**Speech and Hearing Equipment Distribution Programs November - 2017**

The tables below contain the best information available at this time on where to obtain free or discounted prices on equipment that you may require. Due to space limitations we are only providing the basic information that you may need; does your state have a program, what does it provide, contact information, and comments.

Most states have at least a free telephone for speech and hearing disabilities. There are many models available depending on your need such as speaker phones, amplified phones, cordless, etc. Most also provide a TTY device where you can type in your messages and/or view incoming messages on a screen. Most do not provide ALDs for the speech impaired at this time. Many states also have income restrictions but don’t let that stop you from applying. The limits range anywhere from $22,000 to $70,000 a year and most use a sliding scale. There are some states that “might” provide an ALD even though they say they don’t. Basically they evaluate your requirements and in some cases may make an exception, but it’s a long shot.

A fairly new addition to the list is a WiFi enabled smart phone or tablet that is primarily used for texting or using a text to speech app but I have no other details regarding their function. It could mean a free phone for you that would serve as a text to speech backup if you need it. Check with your state for details.

Only 4 states and DC are listed as having no program. One or more could possibly have a program but I could not verify that information. There are other states with programs but I was unable to find out what they provide. Lots of answering machines, but no returned calls. Any updates or corrections you may be able to provide to this listing would be appreciated.

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| **State** | | **Program** | | | **Type of Equipment** | **Contact** | **Comments** |
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| AK | X | |  | TTY, CapTel, Relay | | http://www.alaskarelay.com/ | No speech equipment |
| AL | X | |  | TTY | | http://www.alabamarelay.com/atap.html | Hearing impaired. |
| AR | X | |  | Telephones, TTY, and ALDs | | (501) 686-9693 | Income limits. <$50,000 |
| AZ | X | |  | Telephones, TTY, ALDs: TruTone) | | http://www.acdhh.org/aztedp | Voucher |
| CA | X | |  | Telephones, TTY, ALDs: (Cooper-Rand, TruTone) | | http://ddtp.cpuc.ca.gov/HomePage.aspx |  |
| CO | X | |  | Telephone/TTY Equipment, | | http://ccdhh.com/index.php/tedprogram/ | Income limits |
| CT | X | |  | Telephone/TTY Equipment | | http://www.relayconnecticut.com/ttyloan.html | Deaf Program |
| DC |  | | X |  | |  |  |
| DE |  | | X |  | |  |  |
| FL | X | |  | Telephone/TTY Equipment ,  TeliTalk Speech Aid Telephone | | https://www.ftri.org/ | Can only be used as a phone. |
| GA | X | |  | Telephone, TTY, and ALD (TruTone) | | http://www.gcdhh.org/gatedp/ | Income  limitations 200% above  poverty level |
| HI | X | |  | Telephones, TTY | | http://www.relayhawaii.com/equipment-program | Possible cell phones for texting. |
| IA | X | |  | Telephone/TTY Equipment | | https://teleiowa.com/ | iPhone or iPad |

