



Notification: 18-05

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****ACTION REQUIRED****

SUBJECT: 916/279 AREA CODE OVERLAY

This Notification is to inform CALNET Customers that the 279 area code has been added to serve the 916 area code. This will ensure a continuing supply of telephone numbers within the same geographic region.

What is an Area Code Overlay?

An overlay is the addition of another area code (279) to the same geographic region as an existing area code (916). An overlay does not require customers to change their existing area code, but does require them to dial "1" followed by the area code and the seven-digit telephone number on every call, including calls within the same area code.

Who will be affected?

Everyone with a 916 area code is affected. The 916 area code serves the greater Sacramento area, including the cities of Citrus Heights, Elk Grove, Folsom, Isleton, Lincoln, Loomis, Rancho Cordova, Rocklin, Roseville, Sacramento, and West Sacramento. The new 279 area code will serve the same geographic area currently served by the existing 916 area code.

What will be the New Dialing Procedure?

To complete calls from a landline phone, the new dialing procedure requires anyone with a 916 or 279 area code to dial 1 + area code + telephone number, including calls within the same area code. This means that all calls in the 916 area code that are currently dialed with seven digits must be dialed using 1 + area code + telephone number.



To complete calls from a cellular or mobile phone, callers must dial the area code + telephone number or 1 + area code + telephone number whenever placing a call from a phone number with the 916 area code.

When will the new dialing procedure become mandatory?

Beginning **February 10, 2018**, you must use the new dialing procedure, as described above for all calls, even for local calls. After this date, if you do not use the new dialing procedure, your calls will not be completed and a recording will instruct you to hang up and dial again using the new dialing procedure.

Beginning **March 10, 2018**, new telephone lines or services in the 916 area may be given numbers from the new 279 area code.

What will customers need to do?

In addition to changing your dialing procedure, all services, automatic dialing equipment, or other types of equipment that are programmed to dial a 7-digit number will need to be reprogrammed to use the new dialing procedure. Some examples are stored telephone numbers in contacts lists in phones, life safety systems and medical monitoring devices, PBXs, fax machines, Internet dial-up numbers, alarm security systems and gates, speed dialers, call forwarding settings, voicemail services, and other similar services or equipment. You may also want to check your personal and business stationery, checks, advertising materials, websites, contact information, and personal or pet ID tags to ensure the area code is included in the telephone number.

What will remain the same?

- Your telephone number, including current area code, will not change.
- The price of a call, coverage area, or other rates and services will not change due to the overlay.



- What is a local call now will remain a local call regardless of the number of digits dialed.
- You can still dial just three digits to reach 911, as well as 211, 311, 411, 511, 611, 711 and 811.

Please forward this bulletin to others within your organization that may need this information.

For additional information:

If you have any questions regarding information provided in this notice, please access the following website for more information: www.cpuc.ca.gov/916areacode/.

If you have any questions regarding this Bulletin, please contact the CALNET Customer Service Line at (916) 657-9150 or email CIOCALNEThelp@state.ca.gov for assistance.