

Telecommunications Equipment Purchase Program (TEPP)

What is TEPP?

TEPP is a voucher program that improves telecommunications!

TEPP helps people with disabling conditions--hearing impairment, deafness, blindness, or other disabilities--buy equipment to modify their phone systems.

TEPP helps cover the cost of: teletypewriters (TTY), amplified phones, amplified handsets and headsets, TTY with Braille or large visual display, voice carry over phones, hands-free speaker phones, and more!



Who Qualifies?

There is no age, income or asset consideration!

Wisconsin residents who have been diagnosed with deafness, hearing impairment, speech impairment, mobility, or motion impairment and need special equipment to use the telephone in their home or while travelling qualify for TEPP.

Generally, an individual can receive a TEPP voucher once every 36 months.



How Much is the TEPP Voucher?

The voucher amount depends on the equipment that is needed.

TEPP recipients are required to pay the first \$100 and the voucher covers the rest.

If equipment is needed that is more expensive or the recipient wishes to “upgrade,” he will pay any costs above the TEPP voucher.



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How to Apply

How Do I Apply?

You can apply online at: tepp.wipfli.com or you can print and mail a paper application form and send it to:

USF Administrator

Wipfli LLP

P.O. Box 8700

Madison, WI 53708-8700

After you apply, you will receive a voucher in the mail; this may take up to several weeks. To use your voucher, take it to a TEPP vendor and purchase your equipment--similar to using a check.

Be sure to use the voucher within 120 days or it will expire.

Telecommunications Assistance Program (TAP)

If You Can't Afford the Initial \$100...

...There's TAP!

TAP assists individuals with paying the initial \$100 co-payment for TEPP--due to financial hardship and lower income.

To apply for TAP, simply complete the household income information on your TEPP application form.

For more information on the TEPP and TAP programs, visit:

bit.ly/tepptap