



SIP Portal User Guide

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SIP Portal Overview

The following SIP portal functions are in support of both Native SIP and PRI-SIP options. The SIP portal allows you to configure Call Forwarding, Call Blocking, and Call Screening features. As a user, these features are set up for your individual Direct Inward Dialing (DID) number.

Call Barring / Call Blocking

As an administrator, you can block specific outgoing call types that are not explicitly controlled by Allstream. For example, by default, Allstream blocks International dialing, but blocks only premium calls (900/976) when specifically requested by a customer. Using the SIP portal, you may choose to block or allow these types of calls as needed.

Control of blocking or allowing International calls is given to administrators only when a customer has specifically requested International dialing and has signed the appropriate waivers and agreements. Without this agreement, the International block is always active, and the customer is unable to change it.

Call Screening

Call screening allows you to block incoming anonymous calls or calls from a specific number:

- **Anonymous Call Rejection**—incoming calls are rejected when the calling party does not provide caller identification information.
- **Selective Call Rejection**—allows you to exclude incoming calls that originate from specified callers.

Call Forwarding

Call forwarding features are set up for an entire group of DIDs on the PBX or an individual DID with the exception of “Unavailable Call Forwarding”. Call forwarding allows you forward all incoming calls to a single selected number based on a variety of conditions such as:

- **Immediately**—all calls are immediately forwarded to a user-defined phone number
- **Busy/No Answer**—calls are forwarded to a user-defined phone number when a line is busy or there is no answer
- **Unavailable**—calls are forwarded to a user-defined phone number if the connection to the PBX / CPE is lost
- **Selected Callers**—calls originating from specific callers are forwarded to a user-defined number

The **Forwarding Destinations** tab allows you to create a list of frequently used destination phone numbers.

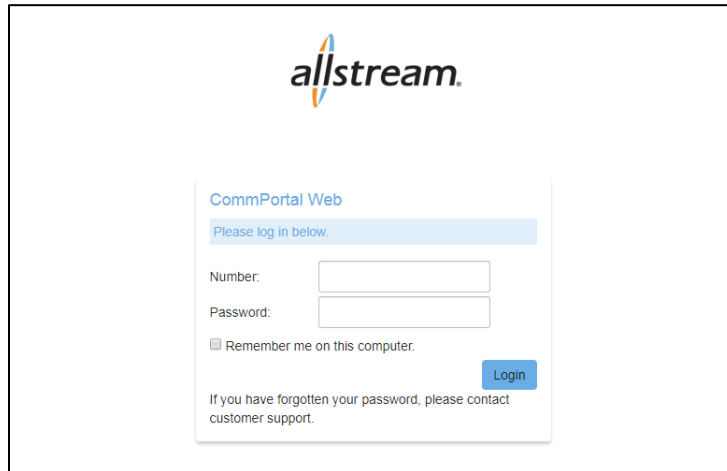
Caller ID Presentation

Caller ID presentation allows you to block or unblock outbound caller ID information on all calls made from your location.

Getting Started

The SIP portal is available after logging in to your Allstream account.

