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Clinic to discuss cutting phone costs

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CARBONDALE - The Citizens Utility Board will host a clinic Wednesday to tell citizens how they can save on their phone bills.

CUB will conduct the free clinic at 11 a.m. Wednesday in the Carbondale Civic Center. CUB launched the campaign after releasing a study showing Illinois callers overpay by about \$1.5 billion a year.

"Most people are paying too much for phone service," CUB Executive Director David Kolata said in a news release. "However, CUB has been showing consumers how to save an average of about \$20 a month on their local and long distance bills."

Communications Assistant Patrick Deignan said the clinic will also come in handy for penny pinchers looking to save a few bucks to weather the economy.

"A good way to beat a bad economy is to cut fixed monthly expenses," Deignan said. "A good place to start is the phone bill."

Those who attend are encouraged to bring their phone bills so they can be analyzed and determined where cost-cutting measures can be made. Deignan said many of the cuts can be made in long distance calls.

CUB also offers help on cellular phone bills with a [Web site](#) where customers can upload their bills and receive information on where they can cut costs.

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