

HOW DO I APPLY?

- ★ Call our office for an application, or download the form at:
drme.org/deaf-services/tep
- ★ Complete, sign and return the TEP application form, along with:
 - ◆ Proof of disability AND documentation of total annual income for all household members.
 - ◆ Additional information required for hearing aid option.
- ★ DRM will review your application and if you are eligible, we will help select equipment that best meets your needs.
- ★ If you qualify for the **Lending Program**, we will send the phone directly to your door! Training and support is available for all equipment.
- ★ If you are approved for **Cost-Share**, the equipment will be sent after we receive payment.
- ★ Demonstration phones are available for testing by appointment.

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DO YOU HAVE TROUBLE USING THE TELEPHONE?



APPLY FOR THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT PROGRAM!

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WHAT IS TEP?

DRM's Telecommunications Equipment Program (TEP) provides communication solutions to anyone who has a barrier that prevents them from using standard phone equipment. Through a simple application process, DRM staff will determine the best amplified, captioned, large button, picture dial, or voice-activated phone to meet your needs; a hearing aid option is also available for low-income clients, ages 65 and older.



ELIGIBILITY LEVELS

- ★ **Lending:** For individuals with limited income
 - ◆ No cost to clients
 - ◆ Equipment can be borrowed for as long as it is needed
- ★ **Cost-Share:** For individuals with moderate income
 - ◆ Cost is based on a sliding-scale
 - ◆ Client pay a one-time fee that may be as low as \$50-\$75

CAPTIONED TELEPHONE

- ★ For individuals with some degree of hearing loss.
- ★ Provides written, word-for-word captions of everything the other person says on an adjustable screen.

CapTel®



- ★ Captions can be turned on or off.
- ★ Font size and color are adjustable.
- ★ Internet models available.

HEARING AIDS

Low-income clients, ages 65 and older, may qualify to choose either an adaptive telephone **OR** a single telecoil-equipped hearing aid. Individuals who complete the TEP application and appear to qualify for the hearing aid option will receive a letter notifying them of their eligibility.



CORDED AND CORDLESS AMPLIFIED PHONES

- ★ Phones are available for individuals with mild, moderate, or severe hearing loss, as well as people with other disabilities.
- ★ Available options include:
 - ◆ Adjustable tone and volume
 - ◆ Large, back-lit buttons
 - ◆ Talk-back dialing
 - ◆ Photo dial
 - ◆ Caller ID
 - ◆ Amplified answering machines
 - ◆ Speakerphone
 - ◆ Hands-free
 - ◆ Assistive listening devices
 - ◆ Neckloop
 - ◆ Hearing aid & cochlear implant compatible