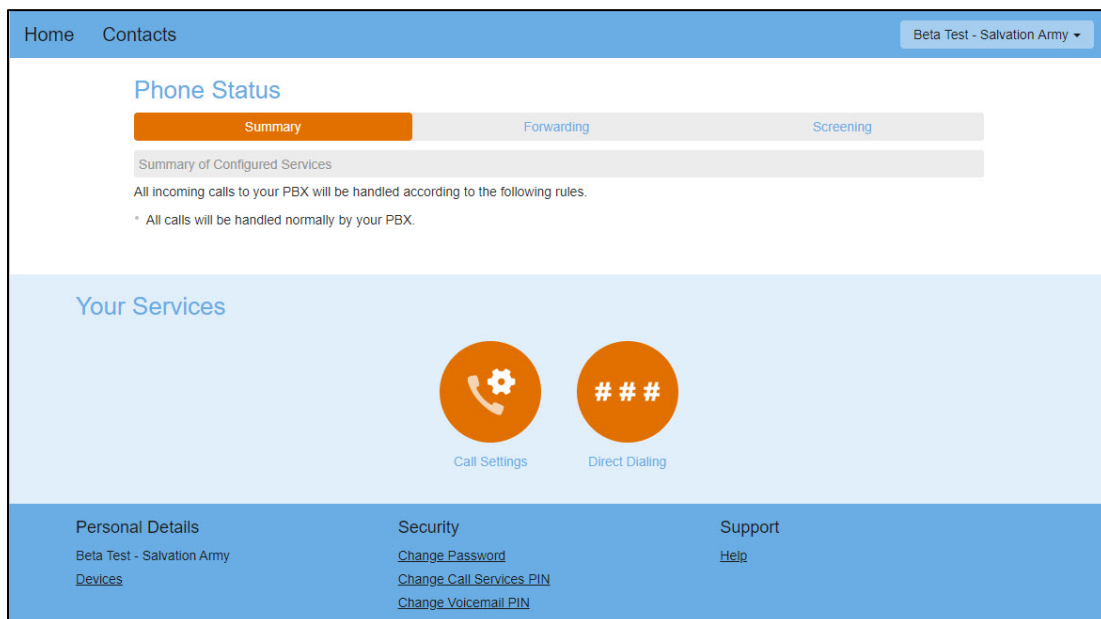
Note: Each site has its own unique log in based on the site's telephone number. Passwords may be the same for all sites. PBXs have their own logins and passwords. If you have multiple PBXs in one location, you will have multiple logins and passwords. For questions, contact Customer Care.

The image shows the Allstream CommPortal Web login interface. At the top is the Allstream logo. Below it, the text "CommPortal Web" is displayed. A light blue box contains the instruction "Please log in below." followed by two input fields: "Number:" and "Password:". Below these fields is a checkbox labeled "Remember me on this computer." and a blue "Login" button. At the bottom of the login box, a note states: "If you have forgotten your password, please contact customer support."

SIP Portal Login Page

Once at the **Login** page, enter the phone number and password for the account and click **Login**. If you have forgotten your password, contact Customer Care.


The **Phone Status** page displays.

The image shows the Phone Status page in the Allstream portal. The top navigation bar includes "Home" and "Contacts" links, and a dropdown menu for "Beta Test - Salvation Army". The main heading is "Phone Status". Below it are three tabs: "Summary" (active), "Forwarding", and "Screening". A section titled "Summary of Configured Services" contains the text: "All incoming calls to your PBX will be handled according to the following rules." and a note: "* All calls will be handled normally by your PBX." Below this is a "Your Services" section with two orange circular icons: one with a phone and gear icon labeled "Call Settings", and another with three hash symbols labeled "Direct Dialing". The bottom of the page features a blue footer with three columns of links: "Personal Details" (Beta Test - Salvation Army, Devices), "Security" (Change Password, Change Call Services PIN, Change Voicemail PIN), and "Support" (Help).

Phone Status Page

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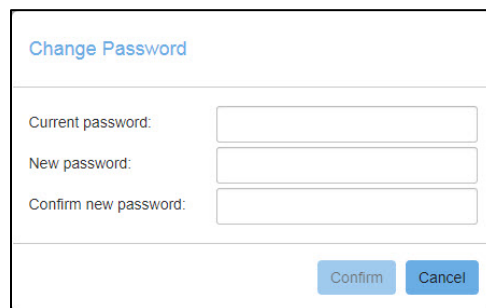
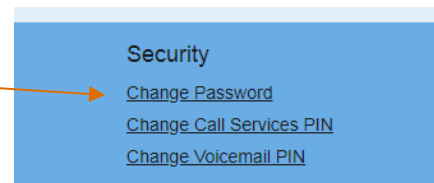
This description enables you to confirm that services you have configured have the desired effect on your calls. If the description does not match the behavior you would expect, then it is possible that services you have configured are interacting or overriding one another. If a service is interacting with another service, or being overridden, then an  icon displays on the configuration page for that service. Click this icon for further information.

