

[Handicapped] Individuals WITH DISABILITIES to provide financial assistance for the purchase of specialized customer premises equipment (SCPE) by eligible program participants.

[(e)](D) "Program participant" means a person who:

- (1) is a resident of the State;
- (2) is certified by a licensed professional as having a disability which seriously limits or prohibits the use of the basic telephone network without specialized customer premises equipment;
- (3) is certified by a licensed professional as being able to use specialized customer premises equipment for which application is made;
- (4) meets the financial eligibility requirements established by the Governor's Office for **[Handicapped] Individuals WITH DISABILITIES**; and
- (5) at the time of application is not receiving similar services which are available and can be provided in a timely manner through another program.

[(f)](E) "Specialized customer premises equipment" or "equipment" means any communications devices designed to assist program participants in using the basic telephone network.

[(g)](F) "System" means the method which the Department shall use to provide financial assistance to eligible program participants for the purchase of the equipment.

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(a) The Department **[of General Services]** in consultation with the Board and the Governor's Office for **[Handicapped] Individuals WITH DISABILITIES** shall establish and administer a program to assist eligible program participants to purchase specialized customer premises equipment in accordance with the State budget.

(b) (1) In this subsection, "shopping mall" means a facility with a roofed-over common pedestrian area housing more than five sales or rental establishments in which a majority of the tenants have a main entrance from the common pedestrian area.

(2) This subsection applies to a shopping mall that:

(i) provides a total number of four or more public pay telephones at the facility of which at least one is an interior public pay telephone located in the common pedestrian area; and

(ii) is larger than 500,000 square feet.

(3) In accordance with the standards and regulations established by the Department, the owner, operator, manager, or other person having control of a shopping mall shall acquire and install at least one interior telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), also known as a text telephone (TT), to facilitate telecommunication by persons in need of such devices.