

## Telecommunications Bulletin

**Customer Service Center (CSC)** 

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## State-Wide Call Blocking on AT&T Centrex Lines

The Customer Service Center is initiating a project to block/disallow Directory Assistance 411 calls and the long distance carrier dial-around (10-10-XXX) option. The blocks will impact all AT&T Centrex users in cities identified on the attached listing. In large municipal areas, your agency may have users on both Centrex and other types of lines. If you need to distinguish which agency lines are AT&T Centrex vs POTTS or other business lines, you can search EMS for the following Catalog Codes:

SSCXL Analog centrex line

SSDXL Digital (P-phone) centrex line SSDAN Phantom number on a P-phone

SICLB ISDN BRI line

If a user attempts a 411 or 10-10 dial-around call after the block is in place, the user will experience either a fast busy or a prerecorded message stating "the call cannot be completed as dialed." To avoid unnecessary questions or repairs directed to agency Telecommunications Coordinators and/or our CSC Service Desk, we ask that you notify your end users of the call blocking project.

We appreciate your cooperation and patience while this project segment, estimated at an annual state cost savings of \$120,000, is completed. Since your end users will no longer be able to dial directory assistance, we suggest you provide the following free, on-line resources for locating business and white page listings:

http://www.switchboard.com/

http://www.directoryassistance.com/

http://www.anywho.com/whitepages

The AT&T call blocking project will take several weeks and the target completion date is slated for October 31, 2012. The CSC will continue to investigate 411 and 10-10 dial-around call blocking on <u>all</u> types of state lines supported by <u>all</u> carriers. Additional Bulletins will be forwarded in advance when additional line blocks will be established. If you have any questions regarding this call blocking initiative, please contact Betty Russell at 217-785-4441 or by email at <u>betty.russell@illinois.gov</u>.

## **AT&T Centrex Cities**

Alton Bellwood-Maywood Chicago Heights

Des Plaines Edgemont

Elk Grove Village

Joliet

Mt Vernon Palatine Petersburg

Rockford Sterling

West Chicago

Aurora

Champaign

Collinsville

East St. Louis

Edwardsville Glen Ellyn

Kankakee Oak Lawn Park Forest

Quincy Skokie

Tinley Park Waukegan Belleville

Chicago (city)

Decatur

East Moline

Elgin Harvey

Moline Ottawa

Peoria

Rock Island Springfield

Urbana