- **Forwarding:** The **Forwarding** tab allows you to configure the settings for **Immediate**, **Busy**, **Unavailable**, and **Selective** types of call forwarding. The **Forwarding** tab also provides access to phone numbers to which you regularly forward calls and preconfigure for easy use. For more information, see [Configuring Call Forwarding, page 5](#).
- **Screening:** The **Screening** tab allows you to reject calls coming from selected phone numbers. For more information, see [Configuring Call Screening, page 10](#).

Changing Your Password

To change your password:

1. From the list of **Security** links at the bottom of the portal, click **Change Password**.
The **Change Password** dialog box displays.

A screenshot of a "Change Password" dialog box. It has a title bar with the text "Change Password". Below the title bar are three input fields: "Current password:", "New password:", and "Confirm new password:". At the bottom right of the dialog box are two buttons: "Confirm" and "Cancel".

Change Password Dialog Box

2. In the **Current password** field, enter your current password.
3. In the **New password** field, enter your new password.
4. In the **Confirm new password** field, enter your new password again.
5. Click **Confirm**.

A confirmation message displays.

Configuring Call Settings

To access call settings:

1. From the **Summary** tab on the **Phone Status** page, click **Call Settings**.
The **Call Settings** page displays.

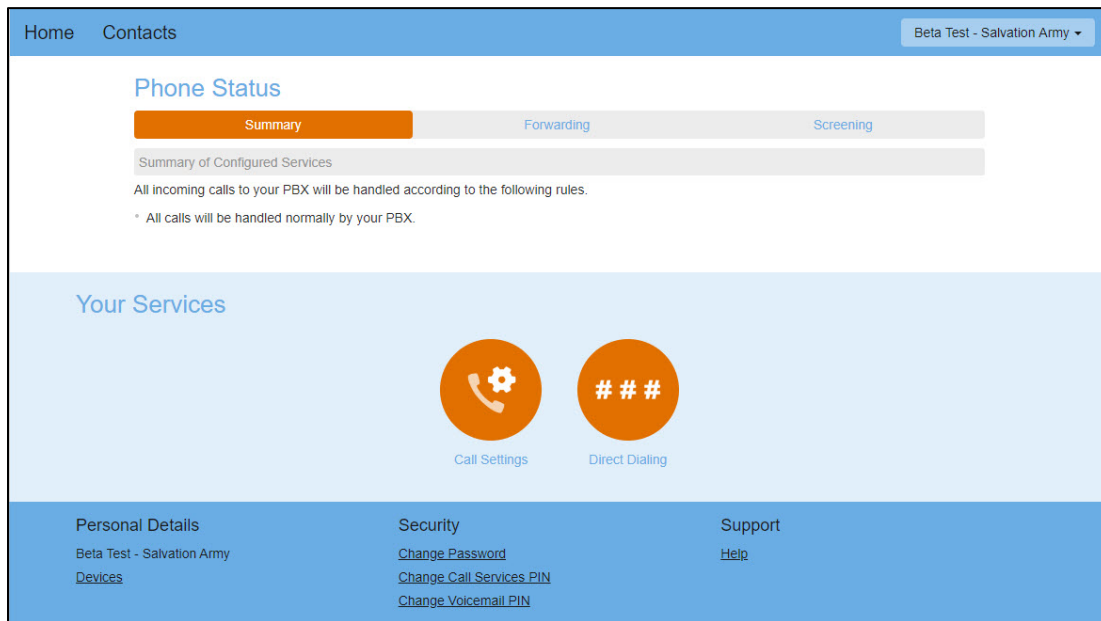
The screenshot shows the 'Call Settings' page within a web application. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'Home' and 'Contacts' tabs, and a user profile dropdown labeled 'Beta Test - Salvation Army'. Below the navigation bar, there are two circular icons: 'Call Settings' (with a phone and gear icon) and 'Direct Dialing' (with a '###' icon). The main content area is titled 'Call Settings' and includes 'Apply' and 'Cancel' buttons. It is organized into three sections: 'General', 'Call Forwarding', and 'Call Blocking'. The 'General' section includes a note about caller transfer and three checkboxes: 'Withhold caller ID when making calls' (unchecked), 'Provide caller ID for incoming calls' (checked), and 'Provide caller name for incoming calls' (checked). The 'Call Forwarding' section includes a note about asking for a forwarding number and three checkboxes: 'Immediate Forwarding' (checked), 'Busy Forwarding' (checked), and 'No Answer Forwarding' (checked). The 'Call Blocking' section includes a note about choosing types of phone numbers to block and seven checkboxes: 'Local' (unchecked), 'National and Mobile' (unchecked), 'International' (checked), 'Premium Rate' (checked), 'Operator' (checked), 'Directory' (unchecked), 'Access Codes' (unchecked), and 'Access codes that change configuration' (checked). At the bottom, there is a blue footer bar with three columns of links: 'Personal Details' (Beta Test - Salvation Army, Devices), 'Security' (Change Password, Change Call Services PIN, Change Voicemail PIN), and 'Support' (Help).