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| ID | X |  | Telephone/TTY Equipment | https://cdhh.idaho.gov/ | Limited to deaf/hard of hearing only. |
| IL | X |  | TTY and phones | http://www.itactty.org/  Illinois Telecommunications Access Corporation (ITAC) | Hearing and speech support |
| IN | X |  | TTY & Telephones only | http://relayindiana.com/ | $71,000  Income limit |
| KS | X |  | Telephone/TTY Equipment | http://atk.ku.edu/ks-tap | Cell Phones |
| KY | X |  | Telephone/TTY Equipment, iPad, iPhone | https://www.kcdhh.ky.gov/index.html |  |
| LA |  |  | TTY, telephone, Telebrailler, and amplification equipment | http://new.dhh.louisiana.gov/index.cfm/page/318 | Deaf Program |
| MA | X |  | Telephone/TTY, ALDs (TruTone) | https://www.mass.gov/massachusetts-equipmentdistribution-program-massedp |  |
| MD | X |  | Telephone/TTY, Tablets,ALDs | http://doit.maryland.gov/mdrelay/Pages/equipment.aspx | Income  limitation |
| ME | X |  | Telephone, TTY, ALDs (Servox) | http://www.maine.gov/rehab/dod/telcom\_equip\_prog.shtm l | Limited info on website. |
| MI | X |  | Telephone/TTY Equipment | http://www.michdhh.org/assistive\_devices/index.html | Limited info on website. |
| MN | X |  | Telephone/TTY Equipment | https://mn.gov/dhs/people-we-serve/seniors/services/deafhard-of-hearing/programs-services/telephoneequipment.jsp | Income  limitations based on family size |
| MO | X |  | Telephone, TTY, Smart Phone trial program | https://at.mo.gov/telecom-access-program/ | Income limits |
| MS |  | X | Relay only | 1-800 852-8328 (website link is broken) |  |
| MT | X |  | Telephone, TTY, ALD (NuVois) | http://dphhs.mt.gov/detd/mtap.aspx | Income  limitations 250% of poverty level |
| NC | X |  | Telephone, TTY  In the past TruTones were listed but not now! | https://www.ncdhhs.gov/assistance/hearing-  loss/telecommunications-access-for-the-deaf-and-hard-ofhearing | Income  limitations 250% of poverty level |
| ND | X |  | Telephone/TTY Equipment | http://ndipat.org/services/telecommunicationsequipment-distribution-service | Income limits |
| NE | X |  | TTY and Phones. | https://ncdhh.nebraska.gov/services/assistive-devices-loan | 3 Month Loan only |
| NH | X |  | Telephone/TTY Equipment | http://www.ndhhs.org/nhteap | Income  limitation |
| NJ | X |  | Telephone/TTY Equipment, ALD TruTone/Servox | http://nj.gov/humanservices/ddhh/equipment/ | Household income  <45,000. |
| NM | X |  | TTY, Telephone, SoloTone | http://www.cdhh.state.nm.us/equipment-distributionprogram.aspx | Income limits |
| NV | X |  | Unknown | http://www.dhharc.org/ | Deaf Program Only |
| NY |  | X |  |  |  |
| OH | X |  | Telephone ,TTY | http://www.ohiorelay.com/distribution-program | Only available in Columbus or Franklin County |
| OK | X |  | Unknown | http://www.osd.k12.ok.us/edp.htm | Deaf Program |
| OR | X |  | Telephone/TTY  Equipment/TruTone | http://www.puc.state.or.us/Pages/rspf/tdap.aspx |  |
| PA | X |  | Telephone/TTY Equipment | http://disabilities.temple.edu/programs/assistive/tddp/equip ment.shtml | Limited Info |
| RI | X |  | Telephone/TTY Equipment. TeleTalk,iPhone | http://www.atel.ri.gov/ | Income Limits |
| SC | X |  | Telephone, TTY, ALD (TruTone) | http://www.scedp.sc.gov/Pages/default.aspx |  |
| SD | X |  | Hearing impaired only | http://relaysd.com/outreach/equipment-distributionprogram/ |  |
| TN | X |  | Telephone, TTY, ALD | https://www.tn.gov/tpuc/topic/telecommunicationsdevices-access-programs-tdap | No specific equipment listed. |
| TX | X |  | Telephone, TTY, ALD | https://hhs.texas.gov/services/disability/deaf-hardhearing/specialized-telecommunications-assistanceprogram-stap | Voucher Program will pay up to $600 for an artificial larynx of choice |
| UT | X |  | Telephone/TTY Equipment | http://www.relayutah.gov/equipment.html |  |
| VA | X |  | Telephone/TTY Equipment | https://www.vddhh.org/equipment.htm | No artificial larynx 250% of poverty level |
| VT | X |  | TTY and Telephone | http://www.vtedp.org/ | Income Limits |
| WA | X |  | Telephone/TTY /TeleTalker/iPad | https://www.dshs.wa.gov/altsa/odhh/telecommunicationequipment-distribution | Income Limits |
| WI | X |  | Telephone, TTY, Assistive technology , ALD (special request) | https://psc.wi.gov/Pages/Programs/TEPP.aspx | Voucher Program. You pay first $100 |
| WV | X |  | Telephone/TTY Equipment | http://www.wvdhhr.org/wvcdhh/Loan/tty\_loan.htm | Income Limits |
| WY | X |  | Telephone/TTY  Equipment/TeleTalk | http://wyomingworkforce.org/workers/vr/relay | Income Limits |
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