needed.

Many prepay wireless services also include added features such as domestic long distance and lower per-minute night and weekend rates. Other features may include short text messaging (SMS), voice mail, caller ID and call waiting. Verizon Wireless Prepay service includes all of these, plus the company offers customers international dialing that lets them call almost anywhere in the world from their prepay wireless phone.

When thinking about purchasing prepay wireless service, try to remember the three most important features: network and coverage area, easiest payment method and supplemental services. Prepay wireless service may be just the right option on the road to wireless.

For more information about choosing a wireless plan, visit www.verizonwireless.com.