Call Settings Page

2. Check the box next to each option you want to enable, and uncheck the box next to each option you want to disable.
3. Click **Apply**.

Configuring Call Forwarding


Call forwarding may be configured using the **Phone Status** page



Summary Tab, Phone Status Page

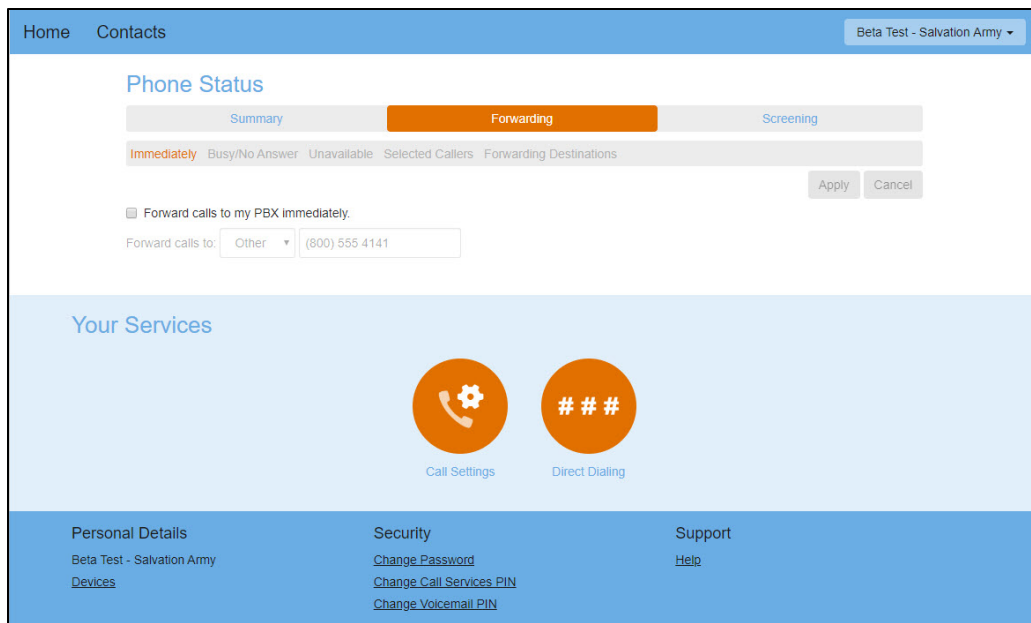
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- **Screening:** The **Screening** tab allows you to reject calls coming from selected phone numbers. For more information, see [Configuring Call Screening, page 10](#).

