

(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 ~~Department of [Human Resources]~~ GENERAL SERVICES; and GOVERNOR'S OFFICE FOR HANDICAPPED INDIVIDUALS; 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) "Specialized customer premises equipment" or "equipment" means any communications devices designed to assist program participants in using the basic telephone network.

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

6-602.

There is a [Telecommunications for Disabled Individuals Board] GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY BOARD FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS RELAY under the Department of [Human Resources] GENERAL SERVICES.

6-603.

The Department of [Human Resources] GENERAL SERVICES in consultation with the Board and the Governor's Office for Handicapped Individuals shall establish and administer a program to assist eligible program participants to purchase specialized customer premises equipment IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATE BUDGET.

6-604.

(a) The Department of [Human Resources] GENERAL SERVICES, in consultation with the Board and the Governor's Office for Handicapped Individuals shall:

(1) Provide a system for eligible program participants to purchase equipment, but no single eligible participant shall receive more than \$6,000;

(2) Establish an information and referral service, including a toll free number for both voice and TDD, to provide information about the availability of the equipment;

(3) Contract with private vendors or nonprofit organizations to provide the information and referral service and other auxiliary services;

(4) As necessary, establish interagency agreements with other State agencies which provide technical assistance for disabled individuals to prevent duplicative programs; and