1. Click the **Forwarding** tab on the **Phone Status** page.



Forwarding Tab, Phone Status Page

The **Forwarding** tab allows you to configure call forwarding that include all outside calls of the following types:

- **Immediately**—forwards all calls that come into your PBX (this is useful when the office is closed)
- **Busy**—forwards all calls that receive a busy signal or no answer
- **Unavailable**—calls are forwarded to a user-defined phone number if the connection to the PBX / CPE is lost
- **Selected Callers**—forwards calls originating from specified numbers

The forwarding of calls from DID numbers inside your organization is managed using the **Direct Dialing** page. For more information, see [Configuring Call Forwarding for a Selected DID, page 7](#).

To configure **Immediate Call Forwarding**:

1. On the **Forwarding** tab, click **Immediately**.
2. Check the **Forward calls to my PBX immediately** box to turn on call forwarding or uncheck the box to turn it off.
3. In the **Forward calls to:** field, enter the destination phone number where you want to forward all calls. Any forwarding destination numbers saved in the system are available for selecting from the **Other** drop-down list. For more information, see [Managing Forwarding Destinations, page 8](#).
4. The **Busy**, **Unavailable**, or **Selected Callers** tabs allow you to activate and deactivate each call forwarding option separately. Please note that if **Immediate Call Forwarding** is activated, it supersedes all other call forwarding options.
5. Click **Apply**.
The call forwarding settings are activated.

Activated Call Forwarding Settings

Note: If you forward calls often/regularly, you may want to set up a list of frequently used forwarding destination numbers. For more information, see [Managing Forwarding Destinations, page 8](#).

Configuring Call Forwarding for a Selected DID

DID numbers are managed using the **Direct Dialing** page. This page displays all DIDs on your PBX. You can click through to any of these lines to view and change some of their settings.

Direct Dialing Page

To forward calls from one internal DID number to another phone number:

1. On the **Direct Dialing** page, click the number for which you want to forward calls, or select **View Individual Settings** from the **Actions** drop-down list next to the DID from which you want to forward calls.
A dialog box displays a summary of the **Phone Status** and **Your Services** information.
2. Click **Go to Call Manager**.
The **Summary** and **Forwarding** options for the selected DID are now available in the dialog box.
3. Click **Forwarding**.
The **Forwarding** tab displays the **Immediately** call forwarding settings which apply to all calls coming into the PBX.

4. To forward all calls coming into the PBX, stay on the **Immediately** tab. To forward calls when the PBX system is unavailable, click **Unavailable**.
 5. In the **Forward calls to:** field, enter the 10-digit number to which you want to forward calls.
 6. Click **Apply**.
- The call forwarding settings are activated.

The screenshot shows the 'NS DID' interface with a 'Phone Status' section. The 'Forwarding' tab is active, showing three sub-tabs: 'Immediately' (selected), 'Unavailable', and 'Forwarding Destinations'. Under the 'Immediately' sub-tab, there is a checkbox labeled 'Forward calls immediately.' which is checked. Below this is a text input field labeled 'Forward calls to:' containing the number '(971) 200 7914'. To the right of the input field are 'Apply' and 'Cancel' buttons. A blue hint box below the input field reads: 'Hint: Use the Forwarding Destinations tab to add numbers that you frequently forward calls to.' At the bottom of the interface, there is a 'View Account Settings' link and 'Open in New Window' and 'Close' buttons.

Activated Call Forwarding Settings

Managing Forwarding Destinations

If you frequently forward your calls to certain numbers (for example your own home, work, or mobile number), configuring them as forwarding destinations makes your other services easier to use. Forwarding destinations may be configured for all services or a selected internal number and are managed in the **Forwarding Destinations** section on the **Forwarding** tab of the **Phone Status** page.


Note: To commit changes to the **Destination Number** list, you must click **Apply** at the top of the tab. To discard any pending changes, click **Cancel**.

Forwarding Destinations, Forwarding Tab

To add a forwarding destination:

1. In the **Destination** field, provide a descriptive and easily recognizable name for the destination number.
2. In the **Number** field, provide the number to which you forward your calls. This should be entered in the form in which you would dial it from your phone.
3. Click **Add** and then click **Apply** to confirm.

To delete an existing forwarding destination:

1. Click the **Delete** icon  next to the number to delete from the list of destination numbers.
2. Click **Apply** to confirm.

To delete all existing forwarding destinations:

1. Click **Clear List** above the list of destination numbers.
2. Click **Apply** to confirm.

Configuring Call Screening

The **Screening** tab on the **Phone Status** page allows you to set up automatic call rejection for specific and/or anonymous phone numbers.

Setting Up Selective Rejection

Selective rejection allows you to specify one or more phone numbers from which you want to reject calls.

To set up selective rejection:

1. On the **Screening** tab of the **Phone Status** page, click **Selective Rejection**.
Selective rejection features display.

The screenshot shows the 'Phone Status' page with the 'Screening' tab selected. Under 'Selective Rejection', the 'Reject calls to my PBX if they are from selected callers.' checkbox is checked. Below this, there is a 'Call To Reject' section with two input fields containing the numbers '(555) 555 5555' and '(888) 555 1234'. The page also features a 'Your Services' section with 'Call Settings' and 'Direct Dialing' icons, and a footer with links for 'Personal Details', 'Security', and 'Support'.

Home Contacts Beta Test - Salvation Army

Phone Status

Summary Forwarding **Screening**

Selective Rejection Anonymous Rejection

Edit List Apply Cancel

☒ Reject calls to my PBX if they are from selected callers.

Call To Reject

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(888) 555 1234

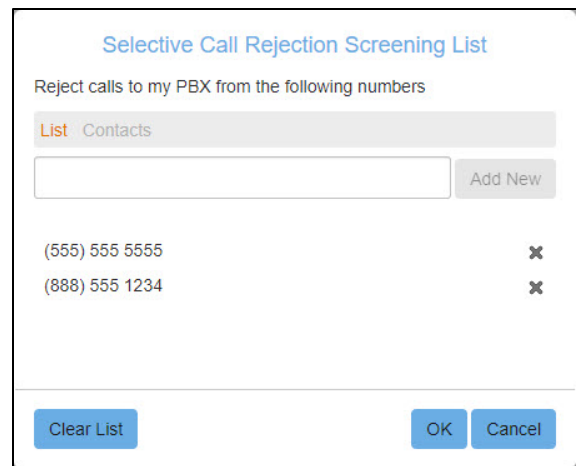
Your Services

Call Settings Direct Dialing

Personal Details Beta Test - Salvation Army Devices
Security Change Password Change Call Services PIN Change Voicemail PIN
Support Help

Phone Page, Screening Tab – Selective Rejection

- Click **Edit List** to manage the phone numbers you want to reject.
The **Selective Call Rejection Screening List** dialog box displays.
- Enter the phone numbers you want to reject. To reject calls by contact name, click **Contacts** and enter the name of the contact to reject.
- Click **Add New**.
- Click **OK**.
The **Edit List** dialog box closes, and the **Screening** tab displays.
- Check the **Reject calls to my PBX if they are from selected callers** box to turn on selective rejection, or uncheck the box to turn it off, and click **Apply**.



The dialog box is titled "Selective Call Rejection Screening List". It contains the instruction "Reject calls to my PBX from the following numbers". Below this is a tabbed interface with "List" selected and "Contacts" as an alternative. A text input field is present next to an "Add New" button. The list contains two entries: "(555) 555 5555" and "(888) 555 1234", each with a close button (X) to its right. At the bottom, there are three buttons: "Clear List", "OK", and "Cancel".

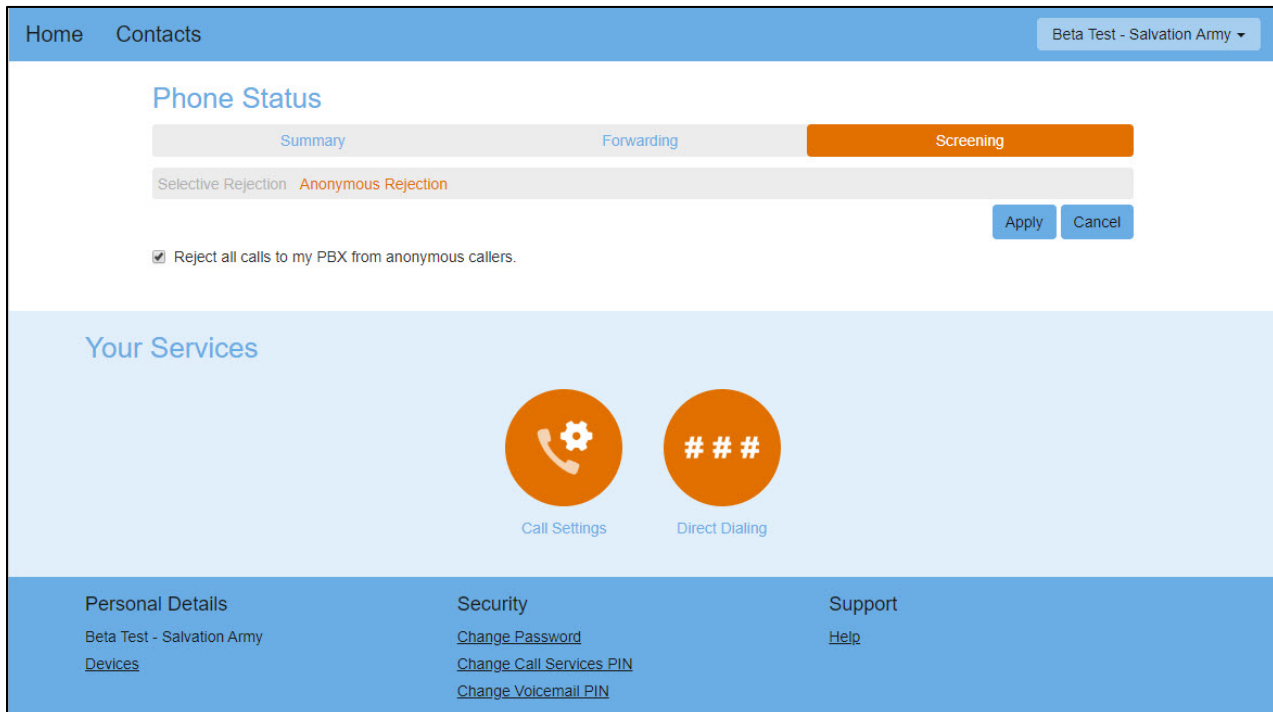
Selective Call Rejection Screening List

Setting Up Anonymous Rejection

Anonymous rejection allows you to reject calls from anonymous callers.

To set up anonymous rejection:

- On the **Screening** tab of the **Phone Status** page, click **Anonymous Rejection**.
Anonymous rejection features display.



The screenshot shows the "Phone Status" page with the "Screening" tab selected. Under the "Screening" tab, "Anonymous Rejection" is highlighted. Below this, there is a checkbox labeled "Reject all calls to my PBX from anonymous callers." which is checked. To the right of the checkbox are "Apply" and "Cancel" buttons. The page also features a "Your Services" section with icons for "Call Settings" and "Direct Dialing". At the bottom, there are links for "Personal Details", "Security", and "Support".

Phone Page, Screening Tab – Anonymous Rejection

- Check the **Reject all calls to my PBX from anonymous callers** box.
- Click **Apply**.